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Foreword

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

No. 1, Tuesday 13 May 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Richard Raggett, Quaker, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Liam McArthur moved S6M-17416—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 56 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

4. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17530 — That the Parliament agrees that—

Stephanie Callaghan be appointed to replace Bill Kidd as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Michael Matheson be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as the Scottish National Party substitute of the Criminal Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

6. Construction Skills for the Future: The Parliament debated S6M-17049 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament recognises reports of the continued skills gap in the construction sector, including in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency; notes recent statistics from the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) indicating positive shifts in perceptions of the sector across the country and, it understands, that almost three quarters (74%) of young people aged between 16 and 24 in Scotland hold a positive view of construction careers and more than a third (36%) would consider working in the construction sector; further notes the belief that more must be done to increase awareness of careers in the sector to ensure that the construction industry has a steady supply of labour with the necessary skills, and welcomes industry-led initiatives that seek to increase engagement between young people and Scotland’s construction sector such as the CIOB's Student Challenge and the Scottish Traditional Building Forum's skills demonstration programmes.

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm.

No. 2, Wednesday 14 May 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Impact of UK Government Decisions on Scotland's Social Care Sector.

3. Review of Additional Support for Learning and Implementation of Mainstreaming: Miles Briggs moved S6M-17524—That the Parliament notes the Audit Scotland report calling for a fundamental review of planning and resourcing of additional support for learning in Scotland; recognises concerns over declining numbers of additional support workers and classroom assistants; highlights the need to understand the rise in pupils with additional support needs to better target resources and training; calls on the Scottish Government and local authorities to deliver a new model of support alongside the NHS Education for Scotland trauma-informed practice training on neurodivergence and autism; expresses concern over changes to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism diagnosis pathways removing children from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) support without suitable alternatives, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to undertake a national review into the implementation of mainstreaming policy and the availability of specialist additional school places across local authorities.

The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved amendment S6M-17524.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17524 in the name of Miles Briggs (Review of Additional Support for Learning and Implementation of Mainstreaming), insert at end "; agrees that all children and young people should receive the help that they need to thrive, and thanks Scotland's hard-working teachers, support staff and the wider education workforce for all that they do every day to support pupils."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-17524.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17524 in the name of Miles Briggs (Review of Additional Support for Learning and Implementation of Mainstreaming), insert at end "; notes that the Scottish Parliament's Education, Children and Young People Committee found that the 'overwhelming view' of evidence was that 'the principle of the presumption of mainstreaming is laudable and should be supported' but that the gap between the policy intention and its implementation is 'intolerable' and must be addressed; believes that parents and carers of young people with additional support needs (ASN) should not have to fight for everything that their child needs; regrets that, years on from the Morgan Review, there has not been enough progress; believes that teacher workload

and the lack of availability of other support services and staff that young people with ASN need have contributed to a system that is overstretched, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to urgently bring forward a comprehensive strategy to increase the ASN and pastoral care workforce, restore access to vital support services, and create a specific ASN parents forum to feed directly into policy."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the Audit Scotland report calling for a fundamental review of planning and resourcing of additional support for learning in Scotland; recognises concerns over declining numbers of additional support workers and classroom assistants; highlights the need to understand the rise in pupils with additional support needs to better target resources and training; calls on the Scottish Government and local authorities to deliver a new model of support alongside the NHS Education for Scotland trauma-informed practice training on neurodivergence and autism; expresses concern over changes to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism diagnosis pathways removing children from child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) support without suitable alternatives; calls on the Scottish Ministers to undertake a national review into the implementation of mainstreaming policy and the availability of specialist additional school places across local authorities; agrees that all children and young people should receive the help that they need to thrive; thanks Scotland's hard-working teachers, support staff and the wider education workforce for all that they do every day to support pupils; notes that the Scottish Parliament's Education, Children and Young People Committee found that the 'overwhelming view' of evidence was that 'the principle of the presumption of mainstreaming is laudable and should be supported' but that the gap between the policy intention and its implementation is 'intolerable' and must be addressed; believes that parents and carers of young people with additional support needs (ASN) should not have to fight for everything that their child needs; regrets that, years on from the Morgan Review, there has not been enough progress; believes that teacher workload and the lack of availability of other support services and staff that young people with ASN need have contributed to a system that is overstretched, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to urgently bring forward a comprehensive strategy to increase the ASN and pastoral care workforce, restore access to vital support services, and create a specific ASN parents forum to feed directly into policy.

4. Protecting Scotland's Oil and Gas Industry: Douglas Lumsden moved S6M-17525—That the Parliament recognises the importance of reducing emissions in a way that is credible, costed and publicly supported; regrets the absence of a clear, deliverable plan for achieving net zero, particularly in relation to the future of Scotland's energy sector and industrial base; condemns the Scottish and UK governments' ideological opposition to oil and gas, nuclear power and a balanced energy policy; calls on the UK Government to end its policy of issuing no new oil and gas licences; notes with deep concern the economic and employment impacts of the closure of the

Grangemouth refinery and recent job losses at Harbour Energy in Aberdeen; further notes that the increase and extension of the UK Government's Energy Profits Levy has had a damaging effect on investment in the North Sea; argues that current Scottish Government policy on nuclear, oil and gas is having a detrimental effect on energy prices and energy security; points out that Great British Energy is a gimmick that will do nothing to bring down bills, and condemns the explosion of electricity infrastructure across the Scottish countryside, and calls on the Scottish Government to adopt a pragmatic, pro-growth energy strategy that supports the workforce, secures investment, delivers affordability and ensures energy reliability and national competitiveness for the future.

The Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved amendment S6M-17525.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17525 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Protecting Scotland's Oil and Gas Industry), leave out from "regrets" to end and insert "notes with deep concern the economic and employment impacts of the closure of the Grangemouth refinery and recent job losses at Harbour Energy in Aberdeen; further notes that the increase and extension of the UK Government's Energy Profits Levy, by the previous and current UK administrations, has had a damaging effect on North Sea investment, including on the transition; believes that a just transition must support workers and that the transition to net zero must deliver tangible benefits for consumers, communities and the wider economy; argues that the voice of communities must be heard in this process; condemns the anti-climate rhetoric of the Conservative Party, which ignores the reality of the impacts of climate change, and calls on the UK Government to fully fund and support the Acorn/Scottish Cluster carbon capture project and demonstrate that, unlike the previous UK administration, it supports this vital scheme for jobs in Grangemouth and the north east of Scotland."

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-17525.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17525 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Protecting Scotland's Oil and Gas Industry), leave out from first "condemns" to end and insert "recognises the UK Government's commitment to a sustainable long-term energy mix, including increased renewable sources, new modern nuclear generation as well as continued oil and gas production for decades to come; notes the loss of jobs at Grangemouth and recently announced job losses at Harbour Energy, which re-emphasise the need for a just transition plan including the immediate publication of the long-delayed Scottish energy strategy; commends the creation of Great British Energy as a publicly owned energy generation company, headquartered in Aberdeen, which will help to deliver energy security, build supply chains, create thousands of jobs across the country and reduce energy bills over the long term; welcomes the £200 million of funding committed to the Grangemouth transition as part of a clean energy future to power Scotland's economy and communities, and calls on the Scottish National Party administration to drop its ideological opposition to nuclear power."

After debate, amendment S6M-17525.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-17525.1 was pre-empted.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

> That the Parliament recognises the importance of reducing emissions in a way that is credible, costed and publicly supported; notes with deep concern the economic and employment impacts of the closure of the Grangemouth refinery and recent job losses at Harbour Energy in Aberdeen; further notes that the increase and extension of the UK Government's Energy Profits Levy, by the previous and current UK administrations, has had a damaging effect on North Sea investment, including on the transition; believes that a just transition must support workers and that the transition to net zero must deliver tangible benefits for consumers, communities and the wider economy; argues that the voice of communities must be heard in this process; condemns the anti-climate rhetoric of the Conservative Party, which ignores the reality of the impacts of climate change, and calls on the UK Government to fully fund and support the Acorn/Scottish Cluster carbon capture project and demonstrate that, unlike the previous UK administration, it supports this vital scheme for jobs in Grangemouth and the north east of Scotland.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17531—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 May 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2025

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 May 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Proposed Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Scotland's Island Communities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 May 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Committee Effectiveness Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 May 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 May 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 Liberal Democrats 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 29 May 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

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 19 May 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. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17532—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 7 November 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17533—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 14 November 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17534—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17535—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Employment Rights Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government, for what reason the MV Glen Rosa will now not be delivered until the second quarter of 2026, with costs estimated to increase by up to £35 million, was answered by the Deputy First Minister (Kate Forbes).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 8 and 9 as noted above.

12. Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report: The Parliament debated S6M-16920 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Marine Conservation Society 2024 report, State of our Beaches, which compiles data gathered through the organisation's year-round citizen science initiative, Beachwatch; acknowledges that Beachwatch was launched in 1994; believes that it provides one of the most detailed datasets on marine litter across the whole of the UK; applauds the 4,000 volunteers who attended beach cleans across Scotland in 2024, including in the Cunninghame North constituency, which represents a 25% increase in volunteers compared to 2023; notes that they removed over 10,000 kg of litter from Scotland's beaches in 2024, consisting of around 527,000 separate items; expresses concern that, on average, 204 items of litter were found for every 100 metres across Scotland's beaches, which represents a 7.2% increase on 2023 and is higher than the UK-wide average of 170 items per 100 metres; understands that 22,000 wet wipes were found on Scotland's beaches in 2024, and that drinks-related litter was recorded on 95% of surveyed beaches; acknowledges that marine litter not only harms what it sees as Scotland's beautiful coastline, but can also damage marine habitats; notes the view that reducing marine litter will require not only behavioural changes, but also a range of policy changes, including the introduction of circular economy measures and the phasing-out of single-use plastic items, and further notes calls for the Scottish Government to continue its work alongside key stakeholders to drive down marine litter across Scotland's beaches.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

No.3, Thursday 15 May 2025

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. Addressing the Impact of Second Home Ownership in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-17422 in the name of Ross Greer—That the Parliament is concerned about the reported impact of the expansion of second home ownership on communities across Scotland; believes that the impact of second home ownership is felt more keenly in some communities than in others, including in areas of natural beauty; notes with concern reports that, in Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, 5% of all houses are second homes or holiday lets, compared with 1% nationally, and that the figure is 12% in the Cairngorms National Park, rising to 20% in areas such as parts of Badenoch and Strathspey, that they account for over one third in Lochranza, on the Isle of Arran, and that in Coigach almost half of all homes are second homes or holiday lets; considers that recent changes to the additional dwelling supplement (ADS) and council tax have contributed to a reduction in second home purchases, with 2,455 fewer second homes bought in 2024 than in 2023; understands that the increased rate of ADS alone is expected to raise more than a quarter of a billion of pounds for public services, including the provision of affordable housing in 2025-26, and notes the view that further targeted measures, including potential tax reforms, should be considered to rebalance primary and second home ownership levels in communities where the housing crisis is particularly acute.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Children and Young People of Scotland (Natalie Don-Innes) made a statement and answered questions on Secure Care and the Wider Care System.

6. Scotland in Today's Europe: The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-17539—That the Parliament agrees that the best relationship that Scotland and the UK can have with the EU is to be a member of the EU; calls on the UK Government to drop its red lines on the single market, customs union and freedom of movement; further calls on the UK Government, at its forthcoming summit with the EU, as a first step, to negotiate an ambitious veterinary, food and drink agreement, closer energy and climate co-operation, greater freedom of movement, including opportunities for young people, and further measures to lessen the ongoing economic, social and cultural damage of Brexit, and believes that it is unacceptable that the UK Government has not shared any draft summit texts with the Scottish or other devolved governments.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-17539.4—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17539 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in Today's Europe), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "recognises that foreign affairs, including the country's relationship with the EU, trade and immigration are reserved matters, and calls on the Scottish Government to dedicate more parliamentary time towards tackling the issues that matter to most people in Scotland, such as improving NHS waiting times, raising Scotland's falling attainment standards, addressing school violence and bringing down bills for taxpayers."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-17539.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17539 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in Today's Europe), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "welcomes the UK Government resetting the UK's relationship with the EU following the chaotic and damaging approach of the previous UK Conservative administration; further welcomes the summit to be held on 19 May 2025; welcomes the commitment by the UK Government to create a strategic partnership between the UK and the EU to agree a path forward on trade, security and defence; believes that economic growth, raising living standards and defence and security must be the highest of priorities for the Scottish and UK governments; welcomes the UK Government's specific commitment to negotiate a sanitary and phytosanitary veterinary agreement so that agricultural products, food and drink can be traded more cheaply between the EU and the UK, which could boost agri-food exports to the EU by up to 22.5%; further welcomes the commitment by the Prime Minister to improve security co-operation with the EU and to increase defence spending to 2.5% of GDP from April 2027, which will benefit jobs and industries in Scotland; welcomes the UK Government's newly negotiated trade deals with the United States and India, noting the importance of the latter for Scotland's whisky industry; calls on the Scottish Government to support the UK Government's efforts to rebuild the relationship with European friends and neighbours, and further calls on the Scottish Government to set out what actions it will take to improve economic growth and living standards in Scotland, including whether its public procurement processes will emulate those in other European countries in driving place-based industrial development, using the powers that it has and the record funding settlement that it has received from the UK Government of £47.7 billion this financial year."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 45, Abstentions 0).

7. Appointment of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland: Paul Sweeney, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S6M-17485—That the Parliament nominates Karen Titchener to His Majesty The King for appointment as the Patient

Safety Commissioner for Scotland under schedule 1 paragraph 4 of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Act 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

No.4, Tuesday 20 May 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Pastor Paul Coventry, Greenock Baptist Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17606—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 20 May 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Outcome of the EU-UK Summit on 19 May

delete

6.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 22 May 2025—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to the Housing Emergency

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Response to the Outcome of the EU-UK Summit on 19 May.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2025.

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17585—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 45 minutes
Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 30 minutes
Groups 9 to 13: 2 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill- Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 123, 126, 127, 128, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 136, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 137, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78A, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 142, 90, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114 and 115.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—
14 (For 104 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 8, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 58, Abstentions 0)
38 (For 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 55, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

117 (For 49, Against 71(including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
135 (For 48, Against 67(including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
42 (For 59 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 59, Abstentions 0) - by casting vote.)
91 (For 28, Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 116.

The following amendments were not moved: 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 129, 138, 139, 140 and 141.

8. Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-17584—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0).

9. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.58 pm.

The motion was agreed to

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

11. Radio Teleswitch Service Switch-off: The Parliament debated S6M-17484 in the name of Beatrice Wishart—That the Parliament is concerned that the Radio Teleswitch Service (RTS), used by energy suppliers for some electricity meters, particularly in island and rural areas, to control heating and hot water systems, is set to end on 30 June 2025, with tens of thousands of customers across Scotland reportedly expected to be impacted as they are yet to have their RTS meter exchanged; understands that, in areas such as the Highlands and Islands region and other parts of rural Scotland, many households are still waiting for a meter exchange and that, as of the end of April 2025, Shetland still had 4,490 meters to be exchanged ahead of the deadline; further understands that energy companies are not replacing meters at the pace required before the deadline; considers that large areas of Scotland face technical issues with connecting smart meters and a lack of engineers; notes the view that functioning heating and hot water systems are fundamental to an adequate standard of living and that changes to metering technology should not leave households, particularly those in island and rural communities, financially worse off than they are on their current tariff, or facing the possibility of losing heating and hot water after the switch-off of the RTS signal; further notes the calls on local resilience partnerships to ready themselves for the potential adverse outcomes of the RTS switch-off, which may include thousands of homes being left without heating and hot water, and notes the calls to plug the gaps in smart meter coverage to ensure that rural areas are not disadvantaged due to their poor connectivity.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

No.5, Wednesday 21 May 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Ministerial Statement: The Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on Proposed Grangemouth Flood Protection Scheme.

3. Empowering Scotland's Island Communities: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-17598—That the Parliament recognises Scotland's islands' invaluable contribution to Scotland's economy, culture and identity; welcomes the investments that have accompanied Scotland's first ever national islands plan; recognises the positive impact that the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 has had, but notes the need for further action to tackle island challenges; welcomes the extensive community engagement to develop the new national islands plan, and notes that measures to address depopulation and create community wealth should be key themes of the new plan; further welcomes the positive progress and impact of the Carbon Neutral Islands project, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work towards prosperous and sustainable island communities.

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S6M-17598.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17598 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Empowering Scotland's Island Communities), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "raises significant concerns about the lack of reliable ferry services for many island communities and the challenges that this creates for islanders and businesses, as well as the absence of a long-term plan to provide solutions and funding for a much-improved ferry network; draws attention to the Scottish Human Rights Commission, which found that Scotland's islanders face a number of human rights challenges; emphasises the acute difficulties that islanders face, including in relation to the increased cost of living for households and businesses, access to health and social care, housing, fisheries, farming and island education; notes the widespread concern about depopulation and considers that not enough has been done to tackle it; highlights criticism raised about the national islands plan in terms of a lack of benefits and progress; appreciates the valuable role that the islands play in Scotland's tourist industry; raises concern about the potential impact of the Scottish Government's visitor levy on tourism; recognises the benefits brought by the energy sector on Scotland's islands, but notes that this sometimes comes into conflict with communities, and urges the Scottish Government to take clear action to tackle all challenges."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 78 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-17598.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17598 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Empowering Scotland's Island Communities), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the first ever national islands plan; believes that much more needs to be done to support island communities; recognises that depopulation is a major issue impacting the islands and that not enough work has been undertaken to counteract this; notes that the Scottish Government has not used the powers available to it to 'island proof' policy, resulting in the need to shelve policies such as Highly Protected Marine Areas, the ban on wood burning stoves, and the island bonds plans; believes that the Scottish Government-caused ferry fiasco has had a disastrous effect on the economy, wellbeing and future of many islands; further believes that a new procurement plan that ensures the timely replacement of all ferries is vital; recognises that islanders are best placed to make the decisions affecting their communities, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to empower island communities and ensure that there is proper local representation on ferry boards for CalMac and CMAL."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 40, Abstentions 7).

4. Business Programme: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17607—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 May 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Growing Community Owned Energy in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 May 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 Liberal Democrats 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 29 May 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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Galloway and Ayrshire National Park Proposal

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Grampian

followed by Ministerial Statement: Responding to RAAC in the Public Sector Across Scotland

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Tobacco and Vapes Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.50 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Public Participation Inquiry

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 June 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 June 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 May 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.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17608—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 June 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17609—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 June 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17610—That the Parliament agrees that Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Gillian Mackay as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT)

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17611—That the

Parliament agrees that Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Gillian Mackay as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT)

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17612—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT)

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No.6, Thursday 22 May 2025

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. Aberdeen to Welcome the Tall Ships Races: The Parliament debated S6M-17330 in the name of Kevin Stewart—That the Parliament welcomes the return of the Tall Ships Races to Aberdeen from 19 to 22 July 2025; recognises that the event, which will see over 50 tall ships and over 1,500 international crew arriving in the harbour in the Aberdeen Central constituency, sees the ships coming back to the Granite City for the first time in 28 years, and will be the largest fleet of the 2025 races; understands that there will be a plethora of entertainment for visitors and residents alike to partake in while the ships are berthed in Aberdeen, including public access to the ships themselves, parades, cultural events, open-air concerts, headlined by Deacon Blue, Kaiser Chiefs, Ministry of Sound Classical, Tide Lines and Callum Bowie, and much more; believes that this has the potential to be the biggest event in Aberdeen in a generation, with the opportunity to create a lasting legacy in the city, and hopes that it is a tremendous success that brings a lot of joy and excitement to all those who join in with the festivities.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero and Energy, and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Response to the Housing Emergency.

6. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Committee Effectiveness Inquiry: The Parliament debated the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee inquiry into Committee Effectiveness.

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17661—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on—

(a) Tuesday 27 May 2025 between approximately 2.20 pm and close of business, and

(b) Thursday 29 May 2025 between 1.00 pm and Decision Time, with the exception of during Portfolio Questions and the Ministerial Statement: Responding to RAAC in the Public Sector Across Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

No.7, Tuesday 27 May 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Yahya Barry, Imam, Shah Jalal Mosque, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland: The Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-17648—That the Parliament believes that Scotland must increase community-owned energy production, and supports communities being aided to achieve this; welcomes that, since its inception, the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) has advised over 1,300 organisations and provided over £67 million in funding to support over 990 projects; notes that the new Community Energy Generation Growth Fund will provide up to £8 million to boost community energy in Scotland, and believes that the development of renewables at all scales in Scotland should benefit consumers, communities and the economy.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-17648.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end "; recognises that community consent needs to be at the heart of energy production; notes with concern that pylons and other electricity infrastructure are increasingly being built without the support of residents, and calls on the Scottish Government to give these communities more say over local energy production."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 81 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 4).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-17648.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end "; welcomes the £4 million in funding from Great British Energy to fund half of the Community Energy Generation Growth Fund; believes that, as well as community groups, councils and public sector organisations are well placed to host, or collaborate on, community renewables projects, community heat projects, municipal ownership and co-operative models; further believes that land reform should mean the chance for communities to be able to have priority access to land when it becomes available; notes that there are a range of different technologies that could be utilised for community-owned energy projects, including wind, solar and hydro schemes among others, in both urban and rural Scotland; acknowledges that the Scottish Government could help to grow the sector by opening up the government electricity supply contract to community generators, which are currently denied access to the market, whether directly through conditions of tender or indirectly through

> procurement; calls on public bodies to create space for community ownership where possible by making public land and buildings available to community energy groups, and calls on the Scottish Government to work productively with the UK Government to create further opportunities for communities to own a meaningful stake in energy infrastructure through partnering with Great British Energy."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S6M-17648.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17648 in the name of Gillian Martin (Growing Community-owned Energy in Scotland), insert at end "; acknowledges that any significant increase in public, community and shared ownership of energy infrastructure will require new and increased forms of support from the Scottish Government, including making public land available for energy projects and diversifying the ownership of existing energy assets; considers that community ownership of heat networks offers further opportunities to maximise the social, economic and environmental benefit of heat decarbonisation, and calls on the Scottish Government to build on its relationship with Denmark to draw on its experience of both shared ownership of renewables and developing heat networks built and operated on a not-for-profit basis."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29 (including 1 proxy votes), Against 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).
The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that Scotland must increase community-owned energy production, and supports communities being aided to achieve this; welcomes that, since its inception, the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) has advised over 1,300 organisations and provided over £67 million in funding to support over 990 projects; notes that the new Community Energy Generation Growth Fund will provide up to £8 million to boost community energy in Scotland; believes that the development of renewables at all scales in Scotland should benefit consumers, communities and the economy; welcomes the £4 million in funding from Great British Energy to fund half of the Community Energy Generation Growth Fund; believes that, as well as community groups, councils and public sector organisations are well placed to host, or collaborate on, community renewables projects, community heat projects, municipal ownership and co-operative models; further believes that land reform should mean the chance for communities to be able to have priority access to land when it becomes available; notes that there are a range of different technologies that could be utilised for community-owned energy projects, including wind, solar and hydro schemes among others, in both urban and rural Scotland; acknowledges that the Scottish Government could help to grow the sector by opening up the government electricity supply contract to community generators,

which are currently denied access to the market, whether directly through conditions of tender or indirectly through procurement; calls on public bodies to create space for community ownership where possible by making public land and buildings available to community energy groups, and calls on the Scottish Government to work productively with the UK Government to create further opportunities for communities to own a meaningful stake in energy infrastructure through partnering with Great British Energy.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what its response is to the open letter to the Presiding Officer, signed by cross-party MSPs and staff, regarding the interim position on the use of facilities in the Parliament building, was answered by Christine Grahame.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Common Ground Forum on Deer: The Parliament debated S6M-16194 in the name of Elena Whitham—That the Parliament recognises the recent Nature of Scotland Award for Innovation to the Common Ground Forum for its work addressing challenging conflicts and relationships in the deer management sector; welcomes that the forum has brought together stakeholders, including land managers and conservationists, to build consensus and common understanding; notes what it sees as the importance of effective deer management, both in achieving nature restoration and the viability of rural businesses in many parts of the country, including in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, and notes the view that all sides of the deer sector should continue to embed the Common Ground Forum’s approach.

The meeting closed at 6.08 pm.

No.8, Wednesday 28 May 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and then Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. A New Plan for Scotland's Teaching Workforce: Willie Rennie moved S6M-17669—That the Parliament acknowledges the work carried out by Scotland's teachers in schools across the country and commends them for all they do; recognises that the subjects that they teach provide important foundations for knowledge and skills in sectors that can be vital for Scotland's economy; notes with concern, however, that there has been a sharp decline in the number of teachers in key subjects, such as maths, physics and modern languages, and that targets to train teachers in STEM subjects have been continuously missed; believes that, should these targets continue to be missed, and the decline in the number of teachers continues, it will add to the strain on the teaching workforce, Scottish education will suffer and Scotland's ability to compete globally in important sectors will be impacted; further believes that a lack of permanent contracts for teachers will further compound issues with recruitment and training; notes that there are also high levels of unemployment and underemployment of primary teachers and teachers for some secondary school subjects; further notes the failure of the Scottish Government to make sufficient progress on its 2021 commitment to recruit 3,500 more teachers, which is set to be missed by the end of the current parliamentary session in 2026, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to develop a new, urgent plan for the teaching workforce, working with stakeholders.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-17669.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17669 in the name of Willie Rennie (A New Plan for Scotland's Teaching Workforce), leave out from "further notes" to end and insert "recognises that local workforce planning is led by local government and must be undertaken in partnership with it; supports local authorities, as the employers of teachers, to use the significant additional funding made available, including £186.5 million in the 2025-26 Budget, to increase teacher numbers and create more permanent posts, and calls for the Scottish Government to commit to working in partnership with COSLA, through the joint education and assurance board, to develop a joint evidence-led education workforce strategy with stakeholders."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-17669.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17669 in the name of Willie Rennie (A New Plan for Scotland's Teaching Workforce), insert at end "; continues to be concerned at the levels of violence being reported in schools, including unacceptable physical and verbal attacks and threats being experienced by

> teachers and the wider school community; notes the significant concerns over high levels of work-related stress being reported by teachers and the health and wellbeing of the profession; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a national coordinated education workforce plan, including data on additional support needs (ASN) and projections on workforce capacity for additional support workers and classroom assistants across local authorities as part of the ASN review; recognises concerns that absence cover is not being consistently applied across schools and local authorities, and supports the better provision of access to resources and training, including the delivery of a new model of support alongside the NHS Education for Scotland trauma informed practice training on neurodivergence and autism."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-17669.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17669 in the name of Willie Rennie (A New Plan for Scotland's Teaching Workforce), insert at end ", and further calls on the Scottish Government to develop a consistent national system of supply to support supply teachers across local authorities, make Pupil Equity Funding permanent to empower schools to properly plan, address concerns with the teacher census to ensure that it is known where staff are and where they are needed, ensure places on teacher training are aligned to workforce planning needs, including in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects, and collect and publish data around the number of senior phase lessons being taught by non-subject specialist teachers."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 23, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the work carried out by Scotland's teachers in schools across the country and commends them for all they do; recognises that the subjects that they teach provide important foundations for knowledge and skills in sectors that can be vital for Scotland's economy; notes with concern, however, that there has been a sharp decline in the number of teachers in key subjects, such as maths, physics and modern languages, and that targets to train teachers in STEM subjects have been continuously missed; believes that, should these targets continue to be missed, and the decline in the number of teachers continues, it will add to the strain on the teaching workforce, Scottish education will suffer and Scotland's ability to compete globally in important sectors will be impacted; further believes that a lack of permanent contracts for teachers will further compound issues with recruitment and training; notes that there are also high levels of unemployment and underemployment of primary teachers and teachers for some secondary school subjects; recognises that local workforce planning is led by local government and must be undertaken in partnership with it; supports local authorities, as the employers of teachers, to use the significant additional funding made available,

including £186.5 million in the 2025-26 Budget, to increase teacher numbers and create more permanent posts, and calls for the Scottish Government to commit to working in partnership with COSLA, through the joint education and assurance board, to develop a joint evidence-led education workforce strategy with stakeholders; continues to be concerned at the levels of violence being reported in schools, including unacceptable physical and verbal attacks and threats being experienced by teachers and the wider school community; notes the significant concerns over high levels of work-related stress being reported by teachers and the health and wellbeing of the profession; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a national coordinated education workforce plan, including data on additional support needs (ASN) and projections on workforce capacity for additional support workers and classroom assistants across local authorities as part of the ASN review; recognises concerns that absence cover is not being consistently applied across schools and local authorities; supports the better provision of access to resources and training, including the delivery of a new model of support alongside the NHS Education for Scotland trauma informed practice training on neurodivergence and autism, and further calls on the Scottish Government to develop a consistent national system of supply to support supply teachers across local authorities, make Pupil Equity Funding permanent to empower schools to properly plan, address concerns with the teacher census to ensure that it is known where staff are and where they are needed, ensure places on teacher training are aligned to workforce planning needs, including in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects, and collect and publish data around the number of senior phase lessons being taught by non-subject specialist teachers.

3. Addressing the Inadequate Provision for Neurodevelopmental Conditions: Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S6M-17670—That the Parliament recognises the scale of the mental health emergency in Scotland; notes with concern the lack of adequate provision for neurodevelopmental conditions, particularly in the context of a sharp rise in demand for neurodiversity assessments and treatment for adults and children following the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes the additional pressure on services caused by the global shortage of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication, which has led to the closure of titration clinics in some areas and significantly impacted waiting times and access to care; recognises the profound distress and disruption this causes for individuals and families who are left without timely diagnosis or support; acknowledges the knock-on effects on child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), as well as the wider economic consequences of rising levels of economic inactivity linked to unmet mental health needs; notes the pressure that this puts on GPs and primary care; further notes with concern the widespread removal of shared care arrangements where patients who obtained a private diagnosis could receive ongoing care and medication through the Scottish NHS; expresses disappointment at the Scottish Government's failure to meet its commitment to allocate 10% of NHS spending to mental health and 1% to CAMHS; calls on the Scottish Government to work urgently with NHS boards and local authorities to devise a robust protocol on the use of shared care arrangements to allow for their use where appropriate, and further calls on the Scottish Government to create neurodevelopmental pathways and stepped care models, as recommended by the National Autism Implementation Team and Royal College of Psychiatrists in the 2021 National Clinical ADHD Pathway Feasibility Study.

The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved amendment S6M-17670.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17670 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Addressing the Inadequate Provision for Neurodevelopmental Conditions), leave out from "of the mental" to end and insert "and urgency of unmet need in both mental health and neurodevelopmental support, particularly in the context of a sharp rise in demand for neurodiversity assessments and treatment for adults and children following the COVID-19 pandemic; notes the additional pressure on services caused by the global shortage of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication, which has led to the closure of titration clinics in some areas and significantly impacted waiting times and access to care; recognises the profound distress and disruption this causes for individuals and families who are left without timely diagnosis or support; acknowledges the knock-on effects on the health service, as well as the wider economic consequences of rising levels of economic inactivity linked to unmet neurodevelopmental and mental health needs; notes with concern the widespread removal of shared care arrangements where patients who obtained a private diagnosis could receive ongoing care and medication through the Scottish NHS; calls on the Scottish Government to work urgently with NHS boards and local authorities on their shared care arrangement protocols, but understands that decisions around the best course of treatment for patients are for individual clinicians; further calls on the Scottish Government to expand and create adult neurodevelopmental pathways and stepped care models, as recommended by the National Autism Implementation Team and Royal College of Psychiatrists in the 2021 National Clinical ADHD Pathway Feasibility Study; notes the four pilots that the Scottish Government funded following these recommendations, the establishment of a neuro-affirming community of practice and ongoing scoping work on demand and capacity for adult neurodevelopmental services, including work with NHS boards and local authorities on local neurodevelopmental data; calls on the Scottish Government to convene a cross-party summit on addressing waits for neurodevelopmental support and mental health capacity to avert a crisis for individuals and families waiting too long; recognises the progress made towards the Scottish Government's commitment to allocate 10% of NHS spending to mental health and 1% to CAMHS by the end of the current parliamentary session, and thanks the dedicated NHS and wider workforce for its hard work in providing neurodevelopmental and mental health services in this time of increased demand."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-17670.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17670 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Addressing the Inadequate Provision for Neurodevelopmental Conditions), insert at end "; believes that years of Scottish National Party (SNP) administration mismanagement have led to over 3,000 children and young

> people waiting to start mental health treatment; acknowledges that the Scottish Government pledged £55.5 million in 2023-24 to improve neurodevelopmental and mental health services, but that inconsistent referral processes and widespread delays remain; recognises that some NHS boards, such as NHS Tayside, have stopped all new referrals for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) due to increased demand for assessments; notes that children and adults alike have faced waits of up to 201 weeks for autism and ADHD assessments, with regions like Grampian and Tayside reporting delays of four years or more; understands that thousands of children last year waited for neurodevelopmental assessments, with 7,650 children in Greater Glasgow and Clyde alone waiting to be screened; agrees with the Royal College of Psychiatrists, which said that the growing demand for neurodevelopmental conditions services in Scotland poses a systemic risk to the sustainability of mental health services, and acknowledges that waiting times for neurodevelopmental assessments in Scotland are at risk of exceeding 10 years within the next few years if urgent reforms are not made by the Scottish Government."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-17670.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17670 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Addressing the Inadequate Provision for Neurodevelopmental Conditions), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to publish data on the number of patients with neurodevelopmental conditions who are being removed from CAMHS waiting lists."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the scale and urgency of unmet need in both mental health and neurodevelopmental support, particularly in the context of a sharp rise in demand for neurodiversity assessments and treatment for adults and children following the COVID-19 pandemic; notes the additional pressure on services caused by the global shortage of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) medication, which has led to the closure of titration clinics in some areas and significantly impacted waiting times and access to care; recognises the profound distress and disruption this causes for individuals and families who are left without timely diagnosis or support; acknowledges the knock-on effects on the health service, as well as the wider economic consequences of rising levels of economic inactivity linked to unmet neurodevelopmental and mental health needs; notes with concern the widespread removal of shared care arrangements where patients who obtained a private diagnosis could receive ongoing care and medication through the Scottish

NHS; calls on the Scottish Government to work urgently with NHS boards and local authorities on their shared care arrangement protocols, but understands that decisions around the best course of treatment for patients are for individual clinicians; further calls on the Scottish Government to expand and create adult neurodevelopmental pathways and stepped care models, as recommended by the National Autism Implementation Team and Royal College of Psychiatrists in the 2021 National Clinical ADHD Pathway Feasibility Study; notes the four pilots that the Scottish Government funded following these recommendations, the establishment of a neuro-affirming community of practice and ongoing scoping work on demand and capacity for adult neurodevelopmental services, including work with NHS boards and local authorities on local neurodevelopmental data; calls on the Scottish Government to convene a cross-party summit on addressing waits for neurodevelopmental support and mental health capacity to avert a crisis for individuals and families waiting too long; recognises the progress made towards the Scottish Government's commitment to allocate 10% of NHS spending to mental health and 1% to CAMHS by the end of the current parliamentary session; thanks the dedicated NHS and wider workforce for its hard work in providing neurodevelopmental and mental health services in this time of increased demand, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish data on the number of patients with neurodevelopmental conditions who are being removed from CAMHS waiting lists.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17701—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Just Transition for Aberdeen and the North East

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: A Blueprint for Participation - Embedding Deliberative Democracy in the Work of the Scottish Parliament

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 June 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Entrepreneurs and Innovators

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 June 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 10 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Care Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 June 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

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 12 June 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.0 m Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 June 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.

5. Stage 2 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17702—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 6 June 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17703—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17704—That the Parliament agrees that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17705—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population: The Parliament debated S6M-16452 in the name of Sharon Dowey—That the Parliament understands that over 900,000 adults in Scotland live with age-related hearing loss; believes that uncorrected hearing loss can have a significant impact on people, notably social isolation, mental ill health and a heightened risk of developing dementia; understands that demand for hearing care services is increasing across the country, including in Ayrshire, as a result of changing demographics; notes that the number of over 60s in Scotland is projected to increase by 50% by 2033, and that South Ayrshire is the fastest ageing local authority area; notes the view that additional capacity in NHS services is needed to ensure that people presenting with hearing loss can access quality and timely care; considers that independent providers of audiology services have the skills, IT connectivity and capacity to meet the increased demand; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to bolster community audiology provision and put community audiology services on a par with the country's free community eye care services, and further notes the view that there is an opportunity to improve dramatically access to hearing care services by replicating this model.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

No.9, Thursday 29 May 2025

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. 30 Years on from the Bosnian Genocide in Srebrenica: The Parliament debated S6M-17419 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament recognises the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide in Srebrenica in which 8,372 innocent civilians were murdered by Bosnian Serb forces; remembers the victims who suffered violence, torture and brutality in what it believes to be the single largest act of ethnic cleansing in Europe since the Second World War; understands that 54 individuals have been prosecuted to date for their role in the massacre but considers that many more were involved in creating the culture and environment, which led to the genocide in Srebrenica, through their use of hate speech, oppression, discrimination and propaganda against the Bosnian Muslim population; praises the work of Mothers of Srebrenica, which, it understands, engaged in protests and other acts of public defiance to demand that the mass graves be found and the victims identified; believes that, to date, more than 7,000 of the reported missing from Srebrenica have been accounted for and buried in marked graves; commends the work of Beyond Srebrenica, whose efforts through its programme, Lessons of Srebrenica, challenge hate and intolerance using the lessons learned from the 1995 Srebrenica genocide, ensuring that they are better understood and prevented in the future; considers that genocide, recognised as an international crime usually carried out during war, is complex to stop and notes the belief that all world leaders must pledge to eradicate it, but that individuals can challenge hate and intolerance, which it considers are the root causes of many conflicts, and reflects on the atrocities of the Srebrenica genocide 30 years on.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Galloway and Ayrshire National Park Proposal.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Grampian.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Responding to RAAC in the Public Sector Across Scotland.

8. Tobacco and Vapes Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-17708—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, introduced in the House of

Commons on 5 November 2024, and subsequently amended relating to age verification in relation to tobacco and vaping products etc, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion Without Notice: Lorna Slater, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.23pm**.**

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.24 pm.

No.10, Tuesday 3 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: The Reverend Mark Goodman, Rector, St. Columba's SEC, Largs, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Climate Action (Alasdair Allan) made a statement and answered questions on A Just Transition for Aberdeen and the North East.

4. A Blueprint for Participation - Embedding Deliberative Democracy in the Work of the Scottish Parliament: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, moved S6M-17733—That the Parliament welcomes the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6), A blueprint for participation - embedding deliberative democracy in the work of the Scottish Parliament (SP Paper 789), including the blueprint for this work in Session 7 with a view to making the use of such panels a regular feature of committee scrutiny from Session 7 onwards; endorses the principles for the future use of deliberative democracy that are set out in the blueprint, and acknowledges the work already being done by Parliament staff to develop and improve engagement methods.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

6. Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation: The Parliament debated S6M-17004 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament understands that prostitution is recognised by the Scottish Government as a form of violence against women; considers that, despite the Scottish Government's commitment to deterring demand for prostitution, it is currently legal to perpetrate this form of violence against women in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands region; further considers that Scotland is an attractive destination for sex traffickers due to pimping websites and paying for sex being legal; notes the findings of the report, International Insights: How Scotland can learn from international efforts to combat commercial sexual exploitation, which was published by the survivor-led campaign, A Model For Scotland; further notes the support for its conclusion that outlawing pimping websites and paying for sex, and decriminalising victims, is critical to reducing the demand that drives commercial sexual exploitation; understands that the right has been secured to introduce the proposed Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill; believes that the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls recommends that states adopt the prostitution law reforms advocated by the campaign, A Model For Scotland, and contained in the proposed Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to outlaw pimping websites and paying for sex, and to decriminalise and support victims of sexual exploitation.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No.11, Wednesday 4 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business, then on Justice and Home Affairs, and then on Education and Skills, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Empowering Entrepreneurs and Innovators: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-17785— That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government's ambition to establish Scotland as one of Europe's fastest-growing start-up economies; welcomes the significant progress made towards this goal; congratulates Ana Stewart on her appointment as Scotland's new Chief Entrepreneur, and welcomes the record investment of over £30 million to accelerate Scotland's emergence as a leading hub for innovation, entrepreneurship and high-growth businesses.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-17785.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17785 in the name of Kate Forbes (Empowering Entrepreneurs and Innovators), leave out from "supports" to end and insert "calls on the Scottish Government to make greater effort to support businesses and entrepreneurship in Scotland; notes concerns identified by the Fraser of Allander Institute that only 9% of Scottish businesses believe that the Scottish Government understands the business community, and that the New Deal for Business has caused this relationship to stagnate further; recognises that Scotland has a lower business birth rate and stock rate compared to the rest of the UK, which has hindered entrepreneurship; congratulates Ana Stewart on her appointment as Scotland's new Chief Entrepreneur, but believes that a new approach is needed to deliver the high-growth economy that businesses and entrepreneurs need; welcomes the publication of Lessons from Singapore for Scotland's Economy by the Hunter Foundation, which urges the Scottish and UK governments to stop punishing entrepreneurs, deliver a long-term growth strategy and foster a more business-friendly environment through lower taxation, and believes that entrepreneurship and innovation can be enhanced through Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party plans to drive economic growth by cutting taxes for workers and businesses."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-17785.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17785 in the name of Kate Forbes (Empowering Entrepreneurs and Innovators), insert at end "; believes that Scottish businesses across sectors have not had adequate support from the Scottish Government to break down barriers to innovation, and that support must extend beyond start-up stage to provide advice and investment for scaling up; notes that the proportion of businesses in Scotland that are innovating, that is those introducing or developing a new product, service or

process, has fallen from 50% in 2012-14 to just 32% in 2020-22, and calls on the Scottish Government to reform Scotland's economic agencies to better support entrepreneurs and innovation in sectors across Scotland, including capital intensive sectors like life sciences and advanced manufacturing."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 57 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17801—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Care Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 June 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

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 12 June 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2023

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Migration System that Works for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Languages Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 June 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 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 19 June 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 9 June 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.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17802—That the Parliament agrees that the Regional Strategic Bodies and Regional Colleges (Glasgow and Lanarkshire) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17803—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 1.00 pm and 3.30 pm on Thursday 12 June 2025.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston: The Parliament debated S6M-16094 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament congratulates the community of Summerston, in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency, on reaching the significant milestone of having been established for 50 years; understands that the first residents settled in the area from late 1974; believes that, in the years that followed, they witnessed a strong, close knit and civically-minded community develop; recognises the contribution of all those who have been involved in building Summerston’s community spirit over the decades, none more so than Billy Souter who sadly passed away this year; commends the Summerston Community and Environmental Group (SCEG) on its efforts to both improve the area’s environment and celebrate the five decades of Summerston as a community; acknowledges the work of SCEG in, it believes, it being “hands on” in its efforts to enhance the local area; notes that a community action plan was developed by SCEG following a major community consultation to help further improve the area; believes that a successful, piper-led, winter lantern parade, supported by Summerston schoolchildren and the wider community took place on the 27 November 2024 to mark the 50th anniversary, which kickstarted a number of events planned over the next 12 months; considers that constructive community activism and participation is a key component in helping

communities such as Summerston prosper; supports the coming year's activities, and wishes the people of Summerston every success on the area continuing to thrive for the next 50 years and beyond.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No.12, Thursday 5 June 2025

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

4. Thomas Blake Glover, Fraserburgh's International Legacy: The Parliament debated S6M-17428 in the name of Karen Adam—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the extraordinary global contribution of Thomas Blake Glover, a pioneering Scottish merchant and industrialist, who was born on 6 June 1838 in Fraserburgh, at what is now known as Glover Garden on Commerce Street, and who was the son of the town's harbour master; acknowledges Thomas Blake Glover's key role in 19th century Japan, where he supported the Choshu Five, a group of young scholars whose work helped shape modern Japanese governance, industry and education, including the introduction of sign language; notes his pivotal contribution to the establishment of the Mitsubishi Corporation and his influence in the development of Japan's shipbuilding and industrial sectors; celebrates the enduring cultural and economic links between Scotland and Japan that it believes Thomas Blake Glover helped to foster, including the internationally renowned Glover Garden in Nagasaki; recognises the contemporary relevance of his legacy in Fraserburgh, where offshore wind turbines, visible from the coast and maintained at the harbour where Thomas Blake Glover's father served, include parts manufactured by Mitsubishi; acknowledges what it sees as this powerful link between Fraserburgh's maritime heritage and its current role in the global energy transition; welcomes the development of Fraserburgh's own Glover Garden as a symbol of education, pride and international friendship, and wishes every success to the organisers and attendees of the inaugural Thomas Blake Glover Festival, taking place on 8 June 2025, in the hope that it will become a lasting annual celebration of Fraserburgh's unique contribution to global history.

The meeting closed at 1:22 pm.

No.13, Tuesday 10 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Pete Greig, Founder, 24-7 Prayer Movement and Senior Pastor, Emmaus Rd Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17606—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 10 June 2025—

after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Oaths and Affirmations

delete

7.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Oaths and Affirmations: David Russell took his oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

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

5. Stage 3 Timetable : The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17861—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Care Reform (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours

Groups 7 to 10: 2 hours 50 minutes

Groups 11 and 12: 3 hours 20 minutes

Groups 13 to 15: 3 hours 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Care Reform (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 57, 37, 38, 58, 59, 60, 61A, 62, 40, 41, 42, 43, 68, 69, 44, 71, 70, 72, 73, 45, 46, 76, 77, 78, 47, 48A, 48B, 48, 82, 49, 83, 84, 50 and 51.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

39 (For 92 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)
74 (For 92 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
75 (For 91 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
80 (For 91 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
85 (For 92 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

2B (For 50, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
2C (For 51, Against 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
52 (For 50, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
54 (For 33 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
56 (For 50, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
61 (For 51, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
63 (For 50, Against 65 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
66 (For 51, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
67 (For 52, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
81 (For 50, Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))
87 (For 50, Against 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 65, 88.

The following amendments were not moved: 53, 55, 64, 79 and 86.

7. Care Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-17858—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.53 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

10. A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout: The Parliament debated S6M-17754 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported ongoing delay to progress towards a new grade separated junction on the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass at Sheriffhall; understands that a public local inquiry was carried out in early 2023, with results reviewed by an independent reporter and delivered to the Scottish Government in early 2024; further understands that the report has been under active consideration by the Scottish Ministers for over a year; believes that motorists using the Edinburgh City Bypass have been subjected to hours of unnecessary congestion due to delays in delivering the A720 Sheriffhall roundabout, since funding was committed in 2018 as part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal; notes the calls for the Scottish Ministers to prioritise what it sees as this crucial infrastructure project, which, it understands, motorists in the south east of Scotland have been waiting seven years for; understands that the upgrade was originally priced at £120 million; notes the calls on ministers to urgently update the Parliament on the full details of any additional costs for the development of the junction due to the length of time that it has taken to progress it, and further notes the view that it is strategically important to make the improvements on the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass at Sheriffhall, to help deliver improvements to infrastructure that will support local and national economic growth.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

No.14, Wednesday 11 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2 pm.

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

2. Addressing Scotland's Medical and Nursing Workforce Crisis: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-17869—That the Parliament recognises the scale of the crisis in Scotland's NHS, with almost one in six people in Scotland on NHS waiting lists for tests or treatment, and private hospital admissions in Scotland reaching record levels in 2024, all while patients struggle to access a GP appointment; is concerned, therefore, regarding reports that resident doctors are unable to secure speciality training places in Scotland's NHS, while newly qualified nurses cannot get jobs despite over 2,600 unfilled whole-time equivalent nursing and midwifery vacancies; regrets that inadequate NHS workforce planning by the Scottish National Party administration is forcing highly skilled clinicians to seek employment elsewhere, and calls on the Scottish Government to expedite its reported Future Medical Workforce project, and to report back to the Parliament by 1 September 2025, and undertake a wider review of workforce planning, with independent modelling and projections, and to report back by 1 December 2025, so that there is the required level of workforce to staff Scotland's NHS.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-17869.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17869 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Addressing Scotland's Medical and Nursing Workforce Crisis), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "acknowledges the challenges facing the NHS and the critical contribution of its workforce; thanks the dedicated NHS staff for their hard work and professionalism in times of enormous pressure; notes with concern that too many people are waiting too long for treatment and welcomes, therefore, additional funding to reduce patient waits and deliver 150,000 extra appointments and procedures in 2025; acknowledges the challenges in primary care and community health settings, where too many people face difficulties making a GP appointment; recognises the calls for greater workforce planning to account for the changing landscape of delivering healthcare, building on historically high levels of staffing; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to develop future workforce planning in response to the forthcoming population health and service renewal frameworks; believes that it is important that this work is informed by doctors working in the NHS through the Future Medical Workforce project, which will report on the planned dialogue, alongside an analysis of workforce demand and supply, by the end of 2025, while continuing with implementation of the Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce over the course of the year, and regrets deeply the UK Labour administration's reckless decision to close the health and care worker visa to adult social care, which will lead to acute workforce challenges and the closure of services, and have a devastating impact on both those receiving care and staff providing care."

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-17869.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17869 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Addressing Scotland's Medical and Nursing Workforce Crisis), after "vacancies;" insert "acknowledges that Scotland is experiencing a paradox of underemployed GPs who remain unable to find sufficient work despite widespread demand, as well as unemployed paramedics graduating from universities and paediatric nurses unable to secure roles; highlights that the Scottish National Party administration promised to increase GP numbers by 800 by 2027, but that this target is unlikely to be met as GP numbers are declining and junior doctors are struggling to find jobs; acknowledges that the Royal College of Nursing has claimed that current nursing staffing levels are inadequate, noting that, while the number of nurses employed by NHS Scotland has increased, levels of staff absence and agency use remain unsustainably high; references the report, The Nursing Workforce in Scotland 2025, which shows demand outstripping supply, and calls for better data to enable sustainable workforce planning; recognises that the Royal College of General Practitioners has criticised the Scottish Government's plan to provide 100,000 extra GP appointments, as Scotland's NHS currently does not have the workforce capacity to deliver this plan;".

After debate, amendment S6M-17869.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-17869.1 was pre-empted.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the challenges facing the NHS and the critical contribution of its workforce; thanks the dedicated NHS staff for their hard work and professionalism in times of enormous pressure; notes with concern that too many people are waiting too long for treatment and welcomes, therefore, additional funding to reduce patient waits and deliver 150,000 extra appointments and procedures in 2025; acknowledges the challenges in primary care and community health settings, where too many people face difficulties making a GP appointment; recognises the calls for greater workforce planning to account for the changing landscape of delivering healthcare, building on historically high levels of staffing; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to develop future workforce planning in response to the forthcoming population health and service renewal frameworks; believes that it is important that this work is informed by doctors working in the NHS through the Future Medical Workforce project, which will report on the planned dialogue, alongside an analysis of workforce demand and supply, by the end of 2025, while continuing with implementation of the Nursing and Midwifery Taskforce over the course of the year, and regrets deeply the UK Labour administration's reckless decision to close the health and care worker visa to adult social care, which will lead to acute workforce challenges and the closure of services, and have a devastating impact on both those receiving care and staff providing care.

3. Planning: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-17862—That the Parliament agrees that the Lomond Banks planning application for a development at Balloch should be called in for determination by the Scottish Ministers.

The Minister for Employment and Investment (Tom Arthur) moved amendment S6M-17862.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17862 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Planning), insert at end ", and that any subsequent decision on the planning application should be made in a fair and impartial way that takes into account all relevant legal requirements and maintains the integrity of the planning process."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Ross Greer moved amendment S6M-17862.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17862 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Planning), insert at end "; believes that the significant public interest in this application and its location within a national park make it a matter of national interest, and asks that ministers assess the application's compatibility with National Planning Framework 4, as approved by the Parliament in 2023, and with the statutory aims of the national park."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 1, Abstentions 21).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that the Lomond Banks planning application for a development at Balloch should be called in for determination by the Scottish Ministers; that any subsequent decision on the planning application should be made in a fair and impartial way that takes into account all relevant legal requirements and maintains the integrity of the planning process; believes that the significant public interest in this application and its location within a national park make it a matter of national interest, and asks that ministers assess the application's compatibility with National Planning Framework 4, as approved by the Parliament in 2023, and with the statutory aims of the national park.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17894—That the Parliament agrees —

(a) the following programme of business —

Tuesday 17 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2024-25

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering Reform and Renewal for Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Languages Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 June 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 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 19 June 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Public Services Reform Strategy for Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Progressing NACWG Recommendations on Equality

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Education (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 25 June 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 Stage 3 Debate: Education (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 June 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 Scottish Government Business

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 16 June 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.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17895—That the Parliament agrees that the Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 32 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17896—That the Parliament agrees that the Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17897—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Statement of Complaints Handling Principles: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17898—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Statement of Complaints Handling Principles (SPSO 2025/01) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17899—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17900—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17901—That

the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. 60th Anniversary of the Scottish Law Commission: The Parliament debated S6M-17249 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament congratulates all of the commissioners and staff of the Scottish Law Commission, past and present, on its 60th anniversary; notes that the Commission was established under the Law Commissions Act 1965, and that the Commission is Scotland's law reform body tasked with recommending reforms to simplify, modernise and improve Scots law; considers that outdated or complex laws can be inefficient, and do not serve the interests of the public or justice well; recognises that the Commission provides independent advice to the Scottish Government, often examining entire areas of law and making recommendations; notes that the Commission's work has led to a number of bills in the Scottish Parliament, including reforms abolishing feudal tenure and protecting adults incapable of managing their affairs; values the contribution of the Commission over the last 60 years, and notes that, since 2013, part of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's remit has been to scrutinise certain Scottish Law Commission Bills that comply with the Scottish Parliament's Standing Orders Rule 9.17A and the associated criteria determined by the Presiding Officer, with the Committee leading on four such bills so far in Session 6.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

No.15, Thursday 12 June 2025

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

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

3. Justice for the Fornethy Survivors: The Parliament debated S6M-15136 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament commends what it sees as the bravery and determination of the group, Fornethy Survivors, which continues in what it considers its fight for justice for the reported hundreds of women who experienced appalling physical, phycological and, in some cases, sexual abuse as young girls while they resided at Fornethy Residential School, in Angus, between 1960 and the 1990s; understands that Fornethy was reportedly one of a small number of schools run by Glasgow Corporation, and later by Strathclyde Regional Council, under its "scheme of residential education", and that the scheme began in 1945 with the approval of the then Secretary of State; notes the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's recommendation that the Scottish Government should consult on expanding Scotland's Redress Scheme to include residential institutions, such as Fornethy, that were owned and operated by public bodies, regardless of how long children stayed in those institutions; acknowledges the reported difficulties that the survivors have had in obtaining personal records that were held by the owners of Fornethy House at the time, which were Glasgow Corporation and Strathclyde Regional Council; understands that, in March 2024, the former Deputy First Minister, Shona Robison, told the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee that she did not intend to change the eligibility criteria for Scotland's Redress Scheme, and that part of the rationale for this was that "the absence of records means that, even if the eligibility criteria were to be changed, Fornethy survivors are unlikely to meet the evidential requirements of the scheme"; considers, however, that this did not align with the committee's understanding of Redress Scotland's evidence to it that panel members tasked with determining applications for redress work from a presumption of truth, and that there is provision in the statutory guidance for discretion to be used where records are missing or limited, with applications considered on their individual merit; recognises that it has been reported that over 200 women from different parts of the country, particularly in the Glasgow area but also including the South Scotland region, have come forward to tell of the abuse that they suffered, and understands that the Fornethy survivors are seeking compensation in recognition of this abuse, and also answers to why the abuse at Fornethy reportedly continued over so many years, as well as a meaningful public apology.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero and Energy, and Transport were answered by Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Climate Action (Alasdair Allan) made a statement and answered questions on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2023.

6. A Migration System that Works for Scotland: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-17906—That the Parliament recognises the contribution to Scotland's communities, public services and economy by those who have chosen to migrate to Scotland and build their lives here; notes that stakeholders from multiple sectors across Scotland have expressed significant concerns with the UK Government's immigration white paper, and that proposals submitted by the Scottish Government to the Home Office were not included in the published paper; further notes that the Parliament has previously endorsed a motion calling for the development of a differentiated, more flexible migration policy, tailored to meet Scotland's specific needs; calls on the UK Government to engage with Scottish Government officials urgently to ensure that the needs of Scotland's businesses, public services and communities are supported, rather than harmed, by the reforms outlined in the UK immigration white paper, and further calls on the UK Government to ensure that a new youth mobility scheme is designed, with engagement from young people across the UK nations, to be as broad and inclusive as possible, restoring the greatest freedom of movement for young people as can be agreed with the EU.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-17906.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17906 in the name of Kate Forbes (A Migration System that Works for Scotland), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “believes that there is an important policy balance to be struck between welcoming those migrants who make significant contributions to the economic, social and cultural life of the UK, and reducing the numbers of illegal migrants who place added pressures on the welfare system and public services, and believes that the future of migration policy across the UK should reflect the specific needs of different sectors of the labour market.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-17906.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17906 in the name of Kate Forbes (A Migration System that Works for Scotland), leave out from first “notes” to end and insert “supports the move towards a more sustainable immigration system for the whole of the UK; regrets that the care sector has become overly dependent on low wages and exploitative working practices for migrants; believes that Scotland's stagnant economy cannot be fixed through migration alone; calls on the Scottish Government to grow the workforce through using its devolved powers to build more housing, strengthen public transport, increase pay for social care work and incentivise skills development, and welcomes the UK Government's deal with the EU, which includes increased trade, negotiation to rejoin Erasmus+ and co-operation on a youth experience scheme.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 62 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 27).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 42, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

No.16, Tuesday 17 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2:00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Neil Crabtree, Conflict Negotiator, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18001—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 June 2025—

(a) Tuesday 17 June 2025—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 June 2025—

delete

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliament Corporate Body Questions

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliament Corporate Body Questions

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Progressing NACWG Recommendations on Equality

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Limited

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2024-25.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Delivering Reform and Renewal for Health and Social Care.

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17968—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Languages Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 55 minutes
Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 50 minutes
Groups 8 to 10: 2 hours 25 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Scottish Languages Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 17, 18, 1, 2, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 3, 11, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 12, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 61 and 62.
The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

59 (For 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 15, Abstentions 0)
63 (For 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 13, Abstentions 0)
64 (For 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 12, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

13 (For 13, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
15 (For 12, Against 93 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
22 (For 38, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
23 (For 12, Against 94 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 58.

The following amendments were not moved: 14, 16, 65, 29 and 60.

8. Scottish Languages Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-17966—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Languages Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112 (including 2 proxies), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

9. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18002— That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between approximately 5.45 pm and close of business on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.17pm**.**

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 8 and 9 as noted above.

12. Ongoing Crisis in Gaza: The Parliament debated S6M-17933 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament echoes the “grave concerns” of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the reportedly catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza; notes the calls, including from constituents in Glasgow Anniesland, for an immediate ceasefire and the safe release of all hostages, alongside the immediate and unconditional lifting of all restrictions on the entry and distribution of humanitarian aid in Gaza, and further notes the belief that international recognition of a sovereign independent state of Palestine, as part of a two-state solution, is the fundamental pillar upon which a lasting peace in the Middle East depends.

13. Motion without Notice: Bill Kidd moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.
The meeting closed at 7.36 pm.

No.17, Wednesday 18 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Demanding a Better Deal for Taxpayers in Scotland: Craig Hoy moved S6M-17980—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Government's failure to grow Scotland's economy has led to an economic performance gap worth £1.1 billion in 2025-26 alone; believes that there should be a crackdown on wasteful expenditure from the Scottish Government through the tightening of spending rules in the Scottish Public Finance Manual, reducing the number of highly paid senior executives within the public sector, and reversing the recent ministerial pay rise, and calls on the Scottish Government to use the proceeds of a crackdown on waste to cut income tax by up to £444 for every person in Scotland by abolishing the 20% and 21% rates of income tax, so that everyone earning up to £43,662 pays 19p for every £1 earned.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-17980.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17980 in the name of Craig Hoy (Demanding a Better Deal for Taxpayers in Scotland), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "believes that public service reform must be an ongoing process in order to deliver the best use of public funding, and recognises that the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's arbitrary scheme would lead to a cut in available public funding for vital services like the NHS."

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-17980.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17980 in the name of Craig Hoy (Demanding a Better Deal for Taxpayers in Scotland), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "understands that the Scottish National Party administration has wasted in excess of £6.7 billion of taxpayers' money since 2007; believes that the Scottish Government's reckless spending and failure to grow Scotland's economy has led to an overreliance on tax increases to plug annual budget gaps; welcomes the UK Government's decision to decisively end austerity, deliver a record budget settlement for Scotland, and pledge an extra £9.1 billion over the next three years, and believes that the Scottish Labour Party's plan to establish a Scottish treasury with strategic oversight for spending in all Scottish Government departments is essential in order to put an end to waste and ensure that people in Scotland get value for money."

After debate, amendment S6M-17980.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 42, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S6M-17980.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 31, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that public service reform must be an ongoing process in order to deliver the best use of public funding, and recognises that the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's arbitrary scheme would lead to a cut in available public funding for vital services like the NHS.

3. Recognising the Economic Contribution of Scotland's Defence Sector: Murdo Fraser moved S6M-17981—That the Parliament recognises the significance of the defence industry to Scotland's economy, in providing secure, well-paid and highly skilled jobs and in driving innovation in the science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) sector; notes that proposed increased spending on defence provides a substantial opportunity for growth; regrets that Scottish Government policy has meant that a Scottish Enterprise grant to support the Rolls-Royce specialist naval welding skills centre in Glasgow for submarine construction has been refused, and calls on the Scottish Government to drop the policy, which prevents public funds being invested in projects such as this.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved amendment S6M-17981.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17981 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Recognising the Economic Contribution of Scotland's Defence Sector), leave out from "; notes" to end and insert ", and in protecting national security, especially at a time of increased global instability, and notes that defence is a matter reserved to the UK Government under the Scotland Act 1998 and that the Scottish Government's long-standing position is that public money should focus on diversification."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 53 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-17981.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17981 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Recognising the Economic Contribution of Scotland's Defence Sector), insert at end "; welcomes the confirmation from the UK Government that it will provide the funding for the welding skills centre so that the project does not collapse; notes the contradiction in the Scottish Government's policy, as the publicly owned Ferguson Marine shipyard is providing steel fabrication work for Type 26 frigates, and believes that this haphazard and misjudged policy is holding back the creation of jobs and economic growth in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Lorna Slater moved amendment S6M-17981.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-17981 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Recognising the Economic Contribution of Scotland's Defence Sector), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "notes with concern that, despite the Scottish Government's policy that public funds to the defence industry should focus on diversification, at least £8 million of Scottish Enterprise grants have been awarded to companies involved in arms dealing and manufacturing since 2019; further notes that a number of these businesses have directly supplied weapons and military equipment to Israel during its assault on Gaza; understands that, despite this, still no company has failed Scottish Enterprise human rights due diligence checks, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to urgently report on its promised review of Scottish Enterprise's human rights checks before the summer recess and to provide Scottish Enterprise with a clear direction on the use of public funds to ensure that Scotland meets its international obligations."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 7 (including 1 proxy), Against 108 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 53 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the significance of the defence industry to Scotland's economy, in providing secure, well-paid and highly skilled jobs and in driving innovation in the science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) sector; and in protecting national security, especially at a time of increased global instability, and notes that defence is a matter reserved to the UK Government under the Scotland Act 1998 and that the Scottish Government's long-standing position is that public money should focus on diversification.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18003—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 June 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Budget - Provisional Outturn 2024-2025

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Education (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 25 June 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 Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Fiscal Sustainability Delivery Plan

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Education (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.50 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 June 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ensuring the Right Support for Young People's Neurodivergence, Mental Health and Wellbeing

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.55 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 2 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 September 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: Net Zero and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 23 June 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.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18004—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18005—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 2, Abstentions 0).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18006—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18007—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Recognising RAAC in Council and Former Council Housing: The Parliament debated S6M-17216 in the name of Liam Kerr— hat the Parliament acknowledges the reported presence of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in council and former council housing in Aberdeen's Balnagask, Dundee, Monifieth and throughout Scotland; understands that, in Torry, around 150 of these properties are privately owned; expresses concern that the buy-back offers proposed by councils may value these properties at less than they were bought for; notes reports that the Scottish Government does not believe that it has a liability to compensate or financially assist affected homeowners; regrets what it sees as the attempt by the Scottish Government to divert responsibility, by reportedly trying to pin responsibility on the UK Government for this devolved matter; further regrets reports of the reluctance of the Minister for Housing to meet the Torry RAAC campaign group and that he has not met with other campaign groups, including those in Dundee, and notes calls on MSPs to utilise all available powers to explore solutions for affected homeowners, including initiating an urgent committee inquiry.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

No.18, Thursday 19 June 2025

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. Action Mesothelioma Day 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-17647 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament recognises Action Mesothelioma Day 2025, which is on 4 July 2025; understands that mesothelioma is a rare cancer that is usually caused by exposure to asbestos, with tiny fibres getting into the lungs and damaging them over time; notes that the cancer most commonly occurs in the lining of the lung, but can also occur in the lining of the abdomen and the lining of the heart, with symptoms including shortness of breath, chest pain, coughing and tiredness; understands that there are around 2,700 new mesothelioma cases in the UK every year, including around 200 in Scotland; recognises that Action Mesothelioma Day is a national event to raise awareness of asbestos and mesothelioma, raise vital funds to support the research into tackling mesothelioma, and to remember and support those who have been affected by the disease; notes with concern what it sees as the time bar injustice for mesothelioma victims and welcomes the Scottish Law Commission report, Report on Damages for Personal Injury, published in December 2024, which recommends that "an asymptomatic condition such as pleural plaques will no longer result in a time bar preventing recovery of damages for a later-developing symptomatic condition such as mesothelioma"; applauds the long-standing and ongoing work of the Clydebank Asbestos Group, which has provided information and support to people with asbestos-related conditions for over 30 years; notes the calls for continued research into mesothelioma, and hopes for a successful Action Mesothelioma Day 2025.

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

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on A Public Services Reform Strategy for Scotland.

7. Progressing National Advisory Council on Women and Girls Recommendations on Equality: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-18016—That the Parliament notes the publication of the first Annual Statement on Gender Policy Coherence.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-18016.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18016 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Progressing National Advisory Council on Women and Girls Recommendations on Equality), insert at end "; highlights that inequalities still exist for women and girls in Scotland in areas including health, poverty, education, earnings and employment; expresses concern that the Scottish Government continues to conflate the terms 'sex' and 'gender' following the findings of the Sullivan Review and the UK Supreme Court's judgment in For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers; believes that progress towards equality for women and girls has been hampered by the Scottish Government contesting the lawful definition of 'woman'; regrets that the Scottish Government has scrapped plans for a Misogyny Bill, and urges the Scottish Government to urgently ensure that all public bodies are following their legal obligations in light of the Supreme Court's ruling on 16 April 2025."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 16).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Alexander Dennis Limited.

9. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18035—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 26 June 2025—

delete

followed by Members' Business

and after

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

10. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18024—That the Parliament agrees that —

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Elena Whitham as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Elena Whitham be appointed to replace Gordon MacDonald as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Paul McLennan be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee; and

Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Emma Roddick as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

No.19, Tuesday 24 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Yekemi Otaru, Chancellor of University of West Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18099— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 24 June 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Initial Response to the Gillies Review of University of Dundee Finances

delete

10.0 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.50 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 June 2025—

after

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

insert

followed by First Minister’s Statement: Historical Policies Affecting Gypsy/Traveller Communities

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Fiscal Sustainability Delivery Plan

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Education (Scotland) Bill

delete

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Employments Rights Bill- UK Legislation

and insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill- UK Legislation

delete

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill- UK Legislation

delete

5.50 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.40 pm Decision Time

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delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ensuring the Right Support for Young People's Neurodivergence, Mental Health and Wellbeing

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill- UK Legislation

delete

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill- UK Legislation

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Employments Rights Bill- UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Initial Response to the Gillies Review of University of Dundee Finances.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Budget - Provisional Outturn 2024-2025.

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18070—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Education (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 2: 1 hour
Groups 3 to 6: 2 hours
Groups 7 to 10: 3 hours 10 minutes
Groups 11 to 13: 4 hours 10 minutes
Groups 14 to 16: 5 hours 10 minutes
Groups 17 to 19: 6 hours 5 minutes
Groups 20 to 21: 7 hours 10 minutes
Groups 22 to 23: 7 hours 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Education (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 3, 4, 118, 119, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 130A, 130, 132, 133, 135, 136, 138, 139, 142, 144, 145, 5, 150, 155, 318, 165, 166, 167, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

121 (For 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
146 (For 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
148 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
156 (For 98 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 21)
169 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 22)
170 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
171 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
172 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
173 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
174 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
175 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
176 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
177 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
178 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

98 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

109 (For 46, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
128 (For 49, Against 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
134 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
140 (For 49, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
141 (For 49, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
143 (For 47, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
147 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
152 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
160 (For 48, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
162 (For 47, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
164 (For 22, Against 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
179 (For 22, Against 95 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
6 (For 22, Against 94 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
193 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
11 (For 28, Against 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
197 (For 48, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
198 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
18 (For 49, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
19 (For 26, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
20 (For 26, Against 92 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
201 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
21 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
22 (For 27, Against 92 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
202 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
203 (For 49, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
23 (For 27, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 204.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 131, 137 and 149.

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 129, 151, 153, 154, 157, 158, 159, 161, 163, 168, 7, 8, 9, 10, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 194, 195, 196, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 199 and 200.

The Deputy 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 (Jamie Hepburn) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second 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.

The Presiding Officer accepted a motion without notice to suspend the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) 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.

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

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

No.20, Wednesday 25 June 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18135— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 25 June 2025—

delete

7.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

9.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18133— That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 82 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0).

3. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

4. First Minsters Statement: The First Minster (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Historical Policies Affecting Gypsy/Traveller Communities.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Fiscal Sustainability Delivery Plan.

6. Education (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 211, 319, 320, 214, 215A, 215, 219, 222, 231, 37, 236, 240A, 46, 51, 246, 247, 321, 248, 249, 75, 76, 255, 77, 78, 79, 80, 267, 268, 270, 271, 82, 272, 273, 83, 275, 84, 85, 280, 281, 283, 285, 286, 287, 291, 292, 293, 299, 91, 96 and 97.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

212 (For 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)

223 (For 93 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
232 (For 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
234 (For 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 86 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 29 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
42 (For 87 (including 1 proxy votes), Against 29 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
239 (For 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
240 (For 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
242 (For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)
243 (For 86 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
244 (For 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 23, Abstentions 0)
245 (For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)
265 (For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)
274 (For 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
278 (For 105 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
279 (For 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
282 (For 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 23, Abstentions 0)
284 (For 92 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 21, Abstentions 0)
288 (For 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 48, Abstentions 0)
295 (For 92 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
297 (For 92 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
301 (For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
303 (For 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 23, Abstentions 0)
305 (For 64 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 48, Abstentions 0)
306 (For 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 48, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

29 (For 25, Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
35 (For 25, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 21)
209 (For 22, Against 93 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
213 (For 54 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
216 (For 55 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
217 (For 48, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
229 (For 22, Against 93 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
233 (For 50 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
38(For 53 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
39 (For 47, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
235 (For 48, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
241 (For 47, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
45 (For 46, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
47 (For 25, Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
48 (For 26, Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
52 (For 47, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

53 (For 25, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 22)
81 (For 25, Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
258 (For 25, Against 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
259 (For 47, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
266 (For 21, Against 94 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
269 (For 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 57 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
290 (For 23, Against 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
294 (For 22, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
296 (For 48, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
298 (For 48, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
300 (For 22, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
309 (For 22, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
315 (For 49, Against 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
316 (For 48, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
317 (For 24, Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 30, 31, 32, 205, 206, 33, 34, 207, 208, 210, 218, 220, 221, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 36, 230, 237, 238, 43, 44, 49, 50, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 250, 74, 251, 253, 252, 254, 256, 257, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 276, 277, 86, 87, 88, 289, 302, 304, 307, 308, 310, 311, 312, 313, 89, 90, 92, 93, 314, 94 and 95.

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

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The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the seventh time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

7. Education (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-18059—That the Parliament agrees that the Education (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

8. Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-18079—That the Parliament agrees that clauses 72, 73, 74, 75, 77 to 81, 83 to 87 and 98, and schedules 3-4 of the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error And Recovery) Bill 2025, introduced in the House of Commons on 22 January 2025, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

9. Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-18077—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 October 2024, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-18078—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 October 2024, relating to local government elections (clause 1), elections to the Scottish Parliament (clause 2) and commencement and transitional provision (clause 4), so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18100—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 September 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 September 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 Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 September 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 Scottish Government Business

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 1 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.

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18101—That the Parliament agrees that the Home Detention Curfew (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

13. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18102—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm.

No.21, Thursday 26 June 2025

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. Action to Address the Impact of Gulls in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-17969 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported changes to the approach taken for granting licences to control gulls in recent years by NatureScot, which, it understands, has led to fewer licences being approved, as demonstrated by 2,041 licences being granted in 2023, but this figure falling to 505 in 2024; understands that communities and businesses in Moray, Nairn and Inverness have had significant problems with gulls in recent years, but that many communities across Scotland also experience similar problems; believes that Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) funding and Common Good Funds should not have to be spent on continually seeking licences to control gulls that display dangerous and aggressive behaviour that are a risk to all, but particularly the young and older people; is concerned that NatureScot reportedly does not fully acknowledge and respect the views of local people and businesses when considering applications to control gulls that are causing significant problems; notes the calls for more robust action from the Scottish Government and NatureScot to protect humans and businesses from what it sees as the menace of dangerous gulls, including the Scottish Ministers taking action through a section 11 order under the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991, and further notes the calls for a review by the Scottish Government, preceded by a public consultation on the grounds for legal control, with a view to permitting control to tackle significant nuisance caused by gulls, and on the separation of the licensing of control measures and the nature species conservancy functions of NatureScot, in light of reports of an inherent potential conflict between the two and widespread concerns of many constituents that NatureScot neglects the former while preferring the latter.

4. Motion Without Notice: Douglas Ross moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18148—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 26 June 2025—

after

4.55 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Ensuring the Right Support for Young People's Neurodivergence, Mental Health and Wellbeing.

8. Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Equalities (Kaukab Stewart) moved S6M-18076—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 30 January 2025, relating to the provision and sharing of trailer registration information (amended clauses 30 to 33), the provision of biometric information at ports in Scotland (clause 36), the repeal of certain provisions of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (clause 38), the detention and exercise of functions pending deportation (clause 41), powers to take biometric information at detention centres (clause 44), offences relating to articles for use in serious crime (clauses 49 and 50), applicants for making of orders and interim orders (clause 54), and the validation of fees charged in relation to qualifications (clause 57), so far as these matters *fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and* alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 28).

9. Product Regulation and Metrology Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-18080—That the Parliament agrees that all relevant provisions of the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 4 September 2024, 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 80 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 34 (including 1 proxy vote)).

10. Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-18075—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Employment Rights Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 October 2024, and subsequently amended, relating to the protection of workers in relation to relevant outsourcing contracts (amended clause 30), and the establishment of the Social Care Negotiating Body for Scotland (amended clauses 36 to 46 and 48 to 52, alongside related amended clauses 153 and 155), so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 1, Abstentions 27).

11. Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-18081—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 17 December 2024, and subsequently amended, affecting child employment and community-based and secure accommodation, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and 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 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 28).

12. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18141—That the Parliament agrees that —

Paul McLennan be appointed to replace Joe FitzPatrick as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18142—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee; and

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Liz Smith as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18143—That the Parliament agrees that—

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Stephen Kerr as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee; and

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Brian Whittle as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.36 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

16. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

17. The Future of Glasgow's Bus Services: The Parliament debated S6M-17910 in the name of Patrick Harvie— That the Parliament notes Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's (SPT) proposals to develop bus franchising arrangements for the region and its recent consultation on how to create more affordable, reliable and environmentally sustainable bus services in Strathclyde; further notes the calls for SPT to proceed with the most ambitious approach to franchising, and for the Scottish Government to work constructively with SPT to make this possible; welcomes the report from Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), The Next Stop: The Case for Publicly Owned Buses in Scotland; notes that it argues that moving local buses into public ownership would have a positive impact for local communities, allow local authorities to plan routes and cap fares, and return revenues to the public sector; understands that Scotland's only publicly owned bus company, Lothian Buses, has returned a dividend of £36 million to its local authority shareholders over the last decade; congratulates Get Glasgow Moving on its continued campaigning work on this issue, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to further commit to support the expansion of publicly owned bus services and deliver high quality, affordable and reliable bus services, integrated ticketing and higher standards of service across the SPT region and beyond.

18. Motion Without Notice: Patrick Harvie moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No.22, Tuesday 2 September 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Time for Reflection: Lorraine Currie, Chief Executive, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18622—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 2 September 2025—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling the Housing Emergency

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Priorities for Scotland

(b) Wednesday 3 September 2025—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Situation in Gaza

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Palestine

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 4 September 2025—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2024 and the National Mission to Reduce Deaths and Improve the Lives of People Impacted by Drugs

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: The 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Ministerial Statement: Tackling the Housing Emergency (Màiri McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Ministerial Statement: Tackling the Housing Emergency.

5. Priorities for Scotland: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-18671—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's continued focus on its four key priorities of eradicating child poverty, tackling the climate emergency, growing the economy, and ensuring high-quality and sustainable public services; recognises that the delivery of these priorities is within the significant constraints of a constitutional settlement that hampers achieving those priorities due to the policy decisions of UK Conservative and Labour administrations, and recognises that it is only by choosing independence that Scotland can get the fresh start that its people need and deserve.

Russell Findlay moved amendment S6M-18671.4—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises that the Scottish Government has failed to take action on the priorities of taxpayers, like cutting NHS waiting lists, fixing crumbling roads and stimulating economic growth; acknowledges that, despite repeatedly raising taxes, public services have not improved in Scotland; laments that, increasingly, the Scottish Government has focused on its obsession with independence, as well as fringe issues like gender reform and subjects wholly outside its remit like foreign affairs; notes with concern that Scotland continues to have a bloated public sector, with a huge number of quangos that often have overlapping functions and remits; argues that public money would be better spent being diverted to frontline services rather than on the bureaucratic state, and calls for the Scottish Ministers to prioritise economic growth and improving public services rather than yet another push for an independence referendum."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S6M-18671.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration has overseen the development of a housing emergency, allowed NHS waiting lists to soar, leading to a two-tier system with those who can afford to pay going private, been forced to scrap its legal climate change targets due to its own inaction, wasted billions of pounds of public money through incompetence and bureaucracy, and stood by while school standards declined; recognises that SNP incompetence means that people in Scotland are not feeling the benefits of the £5.2 billion in additional funding delivered by the UK Labour administration, which is working to restore public services and kickstart economic growth, and believes that Scotland is a country that is full of potential but that it is being failed by the SNP administration, and that, at the

> election in 2026, people in Scotland can choose a new administration that shares their ambitions and works to deliver the services that they deserve."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 98 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

Ross Greer moved amendment S6M-18671.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), insert at end "; is concerned that Scottish Government action to tackle the climate emergency has been scaled back, that targets for reducing child poverty have been missed and that the wealthiest 2% of households in Scotland hold more wealth than the bottom 50%; recognises that tackling the climate emergency, eradicating child poverty and ensuring high-quality and sustainable public services will require further redistribution of wealth, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to make bold use of its existing tax-raising powers, including the creation of new revenue-raising mechanisms for local government."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 111 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-18671.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18671 in the name of John Swinney (Priorities for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises that people feel let down and frustrated, and considers that Scotland deserves better than the current Scottish National Party administration; calls for first-rate healthcare, help with the cost of living, more support for pupils to help get Scottish education back to its best, and an end to the ferries fiasco, and believes that Scotland needs change with fairness at its heart."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 52 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18690—That the Parliament agrees that—

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Paul O'Kane as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Davy Russell be appointed to replace Foysol Choudhury as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Michael Marra be appointed to replace Paul O'Kane as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee; and

Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Mark Griffin as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18691—That the Parliament agrees that—

Ariane Burgess be appointed to replace Mark Ruskell as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18692—That the Parliament agrees that—

Michael Marra be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Foysol Choudhury be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Mark Griffin be appointed to replace Carol Mochan as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee; and

Rhoda Grant be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18693—That the Parliament agrees that—

Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Ariane Burgess as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Provision of NHS Dentistry: The Parliament debated S6M-17893 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament is concerned by the availability of NHS dentistry provision, with specific concerns relating to some dental practices

reportedly making the decision to no longer provide dentistry on the NHS for adult patients; understands that the operators of Breeze Dental Care in Fife have indicated their intention to restrict the NHS dental care that they provide to only those under the age of 26, affecting patients of both their Cowdenbeath and Cardenden practices; further understands that this decision has caused considerable stress for existing patients, who have reportedly been told that the only option to remain with the practice is to sign up to a private payment plan, which many cannot afford; regrets the reported anxiety that this has caused for some patients who have used the same dental practice for many decades of their life and are now unable to find any other dentists in their local area accepting new NHS dental patients; is troubled by situations such as this when a dentist decides to no longer offer NHS dental treatment, but existing patients have no recourse to move to another dentist due to a lack of availability in the provision; believes that this situation is unfair and risks disrupting continuity of care, which can be vital for people who have attended a local dentist for much of their life; understands that, in responding to this latest practice removing NHS provision, NHS Fife has said that “There is a national shortage of qualified dentists currently and this remains a significant issue impacting NHS dentistry across Scotland, including here in Fife”, and that “Health Boards like NHS Fife have no means of compelling practices to provide NHS dental services, and with the shift over recent years from smaller NHS-run practices to larger corporate entities, we have very limited influence over practice decisions”, and notes the belief that, as a result of many people across the Mid Scotland and Fife region, as well as across Scotland, finding it difficult to access NHS dentistry, the Scottish Government should review the availability of provision as well as what action can be taken to ensure that people remain able to access NHS dentistry.

The meeting closed at 6.32 pm.

No.23, Wednesday 3 September 2025

The meeting opened at 2:00 pm.

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

2. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Situation in Gaza.

3. Palestine: The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-18686—That the Parliament agrees with the recognition of the State of Palestine and that peace in the region must be pursued by all.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S6M-18686.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18686 in the name of Angus Robertson (Palestine), after "Palestine" insert "at the appropriate time and as part of a wider and lasting peace settlement in which the Palestinian people are free from the control of Hamas,".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 5 (including 1 proxy vote).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-18686.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18686 in the name of Angus Robertson (Palestine), insert at end "; welcomes the actions taken by the UK Government to respect the jurisdiction and independence of the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court, restore funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, restrict arms sales licences to prevent breaches of international law, issue sanctions on Israeli ministers and settlers in the West Bank and commit to recognising a Palestinian state at the UN General Assembly; calls on the Scottish Government to update the Parliament on the due diligence checks carried out by Scottish Enterprise during investment decision processes to ensure that defence products are not used in breaches of humanitarian law in Gaza or elsewhere, and considers that there must be an immediate ceasefire, with delivery of humanitarian aid and food into Gaza, the release of all the hostages and a pathway to a lasting peace between Israel and Palestine, secured by a two-state solution."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 6 (1 proxy vote)).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S6M-18686.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18686 in the name of Angus Robertson (Palestine), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to

immediately impose a package of boycotts, divestment and sanctions targeted at the State of Israel and at companies complicit in its military operations and its occupation of Palestine."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 31 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 21 (including 1 proxy vote).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 26).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees with the recognition of the State of Palestine and that peace in the region must be pursued by all; welcomes the actions taken by the UK Government to respect the jurisdiction and independence of the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court, restore funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, restrict arms sales licences to prevent breaches of international law, issue sanctions on Israeli ministers and settlers in the West Bank and commit to recognising a Palestinian state at the UN General Assembly; calls on the Scottish Government to update the Parliament on the due diligence checks carried out by Scottish Enterprise during investment decision processes to ensure that defence products are not used in breaches of humanitarian law in Gaza or elsewhere; considers that there must be an immediate ceasefire, with delivery of humanitarian aid and food into Gaza, the release of all the hostages and a pathway to a lasting peace between Israel and Palestine, secured by a two-state solution, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to immediately impose a package of boycotts, divestment and sanctions targeted at the State of Israel and at companies complicit in its military operations and its occupation of Palestine.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18695—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 4 September 2025—

after

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: The 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18696—That the Parliament agrees—
(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Ministerial Statement: Actions to Support Improved Relationships and Behaviour in Schools
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Twenty Years of Scotland's Railway Providing a Strong Platform for the Future
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business
Wednesday 10 September 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 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 11 September 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 Ministerial Statement: GFG Business Operations in Scotland
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 September 2025—

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 September 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 Stage 3 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 September 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 SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee Debate: SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review

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 8 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. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18697—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 16 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18698—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment to UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 November 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18699—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18700—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18701—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Employment Rights Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12 Recognising the Impact of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD): The Parliament debated S6M-18369 in the name of Kenneth Gibson— that the Parliament recognises the impact of chronic kidney disease (CKD) on individuals and the NHS,

with, it understands, thousands of people reliant on dialysis or living with a kidney transplant, and many more at risk of progression; understands that CKD is one of the most common and resource-intensive long-term conditions but considers that it lacks a specific policy focus; welcomes the Scottish Government's work on a long-term conditions strategy and notes the belief that the Scottish Government should include CKD as a dedicated strand, with actions on prevention, early diagnosis, equitable access to transplantation, and a home-first approach to dialysis care; notes the view that increasing support for home dialysis and improving organ donation rates would improve outcomes and reduce system pressures, and further notes the belief that the Scottish Government should work with people across Scotland, including in the Cunninghame North constituency, who are living with kidney disease, as well as clinicians, third sector organisations and industry, to deliver meaningful change.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

No.24, Thursday 4 September 2025

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. Peak Rail Fares Abolished: The Parliament debated S6M-18570 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's reported decision to abolish peak rail fares in Scotland; acknowledges what it sees as the ambition to make public transport more affordable and help people with the rising cost of living; considers that initiatives such as the abolition of peak rail fares can encourage more people to switch from cars and opt to use the train; believes that this can help tackle inequalities by making commuting, day trips and access to leisure activities more affordable, and notes the view that passengers in the Maryhill and Springburn constituency should be encouraged to use this opportunity, not only for the daily commute but to see all that Scotland has to offer.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Drug-related Deaths in Scotland in 2024 and the National Mission to Reduce Deaths and Improve the Lives of People Impacted by Drugs.

6. The 2022/23 and 2023/24 Audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland: Richard Leonard, on behalf of the Public Audit Committee, moved S6M-18680—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6), The 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (SP Paper 783).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-18704—That the Parliament agrees that the amendments tabled on 7 July 2025 to clauses 44 to 46 and 49 of the Employment Rights Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 October 2024, in relation to the establishment of the Social Care Negotiating Body for Scotland, so far as these amendments further alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 26).

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

No.25, Tuesday 9 September 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Margot Henderson, Poet Storyteller, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Actions to Support Improved Relationships and Behaviour in Schools.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what discussions it has had with Police Scotland about the policing of the For Women Scotland rally outside the Parliament on 4 September, regarding reports of disruptive behaviour by an individual and a lack of action taken against him by the police, was answered by Claire Baker.

5. Twenty Years of Scotland's Railway Providing a Strong Platform for the Future: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) moved S6M-18763—That the Parliament recognises that it is now 20 years since the devolution of executive powers over rail funding, specification and strategy for Scotland's railway; celebrates the 15th anniversary of the completion of the Airdrie-Bathgate route, instigated by the Labour and Liberal Democrat coalition and completed under the Scottish National Party, the 10th anniversary of the reopening of the Borders Railway and the first anniversary of the reopening of the Levenmouth route; recognises the many significant achievements over those 20 years, including electrification of over 570 kilometres of track, the opening of 30 new stations, and an increase of a fifth in ScotRail passenger numbers; welcomes the consistent delivery of operational performance and passenger satisfaction under public ownership and control, which are among the best levels in Britain; notes the need to continue to improve those performance levels; welcomes the investment of £13 billion over this period to sustain and grow the network through value-for-money projects, including the complete renewal of the Caledonian Sleeper fleet and operation; notes the cross-party support for the removal, for good, of ScotRail peak fares, first piloted while Scottish Green Party ministers were part of the Scottish Government; looks forward to the benefits from developments such as the completion of the electrification of the East Kilbride route, and the progression of procurement of new train fleets and further electrification, including the recently announced Fife and Borders routes; recognises that the UK Government's current proposals for rail reform draw heavily on the widely recognised success of the devolved approach to rail in Scotland; notes the Scottish Government's position that full devolution of rail is the optimal position but, in the absence of full devolution, Scotland's railway must benefit at least as much from those reforms as is promised for England and Wales, and agrees that any reforms that would diminish the Scottish Ministers' powers and the role of the Scottish Parliament already constrained by current UK legislation would be unacceptable to the Scottish Parliament, given the success the delivery model in Scotland has produced over the last two decades.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-18763.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18763 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Twenty Years of Scotland's Railway Providing a Strong Platform for the Future), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert "urges the Scottish Government to ensure that value-for-money and passenger satisfaction remain at the forefront of railway delivery in Scotland; notes that the cross-party support for the removal of peak rail fares was made possible thanks to a Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party motion that called on the Scottish Government to remove them; recognises the importance of rail to the Scottish economy and business, such as in the transportation of whisky and fresh produce, and agrees that rail is important to the future decarbonisation of transport; notes that new railway developments should be linked to future centres of population growth, such as at Winchburgh, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline how it plans to deliver upgraded rail links in existing towns and villages, and connect those that do not have a rail link; recognises that future development of the railway in Scotland is hindered by aging 19th century infrastructure; calls on the Scottish Government to outline how it plans to future-proof the rail network, and urges the Scottish and UK governments to outline how they will work together to deliver private investment in the rail network."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 80 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-18763.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18763 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (Twenty Years of Scotland's Railway Providing a Strong Platform for the Future), leave out from "that the UK Government's" to end and insert "the benefits of public ownership and welcomes proposals from the UK Government for the rest of the UK, including cross-border travel into Scotland; notes the repeated assurances from the UK Government that its plans on rail reform would not affect Scottish Government powers; welcomes the permanent removal of peak fares but notes that it only came about after significant pressure on the Scottish Government; acknowledges that ScotRail passenger numbers are still nearly 20% lower than pre-COVID-19-pandemic levels; recognises that, with punctuality and reliability being the highest complaint topics to ScotRail, more must be done to improve the service, including addressing overcrowding and short-forming, in order to achieve modal shift and attract passengers back to the railways, and acknowledges the importance of protections against violence and abuse for ScotRail workers."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

6. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18786— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 10 September 2025—

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Bus Services (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders are suspended.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 25).

7. Referral of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18787— That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

9. Celebrating Residential Outdoor Education for Young People: The Parliament debated S6M-18576 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the outstanding contribution of Scotland's residential outdoor education centres, including PGL Dalguise in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, in developing key life skills for young people, including confidence, independence, teamwork and resilience; considers that the will of the Parliament has been expressed on the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill, with a majority of MSPs, including those representing all political parties, agreeing to the general principles at stage 1 on 27 March 2025; notes that the Scottish Government must lodge a financial resolution by 26 September 2025 or the Bill falls; further notes that the Member in Charge of the Bill has produced a series of policy proposals and associated costings for consideration by the Scottish Government that, it believes, would mean the Bill would cost significantly less; understands that the Scottish Government is yet to provide a view on any of these policy proposals and that it is yet to identify at what level of cost it considers the Bill would become "affordable" to

enable a financial resolution to be lodged; further understands that the Scottish Government has not produced financial modelling with associated draft amendments on any proposals on affordability despite what it considers a commitment from the Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise when appearing before the Education, Children and Young People Committee to share draft amendments with the Member in Charge by the start of July 2025; notes the calls by members from all political parties, the outdoor education sector, and children and young people from across Scotland for the Bill to proceed to stage 2 for further scrutiny, and further notes the associated calls for a financial resolution to be lodged.

10. Motion without Notice: Liz Smith moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

No.26, Wednesday 10 September 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Improving Scotland's Finances: Murdo Fraser moved S6M-18779—That the Parliament notes with deep concern the Scottish Fiscal Commission's forecast of a £4.7 billion funding gap in 2029-30; recognises that without the Union dividend of £2,578 per person there would be a substantial deficit, with Scotland's 2024-25 net fiscal balancing standing at -£26.5 billion (-11.7% of GDP); regrets that the Scottish Government continues to dismiss these realities and prioritise constitutional campaigning over sound financial management; calls for urgent measures to restore credibility to Scotland's finances, including a full multi-year spending review to identify priorities, savings, and reform needs, a strategy to cap welfare spending growth, which is currently consuming a significant amount of resource growth, and create jobs by moving more people into work through reskilling and apprenticeships, a focus on productivity and economic growth to broaden Scotland's tax base by allowing businesses to thrive, and a robust public service reform and stronger Audit Scotland oversight to deliver better value; believes that the Parliament must focus on NHS waiting times, education standards, and community safety rather than fiscal denialism, and resolves that Scotland's future depends on fiscal discipline, growth, and accountable government within the United Kingdom.

The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved amendment S6M-18779.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18779 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Improving Scotland's Finances), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "that Scotland's public services have been hampered by the UK Conservative administration's austerity budgets; recognises the deep harm that the UK Conservative administration has done to the economies of the UK and Scotland with Brexit, and that this has reduced Scotland's public spending by £2.3 billion annually; further recognises that this loss of public finances impacts on Scotland's vital public services, including Scotland's NHS, support for a just transition, and skills training; notes that a public sector reform programme is underway with the aim of saving public money while protecting the delivery of frontline services; believes that the UK Labour administration should either explore the application of wealth taxation or devolve the necessary powers to Scotland so that the Scottish Parliament can do so; welcomes that the Scottish Government has already announced plans for a three-year spending review to be published alongside the upcoming Budget, and believes that it is only with the powers of independence and full control of the fiscal levers that a truly sustainable and fair system can be developed to support efficiency and public service delivery.

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-18779.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18779 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Improving Scotland's Finances), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises that, as a result of the Barnett formula, spending per head of population is higher in Scotland and that full fiscal autonomy would end this arrangement."

After debate, amendment S6M-18779.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-18779.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 54 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that Scotland's public services have been hampered by the UK Conservative administration's austerity budgets; recognises the deep harm that the UK Conservative administration has done to the economies of the UK and Scotland with Brexit, and that this has reduced Scotland's public spending by £2.3 billion annually; further recognises that this loss of public finances impacts on Scotland's vital public services, including Scotland's NHS, support for a just transition, and skills training; notes that a public sector reform programme is underway with the aim of saving public money while protecting the delivery of frontline services; believes that the UK Labour administration should either explore the application of wealth taxation or devolve the necessary powers to Scotland so that the Scottish Parliament can do so; welcomes that the Scottish Government has already announced plans for a three-year spending review to be published alongside the upcoming Budget, and believes that it is only with the powers of independence and full control of the fiscal levers that a truly sustainable and fair system can be developed to support efficiency and public service delivery.

3. Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government: Craig Hoy moved S6M-18780—That the Parliament acknowledges that the current number of asylum seekers accommodated in Scotland's local authority areas is becoming financially "unsustainable" for them, as confirmed by the Scottish National Party leader of Glasgow City Council; believes that asylum seekers should never have originally been accommodated in taxpayer-funded hotels; calls for the closure of all asylum hotels across Scotland as soon as possible, and rejects the Scottish Government's position outlined in its response to the UK Government's immigration white paper, which would see a further increase in the number of asylum seekers coming to Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S6M-18780.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18780 in the name of Craig Hoy (Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert " reaffirms individuals' rights to asylum under international law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol; upholds the European Convention on Human Rights, and highlights

> Scotland's place in the world as a welcoming nation to those fleeing persecution, conflict or danger."

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-18780.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18780 in the name of Craig Hoy (Impact of Accommodating Asylum Seekers on Scottish Local Government), leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert "regrets that the previous UK Conservative administration left the asylum system in a state of collapse; recognises the progress made by the UK Labour administration to clear the backlog of asylum claims, and believes that the failure to tackle the challenges facing Scotland's local authorities, public services and housing system, for which the Scottish Government has devolved responsibility and has received record levels of funding from the UK Labour administration, is the root cause of the housing emergency."

After debate, amendment S6M-18780.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-18780.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament reaffirms individuals' rights to asylum under international law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol; upholds the European Convention on Human Rights, and highlights Scotland's place in the world as a welcoming nation to those fleeing persecution, conflict or danger

4. Bus Services (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) moved S6M-18771—That the Parliament agrees, in relation to the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 17 December 2024, and subsequently amended, that the five clauses affecting registration of zero-emission vehicles for local services in Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 27).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18788—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
10.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business
Wednesday 17 September 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 Stage 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business
Thursday 18 September 2025
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
followed by Members' Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Motion of Condolence
followed by Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills
followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Care on the Isle of Skye
followed by SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee Debate: SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.20 pm Decision Time
Tuesday 23 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 September 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (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 15 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. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18789—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jackie Dunbar be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Keith Brown be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee; and

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18790—That the Parliament agrees that Foysol Choudhury be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-18785—That the Parliament recommends that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.27 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 as noted above.

11. Improving Bladder Cancer Diagnosis in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-18138 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes the view that it is important to improve bladder cancer diagnosis, care and treatment in Scotland,

in light of reports that outcomes for patients lag behind outcomes for bladder cancer patients elsewhere in the UK and in Europe; further notes the view that there is a need to improve the availability of staff and resources to improve the standard of care, and to support all those involved in diagnosing and treating bladder cancer in Scotland, including in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, such as nurses, GPs, urological surgeons, oncologists and other specialised healthcare professionals; acknowledges what it sees as the current dedication, tirelessness and passion shown by those individuals and organisations, such as Fight Bladder Cancer, that work to ensure that the best care is provided for this potentially life-changing disease, and notes the calls for all organisations to play their part in ensuring that the general public has awareness of this cancer and its symptoms so that bladder cancer can be caught and treated as early as possible.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

No.27, Thursday 11 September 2025

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. Scottish Youth Parliament's Work on Transport: The Parliament debated S6M-17147 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament acknowledges the efforts of the Scottish Youth Parliament's Transport, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee to remove barriers to young people accessing public transport; notes the view that public transport should be affordable, accessible and reliable for young people across Scotland, including in the Lothian region; further notes the view that particular action should be taken for young people in rural and island communities who, it considers, currently benefit less from the Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel scheme due to limited bus services and infrastructure in their areas; recognises what it sees as the benefits that affordable, accessible and reliable public transport have for young people's access to social, educational, youth work and employment opportunities, and notes the support for further action to be taken to improve young people's access to public transport.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on GFG Business Operations in Scotland.

6. Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-18795—That the Parliament recognises that demand for Scottish exports is strong due to Scotland's high-quality products and services, and its excellence in sectors such as food and drink, professional, scientific, and technical activities; notes that global trade challenges, including geopolitical uncertainty, Brexit, and trade tariffs, are having a detrimental impact on Scottish businesses; welcomes the Scottish Government's Six Point Export Plan, which is supporting Scottish businesses to respond to these challenges; notes that the additional support being provided, builds on effective and continued delivery of A Trading Nation, the Scottish Government's export growth strategy, as indicated through Scottish Enterprise's highest ever level of forecast export sales in 2024-25; acknowledges that meaningful collaboration between partners to promote Scotland internationally, using the Scottish Government-led award-winning Brand Scotland collateral, will boost awareness of Scotland's strengths and increase opportunities for export growth, and calls on the UK Government to fully address the continuing impacts of Brexit on Scottish and UK trade by rejoining the European Union, and reverse its damaging decision to increase employers' national insurance contributions, which is harming business confidence and Scotland's economy.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-18795.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18795 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "recognises that Scottish exporters operate in a competitive global market and benefit from the UK's ability to secure strategic trade deals and participate in global trading blocs, including the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership; recognises that agreements with India and the US mark a positive start in expanding opportunities for Scottish businesses in these important markets, alongside deals with partners such as Australia, Japan and Singapore; highlights that Scotland's key sectors, including engineering, advanced manufacturing, food and drink, energy, chemical sciences, and financial services, thrive because of enterprise, innovation and private investment rather than government brand campaigns; welcomes the strength of Scotland's defence sector in winning major export orders, exemplified by the £10 billion Type 26 frigate agreement with Norway for Scotland-manufactured warships that will sustain thousands of skilled jobs and growth across Scotland's wider manufacturing base; rejects calls to rejoin the EU, which would risk regulatory uncertainty and distract from delivering meaningful support; regrets that the Scottish Government continues to use trade policy to promote constitutional division, rather than business confidence, and calls for both of Scotland's governments to focus on cutting costs for employers, reducing unnecessary regulation, simplifying trade routes and working in genuine partnership with industry to grow Scotland's exports and secure jobs."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-18795.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18795 in the name of Kate Forbes (Supporting Scottish Exports in Response to Global Uncertainty), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes UK Government action to strengthen international alliances and reduce trade barriers with economies around the world through diplomacy and the delivery of trade deals with India, the US and the EU; calls on the Scottish Government to stop contributing to instability for business through its repeated calls for an independence referendum, and believes that exporting to the rest of the UK, Scotland's biggest trading partner, is a key stepping stone for international exports, and that both should be imbedded in business support from day one."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 49 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote)).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

No.28, Tuesday 16 September 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: David Jarvis, Speaking SBC, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18918—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—
(a) Tuesday 16 September 2025—

delete

10.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

8.35 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 17 September 2025—

delete

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Limited

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Stage 3 Timetable : The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18901—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 50 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 50 minutes
Groups 8 to 10: 2 hours 35 minutes
Groups 11 to 13: 3 hours 35 minutes
Groups 14 to 16: 4 hours 20 minutes
Groups 17 to 19: 5 hours 10 minutes
Groups 20 to 22: 6 hours

The motion was agreed to.

5. Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 5, 59, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, 60, 61, 37, 62, 38, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 39, 83, 84, 105A, 105B, 105C, 105D, 105E, 105, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 54, 56, 57, 3, 147A, 147, 151, 152A, 152B, 152C, 152, 1, 2, 153, 155, 156, 58, 94, 95, 161, 162, 163, 164 and 165.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

21 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 17)
64 (For 58 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 56, Abstentions 0)
87 (For 97 (including 2 proxy votes, Against 19 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
55 (For 63 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1)
The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

96 (For 40 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 58, Abstentions 17 (including 1 proxy vote))
31 (For 51 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 62 (including 1 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
63 (For 50 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 64 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
102 (For 51 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 57, Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))
101 (For 53 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
85 (For 54 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 59, Abstentions 0)
106 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
46 (For 28, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
108 (For 27, Against 80 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))
53 (For 42 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
109 (For 45 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

114 (For 47 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
115 (For 46 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 65 (including 1 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
148 (For 12 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 101 (including 1 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
150 (For 52 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 86, 157.

The following amendments were not moved: 97, 98, 99, 100, 32, 65, 104, 103, 107, 110, 111, 112, 113, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 149, 154, 158, 159 and 160.

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

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm.

No.29, Wednesday 17 September 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Minister.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Alexander Dennis Limited.

3. Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-18883—That the Parliament agrees that the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 46 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18921—That the Parliament —

(a) the following programme of—

Tuesday 23 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 24 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Literacy in Scotland's Schools

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business
Thursday 25 September 2025
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
followed by Members' Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport
followed by Ministerial Statement: One Scotland, Many Voices: A Shared Future
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business
Tuesday 30 September 2025
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 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.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18922—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill at stage 1 be completed by 16 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Committee Remits: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18923—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the remits of committees—

Name of Committee: Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, matters relating to housing and tenants' rights within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, and matters relating to local government boundaries, local governance review and democratic renewal.

New remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, with the exception of matters related to homelessness and rough sleeping, fuel poverty, and welfare and debt advice services; and matters relating to local government boundaries, local governance review and democratic renewal.

Name of Committee: Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice excluding matters relating to housing and tenants' rights.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, and matters related to homelessness and rough sleeping, fuel poverty, and welfare and debt advice services within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Housing.

Name of Committee: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

New remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, with the exception of matters relating to just transition; and on matters relating to land reform, natural resources and peatland, Scottish Land Commission, Crown Estate Scotland and Royal Botanic Garden within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. Nuclear Incidents: The Parliament debated S6M-18614 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament notes reports of the disclosure of a number of safety incidents at His Majesty’s Naval Base Clyde (Faslane) and the Royal Naval Armaments Depot Coulport, including the second Category A incident in two years; further notes that the UK Government and Ministry of Defence documentation has confirmed a number of "near-miss" incidents and safety breaches, including the radioactive contamination of Loch Long; notes what it sees as the concerns of constituents in Glasgow Anniesland and people across Scotland, and recognises the importance of ensuring the highest safety standards at these sites, particularly given their proximity to communities in Argyll and Bute and the wider west of Scotland.

9. Welcoming the Supreme Court's Judgment on the Definition of the Word "Woman": The Parliament debated S6M-17234 in the name of Pam Gosal—That the Parliament welcomes and respects the judgment of the Supreme Court of the UK on 16 April 2025 in the case, For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers; recognises that the court unanimously ruled that the terms "woman" and "sex" in the Equality Act 2010 refer to biological woman and biological sex; congratulates For Women Scotland on what it sees as the group's hard work and dedication in protecting and strengthening women's rights; considers that this decision will have many implications for the rights of women and girls, including those living in East and West Dunbartonshire, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to review its policies to ensure that these are in line with the law.

10. Motion without Notice: Pam Gosal moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

No.30, Thursday 18 September 2025

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. Increasing Frequency and Intensity of Wildfires: The Parliament debated S6M-18710 in the name of Emma Roddick—That the Parliament notes with grave concern the reported increasing frequency and intensity of wildfires in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands, and the devastating impact these events have on the environment, economy and communities; recognises what it sees as the unique vulnerability of the Highlands and Islands due to its expansive rural landscape, peatlands and the changing climate; highlights what it sees as the significant risks posed to biodiversity, air quality and critical infrastructure; recognises what it sees as the immense pressure that is placed on emergency services, local resources and the resilience efforts that are required from everyone, from government to third sector volunteers; notes the reported role of climate change, land management practices and human activity in contributing to these events, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to review its wildfire prevention and response strategies, and for cross-party collaboration to develop a robust, long-term plan to mitigate the threat of wildfires, discourage irresponsible behaviours and build resilience in communities.

4. Motion without Notice: Emma Roddick moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Motion of Condolence: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-18531—That the Parliament expresses its profound sadness at the death of George Reid; extends its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to his family and friends; appreciates the many years of public service that he gave as an MP, MSP, Presiding Officer, and Lord Lieutenant; recognises the substantial contribution that he made to the establishment of the Scottish Parliament and the securing of its place in the life of the nation, and acknowledges his humanitarian work over many decades and the high regard in which he was held by colleagues across the world.

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Improving Care on the Isle of Skye.

8. SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee Debate: SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review: Ben Macpherson, on behalf of the SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee, moved S6M-18936—That the Parliament welcomes and notes the SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee's 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6), SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review (SP Paper 828); recognises the Committee's conclusions and recommendations, including concerns that expanding the number of SPCB supported bodies risks further fragmenting the current landscape, increasing complexity for service users, and placing additional strain on the SPCB and parliamentary committee resources, and agrees with the Committee's recommendations that:

(a) the SPCB supported body landscape should not be expanded to include new advocacy-type SPCB supported bodies;

(b) any future proposals for new SPCB supported bodies must satisfy two-tier criteria, as set out in paragraph 150 of the report, comprising both justification and effectiveness tests, and that a parliamentary committee should be given the remit of assessing proposals against these criteria; and

(c) a parliamentary committee should be given the specific responsibility for the accountability and scrutiny of SPCB supported bodies for a fixed period as a pilot exercise in Session 7.

Martin Whitfield moved amendment S6M-18936.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-18936 in the name of Ben Macpherson (SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee Debate: SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review), leave out from ", and agrees" to end.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 81 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 1, Abstentions 3).

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

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

No.31, Tuesday 23 September 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Paul Rand, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 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-19021—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—
(a) Tuesday 23 September 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

delete

10.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 24 September 2025—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Provision and Access to Residential Outdoor Education for Children and Young People in Scotland

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Literacy in Scotland’s Schools

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

and insert

8.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 25 September 2025—

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. . **Appointment of Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-19015—That the Parliament agrees that Ben Macpherson be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will clarify its position regarding whether local authorities will be given powers to introduce a visitor levy on a flat charge basis, as an alternative to a percentage, was answered by Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee).

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19014—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Housing (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 2 hours

Groups 4 to 6: 3 hours 30 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 5 hours

Groups 10 to 11: 6 hours 30 minutes

Groups 12 to 14: 7 hours 50 minutes

Groups 15 to 17: 8 hours 45 minutes

Groups 18 to 20: 10 hours 35 minutes

Groups 21 to 24: 12 hours

Groups 25 to 27: 13 hours 45 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

7. Housing (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 125, 131, 132, 133, 134, 143, 149, 152, 155 and 70.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

123 (For 101 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 9 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
124 (For 103 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
60 (For 78 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 32 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
61 (For 77 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 33 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
62 (For 78 including 1 proxy vote), Against 32 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
137 (For 103 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))
63 (For 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
64 (For 59 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 52 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
65 (For 103 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 1, Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))
66 (For 98 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
67, 68 and 69 en bloc (For 99 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1)
72 (For 81 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
73 (For 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
74 (For 82 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

126, 127, 128, 129 and 130 en bloc (For 32 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 77 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1)
135 (For 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 59 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1)
136 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 101 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
138 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 103 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
139 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
271, 272, 273 and 274 en bloc (For 43, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
275 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
140 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
141 (For 42, Against 60 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))
142 (For 26, Against 77 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))
276 (For 41, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
144, 145, 146 and 147 en bloc (For 43, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

30 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
150 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 101 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
1 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote, Abstentions 0)
153 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 98 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
158 (For 41, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
160 (For 41, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
161 (For 41, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
162 (For 42, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
165 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 100 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
167 (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 100 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
169, 170 and 171 en bloc (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 100 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
71A (For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 100 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
71 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
281 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
282 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
4 (For 5, Against 98 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
75 (For 29 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 81 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
78A (For 24, (including 1 proxy vote) Against 85, (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
78 (For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 86 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
176A (For 43, Against 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
176 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
177 (For 24 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 86 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Amendment 3 was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn.

Amendment 270 was pre-empted.

The following amendments were not moved: 277, 31, 148, 32, 33, 151, 2, 154, 156, 157, 159, 278, 279, 163, 164, 166, 168, 172, 280, 174, 175, 34, 35, 36, 76, 77, 5.

The Deputy 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 second 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.

The Deputy Presiding Officer accepted a motion without notice, from the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), to suspend the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A. The motion was agreed to.

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

8. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19022—That the Parliament agrees that Jamie Hepburn be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 9.13 pm.

No.32, Wednesday 24 September 2025

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 a motion 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.

No.33, Thursday 25 September 2025

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister, Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

3. Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation Frigate: The Parliament debated S6M-18709 in the name of Paul Sweeney—That the Parliament welcomes the reported £10 billion deal for the UK to supply at least five Type 26 class frigates to Norway, which will be built by the Govan and Scotstoun shipyards on the River Clyde in Glasgow; notes with optimism the potential for the largest shipbuilding export deal in Scottish history to secure and create a significant number of highly skilled jobs in the shipbuilding industry and associated advanced manufacturing supply chain; understands that Scotland's shipyards now hold an orderbook for an expected 18 frigates and 13 Type 26 vessels for the Royal Navy and Royal Norwegian Navy, and five Type 31 vessels for the Royal Navy; further understands that that is the largest surface naval shipbuilding programme in Europe, and that it is rivalled only by those in the United States and China; recognises what it sees as the vital role of this industry to Scotland's economy; notes calls for the Scottish and UK governments to work collaboratively to aim to ensure that Scotland's firms and workers are at the forefront of this project, and to maximise the economic benefit and long-term security for communities across Scotland, and further notes the calls on them to consider ways of building on this with a comprehensive national shipbuilding strategy for Scotland that will secure further naval and commercial shipbuilding contracts for the country's shipyards.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19081—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 25 September 2025—

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Climate Action and Energy, and Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Equalities (Kaukab Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on One Scotland, Many Voices: A Shared Future.

7. Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Higher and Further Education (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-19027—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 39 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 2).

8. Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Higher and Further Education (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-18687—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (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) by division: For 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 18 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 23).

9. Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Skills and Education (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-19067—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-19035—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Dr Eleanor Ryan and Justine Riccomini be appointed to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Organ Donation Week 22 to 28 September 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-18544 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises Organ Donation Week, which runs from 22 to 28 September 2025, as what it sees as a vital moment to highlight the life-saving power of organ and tissue donation; understands that the opt-out system for organ and tissue donation in Scotland, which was implemented in 2021, still relies on family agreement; considers that many refusals happen because wishes are not discussed in advance; understands that in

2024-25, 274 people in Scotland benefitted from a transplant compared with 390 in 2023-24, which, it believes, is a worrying trend; welcomes the Scottish Government's "Don't Leave Your Loved Ones in Doubt" campaign, which urges registration and open talks; notes the support for engaging young people and the view that colleges and universities should help educate through the use of QR codes; values the reported role of faith leaders in confirming that there are no religious barriers to donation and clearing up myths; understands that nearly 8,000 people in the UK, including people in Scotland, await transplants, and notes the encouragement for all eligible individuals to register, share their wishes and help to save lives.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

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No.34, Tuesday 30 September 2025

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 1 proxy vote), 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).

8. 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.

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), 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).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

No.35, Wednesday 1 October 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Mobile Phones in Schools: Pam Duncan-Glancy moved S6M-19123—That the Parliament agrees that mobile phones should be banned for learners in school classrooms.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-19123.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19123 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy (Mobile Phones in Schools), insert at end ", and acknowledges that the Scottish Government's Guidance on Mobile Phones in Scotland's Schools makes clear that headteachers are empowered to implement full bans, should their professional judgment see fit to do so."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-19123.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19123 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy (Mobile Phones in Schools), leave out from "banned" to end and insert "subject to a clear national ban in classrooms, recognising the strong evidence of how distracting they are and how disruptive they can be to pupils' ability to learn and teachers' ability to teach; acknowledges that while headteachers and local authorities have some powers to restrict the use of mobile phones, existing Scottish guidance is weak, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to update its guidance with clear national direction on what is expected."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that mobile phones should be banned for learners in school classrooms, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government's Guidance on Mobile Phones in Scotland's Schools makes clear that headteachers are empowered to implement full bans, should their professional judgment see fit to do so.

3. Protecting Scotland's Fire Service : Katy Clark moved S6M-19124—That the Parliament expresses concern at the cuts proposed by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS); recognises the Cuts Leave Scars campaign, which was set up in 2023 in response to a decade of underfunding by the Scottish Government; notes the loss of over 1,250 firefighter jobs across Scotland since the establishment of the SFRS in 2013, leading to pumps being unavailable as a result of too few firefighters to crew them; regrets that, as a result of cuts, call handling times have increased in control rooms and response times have increased from 6 minutes and 51 seconds to 8 minutes and 20 seconds, which risks lives in Scotland; notes with concern the plans to close 13 stations and permanently withdraw 10 appliances, and encourages the Scottish Government to work alongside the SFRS and the Fire Brigades Union Scotland to ensure that there are no further cuts to firefighter numbers or fire cover and that safe crewing levels are guaranteed.

The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved amendment S6M-19124.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19124 in the name of Katy Clark (Protecting Scotland's Fire Service), leave out from "expresses" to end and insert "recognises that, whilst house fires have reduced by over 20% since 2013, due to the climate emergency, incidents and risk of flooding and wildfires have significantly increased; further recognises that the recent Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) Service Delivery Review aims to ensure that the service can respond to these changing risks and that the right firefighters and appliances are in the right place at the right time; notes that no decisions will be taken until an independent analysis of the public consultation has been carried out and that any changes would be implemented over a five-year period; agrees that all public services need to provide efficient and effective services that deliver value for the public purse, and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to work alongside the SFRS and the Fire Brigades Union to ensure that Scotland has safer communities."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 55 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 52 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 3).

Sharon Dowey moved amendment S6M-19124.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19124 in the name of Katy Clark (Protecting Scotland's Fire Service), insert at end "; recognises that the Scottish Government's mismanagement of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) has resulted in an £800 million operational backlog that has mostly resulted from the failure to bring stations up to modern standards, with 18 fire stations lacking running water; notes that the SFRS is coming under increasing strain thanks to the pressures presented by wildfires, and that the public are becoming more concerned about the fire hazards presented by battery storage sites, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that firefighters have the basic resources to do their job, to ensure that lives are not needlessly lost."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 56 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 2).

The motion, as amended was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 56 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 53 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 3).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that, whilst house fires have reduced by over 20% since 2013, due to the climate emergency, incidents and risk of flooding and wildfires have significantly increased; further recognises that the recent Scottish Fire and Rescue Service's (SFRS) Service Delivery Review aims to ensure that the service can respond to these changing risks and that the right firefighters and appliances are in the right place at the right time; notes that no decisions will be taken until an independent analysis of the public consultation has been carried out and that any changes would be implemented over a five-year period; agrees that all public services need to provide efficient and effective services that deliver value for the public purse, and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to work alongside the SFRS and the Fire Brigades Union to ensure that Scotland has safer communities.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) made a statement and answered questions on Urban Gulls Summit.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19136—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

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 Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation - Capacity and Future of Secure

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 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

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Youth Mental Health Support

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

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Planning and Infrastructure Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 October 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 October 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Natural Environment (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 6 October 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. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19137—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 23 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19138—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 30 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19139—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Local Development Plan) (Repeals) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 8 as noted above.

10. International FASD Day and the Need for Awareness: The Parliament debated S6M-18639 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament notes that 9 September 2025 is International FASD Day; understands that FASD, or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, is a preventable neurodevelopmental condition with lifelong cognitive, emotional and behavioural challenges, which occurs when prenatal alcohol exposure affects the developing brain and body; acknowledges reports that 4% of the population are affected, and each person with FASD is affected differently, often requiring lifelong support in education and post school settings to optimise their life experience; understands that, while the guideline in Scotland for pregnant women, or women trying to conceive is, “no alcohol, no risk”, 46% of pregnancies in the UK are unplanned so without better awareness, people may continue their pre-conception lifestyle until they have a positive pregnancy test; recognises the importance of prevention, early diagnosis and intervention; notes that unrecognised FASD can lead to people ending up in vulnerable situations, particularly given reports that many professionals do not fully understand the symptoms and effects of FASD; understands that populations of concern include people in contact with the criminal justice system, care experienced people, people who are homeless, and people with substance misuse issues; notes the view that training for health and social care professionals in identifying possible FASD is vital; considers that the use of Alcohol Brief Interventions for pregnant women is a useful tool in reducing the risk of FASD; notes the view that alcohol producers should be mandated to provide clear written pregnancy warnings on their products, and understands that there is an estimated economic benefit of £1.4 million for each case of FASD that is avoided.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm.

No.36, Thursday 2 October 2025

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister, a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

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

3. Investing in Rail to Unlock the Wealth and Economic Potential of the Highlands: The Parliament debated S6M-18953 in the name of Ariane Burgess—That the Parliament believes that the Highland Main Line is a crucial transport link supporting tourism, freight transport and many vibrant communities; understands with concern that, despite this, two thirds of the 118-mile line, which it considers to be a critical route, remains single track and diesel operated, resulting in journey times that are reportedly similar to those from the Victorian era; believes that this results in frequent delays and causes limited capacity for passengers and freight; notes what it sees as the economic opportunities that can be offered by expanding and improving the nation's rail network, including connecting communities and boosting sustainable freight capacity to support major industries, such as the whisky and forestry sectors in the Highlands; considers that the work of the Highland Main Line Community Rail Partnership has been fantastic in improving the rail network by finding uses for redundant buildings and supporting passenger services; acknowledges the work of Network Rail in exploring additional passing loops, and notes the view that the line should be electrified and dualled to develop more reliable and environmentally sustainable rail transport for communities in the Highlands and neighbouring regions, as well as inter-city commuters and tourists visiting the north of mainland Scotland.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Prison Population.

6. Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill: Maurice Golden moved S6M-19121—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what urgent action it will take to address the reported crisis in the college sector, in light of the findings in the Audit Scotland publication, Scotland's colleges 2025 was answered by the Minister for Higher and Further Education (Ben Macpherson).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

9. Commending Give Blood 4 Good's Efforts to Secure Scotland's Blood Supply: The Parliament debated S6M-18736 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament commends the charitable work of Give Blood 4 Good (GB4G), which was founded in 2019 in memory of Patrick Smith, an Edinburgh student who passed away and who was a passionate advocate for blood donation; understands that GB4G was established to address a significant gap in the number of young people becoming blood donors, and to encourage a new generation to step forward; recognises what it sees as the effectiveness of its educational initiatives, including the Young Ambassador Programme for high school students, which uses e-learning and hands-on activities to inform and engage students; believes that this programme not only educates young people on the lifesaving importance of blood donation but also provides them with transferable skills that can be used on CVs and university applications; understands that each blood donation has the potential to save or improve up to three lives; welcomes the charity's work, and recognises the importance of blood donation in Coatbridge and Chryston and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

No.37, Tuesday 7 October 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ali Hussnain, Co-Chair of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society, 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-19264—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—
(a) Tuesday 7 October 2025—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) Wednesday 8 October 2025—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation – Capacity and Future of Secure

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025

delete

5.40 Decision Time

and insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 9 October 2025—

after

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

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill – UK Legislation

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill: The Parliament considered the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 59, 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57.

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 58, 61.

The following amendments were not moved: 60, 62, 63, 64 and 65.

5. Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-19228—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

6. 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 4.36pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

8. Addressing the Postcode Lottery of Early Learning and Childcare Provision: The Parliament debated S6M-19090 in the name of Jamie Greene—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of funded early learning and childcare in giving every child in Scotland the best start in life; believes that funded places have a vital part to play in helping parents return to work and boosting Scotland's economy; considers that the high cost of childcare is creating real barriers for parents who want to get back into work; understands with regret that many local authorities in the West Scotland region, including Inverclyde Council, North Ayrshire Council and East Dunbartonshire Council, only offer funded places from the start of the term after a child's third birthday, leaving some families missing out on up to four months of support; considers that this postcode lottery stems from the Scottish Government's *Early Learning and Childcare Statutory Guidance*, and notes the calls

for the Scottish Government to guarantee that funded places are available from the day after a child's third birthday, and that children are treated fairly, no matter where they live or when they are born.

9. Securing the Long-term Sustainability of Scotland's Health Service: The Parliament debated S6M-17486 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) 2025 Fiscal Sustainability Report, which was published on 22 April 2025; notes with concern that the report indicates the potential for growing fiscal pressures over the next 50 years, largely due to the combination of Scotland's ageing population and increasingly poor public health driving up health spending; understands from the research that health spending, which is already the largest area of spending within the Scottish Budget, is projected to grow from 34% of devolved public spending in 2029-30 to 47% by 2074-75; notes the analysis indicating that, as a result of demographic change, the Scottish Budget will face a significant challenge within the next 20 years unless action is taken soon to address rising levels of preventable illness, including long-term chronic conditions; further notes the view that, without any intervention, the worst case scenario set out by the SFC would leave a future Scottish administration being forced to choose between cuts to the health service or sacrificing other public services to sustain health spending; considers that helping people across Scotland, including in the South Scotland region, to live longer, healthier lives can reduce growth in healthcare costs as the population ages; notes the belief that this can be achieved through the delivery of a robust, preventative health agenda, integrated across multiple policy portfolios, that promotes inclusion, physical activity and good nutrition; further notes the view that it is essential for the Scottish Government to set out how it proposes to address the issues identified in the 2025 Fiscal Sustainability Report, in particular the specific steps that it will take to address the forecast gap resulting from poor public health, and notes the belief that politicians from across the political spectrum must have a shared commitment to improving public health if that goal is to be achieved

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.

No.38, Wednesday 8 October 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing: Russell Findlay moved S6M-19252—That the Parliament believes that illegal immigration must be stopped because of the damaging impact on public finances and local communities; recognises that the Scottish Government's decision to suspend local connection rules in relation to homelessness provision back in 2022 has contributed towards attracting asylum seekers to Scotland at an unsustainable level, and calls on the Scottish Government to immediately reverse this decision.

The Cabinet Secretary for Housing (Màiri McAllan) moved amendment S6M-19252.5—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "notes that the suspension of local connection referrals in 2022 did not change the rights of newly recognised refugees to choose where they settle in Scotland, nor did it prevent Scottish local authorities from referring households presenting as homeless to an English or Welsh local authority with which they have a local connection; reaffirms that Scotland is a welcoming nation to people fleeing persecution, seeking safety and who have been granted refugee status, ensuring that they can rebuild their lives in the country through the New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy; highlights action in Scotland to tackle homelessness and destitution, including new prevention measures in the Housing (Scotland) Bill, increased investment in affordable homes and the £4 million investment in homelessness prevention pilots, alongside the extension of rapid rehousing transition plan funding of £8 million into 2026-27, and calls again on the UK Government to urgently uphold the European Convention on Human Rights, 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol."

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-19252.4—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19252 in the name of Russell Findlay (Stopping Illegal Immigration and Recognising its Impact on Housing), leave out from "because" to end and insert "; regrets that the previous UK Conservative administration left the immigration system in a state of collapse; recognises the progress made by the UK Labour administration to clear the backlog of asylum claims, and believes that the failure to tackle the challenges facing Scotland's local authorities, public services and housing system, for which the Scottish Government has devolved responsibility and has received record levels of funding from the UK Government, is the root cause of the housing emergency."

After debate, amendment S6M-19252.5 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-19252.4 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that the suspension of local connection referrals in 2022 did not change the rights of newly recognised refugees to choose where they settle in Scotland, nor did it prevent Scottish local authorities from referring households presenting as homeless to an English or Welsh local authority with which they have a local connection; reaffirms that Scotland is a welcoming nation to people fleeing persecution, seeking safety and who have been granted refugee status, ensuring that they can rebuild their lives in the country through the New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy; highlights action in Scotland to tackle homelessness and destitution, including new prevention measures in the Housing (Scotland) Bill, increased investment in affordable homes and the £4 million investment in homelessness prevention pilots, alongside the extension of rapid rehousing transition plan funding of £8 million into 2026-27, and calls again on the UK Government to urgently uphold the European Convention on Human Rights, 1951 Refugee Convention and 1967 Protocol.

3. Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships: Murdo Fraser moved S6M-19253—That the Parliament recognises that future economic growth is reliant on providing the right opportunities to create good jobs that allow businesses to expand; notes with concern the findings of the recent Audit Scotland report, highlighting a 20% real-terms cut in funding to the college sector over the past five years, and believes that this has a negative impact on the economy and limits opportunities for young people to get ahead; acknowledges the concern from business representative groups about the future of apprenticeships, and the harm that a restriction in apprenticeship numbers causes to job creation in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to restore funding to Scotland's colleges and raise the number of modern apprenticeship places from 25,507 in 2024-25 to at least the 34,000 identified by Skills Development Scotland as necessary to meet Scottish economic growth ambitions.

The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved amendment S6M-19253.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19253 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships), leave out from "with concern" to end and insert "the Audit Scotland report entitled, Scotland's colleges 2025, and the importance of continued investment in Scotland's colleges and skills system to support inclusive economic success, prosperity and job creation, including provision of around three quarters of a billion pounds in Scotland's colleges in 2025-26, and an additional £3.5 million for skills, through the Scottish Budget; acknowledges that this is particularly important in the thriving sectors, like those critical to realising the transition to

> net zero, and the shared opportunities of this; recognises the key role that colleges, employers and training providers have played in ensuring that 93% of school leavers have a positive destination, and providing apprenticeships and training to a record 39,000 individuals, and notes, however, concern about the impact of Brexit and the UK Government's migration system, which is contributing to key skills gaps and labour market shortages."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Lorna Slater moved amendment S6M-19253.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19253 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Backing Scotland's Colleges and Apprenticeships), leave out from "that future" to end and insert "the transformative power of education and training, and the vital roles that colleges and apprenticeships play in supporting young people and building resilient communities, including in a just transition away from fossil fuels; acknowledges the importance of having college facilities located close to where people live, ensuring accessibility and inclusion; believes that improved college governance is essential to prevent poor management decisions and to safeguard the quality of provision; acknowledges the work of EIS-FELA and UNISON in campaigning for better further education provision and supporting college staff across the country who face uncertainty about the future; calls for enhanced outcomes for women, students and apprentices, to ensure that they are not disproportionately channelled into low-waged sectors; urges colleges to align their skills offerings with the ambitions of the National Performance Framework; supports the introduction of regulated minimum training hours and standards for apprenticeships; believes that colleges must be living wage employers and exemplars of fair work practices, and calls for all apprentices to be paid a living wage."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the transformative power of education and training, and the vital roles that colleges and apprenticeships play in supporting young people and building resilient communities, including in a just transition away from fossil fuels; acknowledges the importance of having college facilities located close to where people live, ensuring accessibility and inclusion; believes that improved college governance is essential to prevent poor management decisions and to safeguard the quality of provision; acknowledges the work of EIS-FELA and UNISON in campaigning for better further education provision and supporting college staff across the country who face uncertainty about the future; calls for enhanced outcomes for women, students and apprentices, to ensure that they are not

disproportionately channelled into low-waged sectors; urges colleges to align their skills offerings with the ambitions of the National Performance Framework; supports the introduction of regulated minimum training hours and standards for apprenticeships; believes that colleges must be living wage employers and exemplars of fair work practices, and calls for all apprentices to be paid a living wage.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes) made a statement and answered questions on Secure Accommodation – Capacity and Future of Secure.

5. Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025: The Parliament debated Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025.

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19267—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 October 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 29 October 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 30 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 4 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 November 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 6 November 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 Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Strengthening Committees' Effectiveness

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 27 October 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.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19268—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders are suspended.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 26).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19269—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 51 (including 1 proxy vote, Against 25, Abstentions 33 (including 2 proxy votes).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19270—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19271—That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19272—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed (DT)

12. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19273—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed (DT)

13 Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

14. Bowel Cancer Screening: The Parliament debated S6M-18931 in the name of Edward Mountain—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Government in taking the lead in bowel cancer screening; understands that Scotland has the most sensitive level of screening in the whole of the UK; notes calls on the Scottish Government to continue to lead the way by working with bowel cancer charities to ensure that Scotland remains at the forefront of UK bowel cancer screening; congratulates all bowel cancer charities on their continued work, and notes that Stoma Aware Day/World Ostomy Day is on 4 October 2025, which, it believes, is vital in continuing to raise awareness.

The meeting closed at 7.31 pm.

No.39, Thursday 9 October 2025

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 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 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.

No.40, Tuesday 28 October 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Bryan Kerr, Parish Minister, Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark, 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-19440—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—s

(a) Tuesday 28 October 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Scotland's Commitment to International Development

(b) Thursday 30 October 2025—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Planning and Infrastructure Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Financial Resolution: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and a Cabinet Secretary.

4. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Commitment to International Development.

5. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19429—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the Stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3	1 hr 45 minutes
Groups 4 to 5	3 hrs 30 minutes
Groups 6 to 7	5 hrs 15 minutes
Groups 8 to 9	6 hrs 30 minutes
Groups 10 to 11	8 hrs 45 minutes
Groups 12 to 13	10 hours
Groups 14 to 20	11 hours 30 minutes
Groups 21 to 24	12 hours 45 minutes
Groups 25 to 27	14 hours
Groups 28 to 29	15 hours

The motion was agreed to by division: For 86 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0).

6. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Parliament considered the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 256, 257, 134, 135, 138, 139, 140, 269, 143, 151, 152, 153, 278, 154, 280, 156, 159, 160, 161, 167, 168, 170, 172 and 173.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

117 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
235 (For 88 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
236 (For 88 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
237 (For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
239 (For 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 42 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
243 (For 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
244 (For 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
123 (For 81 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 32, Abstentions 0)
250 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
258 (For 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
126 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
260 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
130 (For 97 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 16 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
262 (For 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
263 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)
141 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)
270 (For 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
276 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)

279 (For 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
157 (For 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
158 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
162 (For 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
163 (For 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
164 (For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
165 (For 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
166 (For 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
174 (For 82 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 30 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

115 (For 23 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
233 (For 23 (including 2 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
116 (For 27 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
16 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
118 (For 28, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
119 (For 7 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 108 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
17 (For 41 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
18 (For 27, Against 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
120 (For 26, Against 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
121 (For 26, Against 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
240 (For 25, Against 88 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
241 (For 25, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
242 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
19 (For 27, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
122 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
20 (For 27, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
245 (For 27, Against 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
246 (For 27, Against 88 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
247 (For 27, Against 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
248 (For 27, Against 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
21 (For 27, Against 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
125 (For 27, Against 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
251 (For 41 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
252 (For 27, Against 84 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
259 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
128 (For 30, Against 81 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
22 (For 42 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
6 (For 23 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

23 (For 25, Against 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
1 (For 25, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
24 (For 24 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
265 (For 25, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
136 (For 24, Against 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
266 (For 23 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
137 (For 25, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
142 (For 27 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 80, Abstentions 0)
28 (For 25, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
29 (For 42 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
30 (For 30, Against 81 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
31 (For 29, Against 81 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
32 (For 29, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
34 (For 30, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
145 (For 30, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
35 (For 29, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
36 (For 30, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
146 (For 26, Against 85 (including 3 proxy votes) , Abstentions 0)
147 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 62 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
37 (For 26, Against 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
148 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
271 (For 28, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
272 (For 29, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
149 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
38 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
150 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
273 (For 30, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
274 (For 28, Against 82 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
39 (For 37 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
277 (For 25, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
41 (For 26, Against 85 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
42 (For 24, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
155 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
43 (For 25, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
7 (For 24 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
46 (For 26, Against 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
47 (For 24 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
51 (For 43 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
169 (For 26, Against 87 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
285 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 232.

The following amendment was pre-empted: 131.

The following amendments were not moved: 234, 238, 124, 249, 253, 254, 255, 127 (and as a consequence 127A), 129, 261, 132, 133, 264, 25, 26, 27, 267, 268, 144, 33, 275, 40, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 281, 282, 283, 284, 171, 286.

7. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent sentencing of a grooming gang in Dundee, what urgent action it will take to establish a national taskforce to identify and dismantle any exploitation networks targeting children and vulnerable adults in Scotland, was answered by Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took no decisions as a result of today's business.

The meeting closed at 9.49 pm.

No.41, Wednesday 29 October 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Ensuring Safe Maternity Services in Scotland.

3. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding the housing of asylum seekers at Cameron Barracks in Inverness, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville).

4. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Parliament continued consideration the Bill at Stage 3.

Due to a significant technical disruption the following items were not taken.

5. Business Programme: S6M-19441—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 November 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

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 November 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 Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Strengthening Committees' Effectiveness

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 11 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 November 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 Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 November 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: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) 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 3 November 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.

6. Stage 1 Extension: S6M-19442—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 14 November 2025.

7. Approval of SSI: S6M-19443—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Administration) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

8. Approval of SSI: S6M-19444—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Councillors) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

9. Approval of SSI: S6M-19445—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

10. Approval of SSI: S6M-19446—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

11. Approval of SSI: S6M-19447—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

12. Approval of SSI: S6M-19448—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

13. Approval of SSI: S6M-19449—That the Parliament agrees that the Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

14. Approval of SSI: S6M-19450—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

15. Suspension of Standing Orders: S6M-19451—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

No.42, Thursday 30 October 2025

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. Regretting Bank Closures: The Parliament debated S6M-19202 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament regrets the latest round of bank closure announcements from Bank of Scotland and other operators across Scotland and the UK; further regrets what it sees as the failure to properly consult with customers and local businesses before closure decisions are taken; notes the calls for all high street bank operators to consider adopting a "branch promise" to halt future closures and to prevent banking deserts developing; expresses concern regarding what it sees as the fragile future of rural banking, including in the South Scotland region, and notes the calls for Link and Cash Access UK to do all they can to fully maintain access to cash and banking services when high street banks close branches.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19481—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 5 November 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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 November 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 Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Strengthening Committees' Effectiveness

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 11 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 November 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 Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 November 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: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) 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 3 November 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.

5. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19442—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 14 November 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19443—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Administration) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19444—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Councillors) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19445—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19446—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19447—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19448—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19449—That the Parliament agrees that the Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19450—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

14. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19451—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

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

16. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-19422—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-18730—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Natural Environment (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).

18. Planning and Infrastructure Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-19454—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 a new clause on wind generation stations that may affect seismic array systems, inserted after clause 28, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

19. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved S6M-19456—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (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) by division: For 70 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 31 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 11).

20. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 16, 17, 18 and 19 as noted above.

21. Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness: The Parliament debated S6M-19085 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament recognises that October 2025 is Liver Cancer Awareness Month, with cholangiocarcinoma (CCA), which is also known as bile duct cancer, considered to be the second most common primary liver cancer in the world; acknowledges that CCA has few symptoms in its early stages and that people who present with it tend to have quite vague symptoms, such as nausea and loss of appetite, which makes it difficult to diagnose and often managed too late, leading to it having among the worst survival rates of any cancer; notes with concern

that, although most cases occur in people over 60, prevalence of the condition appears to be increasing across all age groups, including younger people; notes calls for a comprehensive genomic testing programme, which was approved by NHS Scotland in 2023, to be implemented; believes that this could identify over four-in-five potentially treatable gene faults in CCA patients; welcomes groups such as AMMF, the UK's only charity solely dedicated to CCA, on providing information and support to people who need it, campaigning to raise awareness and funding research, and notes the view that more needs to be done to raise awareness of this type of cancer to improve outcomes for patients.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

No.43, Tuesday 4 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mandy Evans Ewing, Humanist, led Time for Reflection

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Minister.

3. Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship: The Parliament debated S6M-19487 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament notes the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6), Inquiry Into Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship (SP Paper 849).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 179, 182, 183, 188, 189, 190, 192, 195, 209, 210, 324, 325, 326, 327, 345, 224, 228 and 349.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

175 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
176 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
178 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
184 (For 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
187 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 30, Abstentions 0)
191 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 112 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 7 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
298 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
300 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
301 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
303 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
194 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
198 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
88 (For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
312 (For 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
313 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
89A (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
89D (For 87 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 31, Abstentions 0)
89E (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
89F (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
89 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
323 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)

211 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
212 (For 89 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)
214 (For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)
346 (For 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
226 (For 96 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 21(including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
227 (For 99 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 19 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
347 (For 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

52 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
8 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
53 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
9 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
10 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
177 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
11 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
55 (For 29 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
180 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
181 (For 29, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
59 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
60 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
185 (For 28, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
61 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
291 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
186 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
63 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
64 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
292 (For 27, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
392 (For 31 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
67 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
68 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
69 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
71 (For 28, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
72 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
193 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
74 (For 29, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
295 (For 28, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
297 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

75 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
2 (For 29, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
15 (For 28 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
76A (For 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
76 (For 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
305 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
306 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
307 (For 25, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
4 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
78 (For 27, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
79 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
80 (For 26, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
81 (For 26, Against 93 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
82 (For 27, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
83 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
84 (For 25, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
85 (For 25, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
86 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
87 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
199 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
201 (For 33, Against 86 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
309 (For 21 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 99 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
202 (For 52 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
311 (For 8 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 87, Abstentions 20 (including 1 proxy vote))
204 (For 25, Against 87 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
205 (For 28, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
206 (For 27 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 91(including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
316 (For 9 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 20 (including 2 proxy votes))
318 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 1)
319 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
320 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 71 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
321 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 7 (including 2 proxy votes))
322 (For 24, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
90 (For 25, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
91, 92, 93 and 94 en bloc (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

328 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
215 (For 42 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
216 (For 43 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
217 (For 44(including 1 proxy vote), Against 71(including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
218 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
219 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 72 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
95 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
96 (For 45(including 1 proxy vote), Against 72(including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
97 (For 25, Against 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
98 (For 26, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
220 (For 26, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 1)
221 (For 26, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
222 (For 26, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
99 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
100 (For 26, Against 92 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
101, 102, 103 and 104 en bloc (For 25, Against 90 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
105 (For 27, Against 91 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
348 (For 28, Against 89 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 196, 208, 317, 213.

The following amendments were not moved: 54, 56, 57, 58, 12, 287, 288, 289, 290, 62, 293, 294, 66, 70, 73, 296, 299, 302, 304, 77, 3, 197, 200, 5, 308, 310, 89C, 89B, 89G, 207, 314, 315, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 223 and 225.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

No.44, Wednesday 5 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19555—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 6 November 2025—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Draft Climate Change Plan 2025

The motion was agreed to.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and then Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Scotland's Maternity Services: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-19512—That the Parliament is alarmed by the serious patient safety issues raised in recent inspection reports of maternity services, and calls on the Scottish Government to launch a national investigation into the design and delivery of maternity and neonatal services across Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-19512.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19512 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Scotland's Maternity Services), leave out from ", and calls" to end and insert "; agrees that a national investigation into the design and delivery of maternity services should take place if Scotland's new Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce recommends it, and that it should give full consideration to staff and patient welfare; notes that the taskforce will review the findings of Healthcare Improvement Scotland's inspections into all maternity units in Scotland; recognises that no neonatal unit in Scotland is closing, and notes that the new model of neonatal intensive care in Scotland was recommended by the Best Start 2017 report, following robust clinical evidence on the safest and best possible model for the sickest babies."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 53 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-19512.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19512 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Scotland's Maternity Services), insert at end "; recognises that a comprehensive NHS workforce plan is required for doctors, nurses and midwives to address staffing shortages, and that women in rural areas in particular are facing difficult journeys to access maternity services; urges the Scottish Government to swiftly make improvements to maternity services across Scotland and ensure that the recommendations and requirements issued by Healthcare Improvement Scotland following maternity service inspections are fully implemented, and calls on the Scottish Government to pause its plans to downgrade neonatal intensive care units until the national investigation has concluded and the Scottish Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce has reported on it."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-19512.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19512 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Scotland's Maternity Services), insert at end "; notes that, following the downgrading of the consultant-led maternity unit at Caithness General Hospital in 2016, women in Caithness can face a 100 mile trip down the A9 to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness to give birth, and calls on the Scottish Government to commission an independent review of maternity services in Caithness."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).
The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 20 (including 1 proxy vote)).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament is alarmed by the serious patient safety issues raised in recent inspection reports of maternity services; agrees that a national investigation into the design and delivery of maternity services should take place if Scotland’s new Maternity and Neonatal Taskforce recommends it, and that it should give full consideration to staff and patient welfare; notes that the taskforce will review the findings of Healthcare Improvement Scotland’s inspections into all maternity units in Scotland; recognises that no neonatal unit in Scotland is closing: notes that the new model of neonatal intensive care in Scotland was recommended by the Best Start 2017 report, following robust clinical evidence on the safest and best possible model for the sickest babies; notes that, following the downgrading of the consultant-led maternity unit at Caithness General Hospital in 2016, women in Caithness can face a 100 mile trip down the A9 to Raigmore Hospital in Inverness to give birth, and calls on the Scottish Government to commission an independent review of maternity services in Caithness.

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

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 378, 379, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390 and 391.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

229 (For 88 (including 5 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
230 (For 89 (including 5 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
231 (For 90 (including 5 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
377 (For 90 (including 5 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
380 (For 90 (including 5 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

106 (For 28, Against 87 (including 5 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
107, 108, 109, 110, 111 and 112 en bloc (For 26, Against 91 (including 5 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
113 (For 46 (including 1 proxy votes), Against 71 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 114 and 366.

5. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-19421—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 9 (including 3 proxy votes)).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19534—That the Parliament agrees—
(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Wildfire Summit

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 November 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 Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 November 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Winter Preparedness and National Planning Priorities for Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 November 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 November 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Community Wealth Building (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 10 November 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.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19535—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Release of Prisoners (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 5).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19536—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential

Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19537—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 24 (am), Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December 2025.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Campaign Recess: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19538—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) for the purpose of the pre-election campaign period from 26 March to 8 April 2026 (inclusive), that the office of the clerk be closed from 26 March to 8 April 2026 (inclusive);

(b) in respect of meetings of committees and sub-committees during the pre-election campaign period, that, in rule 12.3.3, the word "normally" in the second sentence be suspended; and

(c) for the purpose of the lodging of written questions immediately prior to the pre-election campaign period, that rule 13.3.4A be suspended and replaced with—

"The last day on which written questions may be lodged in the current session is Thursday 12 March 2026."

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19539—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of the pre-election campaign period from 26 March to 8 April 2026 (inclusive), the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 26 March to 8 April 2026 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. 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 6.57 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

13. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 7, 8. 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

14. Scotland's Commitment to Global Climate Justice and Fair Climate Finance: The Parliament debated S6M-19280 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon—That the Parliament notes that Glasgow hosted the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in 2021, which it considers built momentum for the establishment of the historic Loss and Damage Fund; understands that Scotland became the first nation to contribute to this fund with an initial £2 million pledge, demonstrating, it believes, Scotland's leadership in climate justice; considers that climate change disproportionately affects the world's most vulnerable communities that have contributed the least to the problem; believes that addressing climate impacts requires transformative fiscal reform and international cooperation to tackle economic and environmental inequalities; notes the view that industrialised countries and historic emitters, including Scotland and the UK, must meet their fair share of international climate finance, which it understands is estimated globally to be between £7.6 billion and £33 billion annually; further notes what it sees as Scotland's ongoing commitment to championing climate justice and building on Glasgow's COP26 legacy and the precedent set by Scotland's Loss and Damage Fund contributions throughout the current parliamentary session, and notes the support for continued advocacy for these principles in international fora and within climate and development strategies.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm.

No.45, Thursday 6 November 2025

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

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

3. Protecting Scotland's Rivers: The Parliament debated S6M-19194 in the name of Audrey Nicoll—That the Parliament believes that Scotland has abundant rivers and streams, which support a diverse ecosystem and are the lifeblood of the landscape and central to the nation's brand, economy and sense of place; considers that they are now one of the country's most nature-depleted and endangered habitats; believes that this has arisen from a range of factors, including major flood events, water scarcity and increasing temperatures; expresses its concern regarding what it sees as the devastating decline in the population of freshwater pearl mussels in Scotland's rivers, including the River Dee, which flows through the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency; notes the commitment of organisations, including the James Hutton Institute, Dee Catchment Partnership, Dee District Salmon Fishery Board and Cairngorm National Park Authority, to make the freshwaters and freshwater pearl mussel population more resilient to extreme climate events; believes that there is an opportunity provided by the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill to establish a legal framework for biodiversity targets, including in the freshwater ecosystem to ensure healthy invertebrate diversity as an integral part of a fully functioning ecosystem; welcomes the Programme for Government commitment to extend the Nature Restoration Fund to enable funding of multi-year projects to help deliver the priorities set out in the Biodiversity Strategy, and commends everyone working to restore and protect Scotland's rivers.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice and Housing were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minster.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on The Draft Climate Change Plan 2025.

6. Strengthening Committees' Effectiveness : Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-19436—That the Parliament notes and welcomes the conclusions and recommendations in the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6), Strengthening committees' effectiveness (SP Paper 878); further notes that the Committee wishes to gauge the views of other Members on the introduction of a procedure for the election of committee conveners by the Parliament, and agrees to consider a proposed rule change for the election of committee conveners based on the procedure set out in annexe B to the report.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. 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 4.59 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

9. Dying in Poverty at the End of Life in Scotland 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-18624 in the name of Paul Sweeney—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Marie Curie report, Dying in Poverty in Scotland 2025; understands that the report is based on research carried out by Marie Curie and Loughborough University; notes that it found that end of life poverty in Scotland remains unchanged since 2024; understands from the research that one in four working age people and one in six older people still die in end of life poverty; considers that terminal illness exacerbates existing inequality and deepens the inverse care law where people in the most need of support are least likely to receive it; notes the report's findings that symptoms of terminal illness and diagnosis can result in higher energy and housing costs; believes that a terminal diagnosis can force both a dying person and their carers to reduce their working hours or give up paid work entirely; notes the view that more must be done to target support to people at the end of life and their carers, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take action to prevent people, including those in the Glasgow region, from dying in end of life poverty.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm

No.46, Tuesday 11 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Dr Robin Hill, Church of Scotland minister of Gladsmuir linked with Longniddry, led Time for Reflection.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19646— That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19647— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 11 November 2025—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill – UK Legislation

delete

4.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) made a statement and answered questions on Wildfire Summit.

6. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-19613—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-

19614—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 30 January 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clause 53(6) on the breach of interim Serious Crime Prevention Orders (iSCPO), 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 84 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 1, Abstentions 23).

8. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether the culture secretary will correct the record regarding reports that he told a parliamentary committee that he had not been invited to attend a board meeting of Historic Environment Scotland, despite evidence to the contrary, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson).

9. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (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 4.27pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

11. The Insights of the Reports of the Energy Transition Institute at Robert Gordon University, Striking the Balance: The Parliament debated S6M-18800 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament notes the report, Striking the Balance, which was produced by the Energy Transition Institute at Robert Gordon University; understands that it provides predictions for the future of the offshore energy workforce in the UK, which, it states, employs around 154,000 people, including in the North East Scotland region; understands that the report states that a best case outcome could see a need for 210,000 roles in offshore energy production, but that this would only be achievable through the installation of a further 6GW approximately of offshore wind each year and by managing the decline of oil and gas production over a prolonged timeframe; notes the report's claim that the worst-case situation anticipates around 400 oil and gas job losses in the UK each fortnight across the next five years; acknowledges with concern the report's claim that, if Scotland does not pursue renewable activities comprehensively and oil and gas production continues to decline, employment across the offshore energy industry could drop from around 75,000 jobs in 2024 to a figure in the range of 45,000 to 63,000 in the initial years of the next decade; welcomes the growth predicted in the report of the number of offshore renewables jobs in the UK, notes with concern, however, the suggestion in the report that the sector will likely struggle to absorb the amount of former oil and gas workers before 2028; recognises the report's cautioning that a decrease in offshore energy jobs of nearly 20% could take place without decisive or prompt action, and commends the work of the Energy Transition Institute in producing what it sees as rigorous data regarding a pressing issue in Scotland.

12. Supporting People Living with Secondary Breast Cancer in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-19043 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament recognises that October 2025 is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; welcomes the raising of awareness of secondary (metastatic) breast cancer, which, it understands, is an incurable disease that affects an estimated 61,000 people across the UK, including around 4,000 in Scotland; acknowledges that this condition occurs when cancer cells spread from the breast to other parts of the body; understands that it is one of the leading causes of death among women under 50 in the UK; believes with concern that many people are unaware of the condition and its symptoms, and that misconceptions persist around its nature and terminology; understands that Public Health Scotland does not currently collect comprehensive data on metastatic cancer, particularly in cases where it is a recurrence of primary breast cancer; notes commitments made in the Scottish Government's 2016 strategy, Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action, and the 2023-2026 Cancer Action Plan, to progress data collection; further notes calls from charities such as Make 2nds Count and Breast Cancer Now for improved national data collection, better access to specialist care and increased investment in research and support services; commends the work of these organisations in supporting patients and families, raising awareness and advocating for change, and notes requests for the Scottish Government to ensure that the commitment to improve data collection on metastatic cancers is fulfilled by March 2026, and that people living with the condition are better supported, counted and empowered.

13. Motion without Notice: Emma Haprper moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.19 pm.

No.47, Wednesday 12 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Rosebank: Patrick Harvie moved S6M-19637—That the Parliament opposes the development of the Rosebank oil and gas field.

The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved amendment S6M-19637.4—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19637 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Rosebank), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "affirms the importance of a just transition, which supports workers in the oil and gas industry, as the useful life of developments comes to an end, and believes that new developments must only proceed if they contribute to energy security, meet a rigorous climate compatibility assessment and are compatible with Scotland's journey to net zero."

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-19637.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19637 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Rosebank), leave out "opposes" and insert "supports".

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-19637.5—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19637 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Rosebank), leave out from "opposes" to end and insert "recognises that oil and gas will be part of Scotland and the UK's energy mix for decades to come; acknowledges that the Rosebank oil and gas field has previously been licensed and is currently being considered under new environmental guidance; agrees that the long-term aim for Scotland and the UK should be to reduce dependence on volatile, international markets for fossil fuels; considers that this will require the realisation of Scotland's huge potential in renewable energy, and regrets, therefore, the failure of the Scottish National Party (SNP) administration to bring forward its promised energy strategy, and believes that a properly managed energy transition, which manages existing North Sea oil and gas fields for the entirety of their lifespan and invests in low-carbon energy and energy efficiency across the country, is required to protect and maximise jobs, reduce the need for increased imports, and ensure that Scotland maintains its international reputation for excellence in energy skills."

After debate, amendment S6M-19637.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 36 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 19). As a result, amendments S5M-19637.3 and S6M-19637.5 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 36 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament affirms the importance of a just transition, which supports workers in the oil and gas industry, as the useful life of developments comes to an end, and believes that new developments must only proceed if they contribute to energy security, meet a rigorous climate compatibility assessment and are compatible with Scotland's journey to net zero.

3. Better Bus Services: Mark Ruskell moved S6M-19632—That the Parliament agrees that communities across Scotland deserve affordable, accessible and reliable bus services; further agrees that more bus services across Scotland should be run in the public interest to improve services and reduce fares for all passengers; celebrates that 250 million bus journeys have been taken by young people in Scotland since the introduction of free bus travel for under-22s, and calls on the Scottish Government to expand free bus travel to more young people.

The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved amendment S6M-19632.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19632 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Better Bus Services), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "agrees that, should there be any expansion of free bus travel to more young people in the future, it must be affordable, sustainable and ensure accessibility, bearing in mind that the current cost of the free bus pass to under-22s is £200.5 million per year."

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-19632.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19632 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Better Bus Services), leave out from "further agrees" to end and insert "recognises that competition is essential to keeping bus fares fair and reasonable; calls on the Scottish Government to enhance the reliability and punctuality of bus services through the greater interlinking of timetables and integrated ticketing across bus and rail providers; agrees that good road surfaces are essential to improve bus services; notes that communities across Scotland, but particularly in rural areas, struggle to access bus services, and urges the Scottish Government to take action to make buses safer and to expedite the process to remove bus passes from passengers who commit antisocial behaviour."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 83 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-19632.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19632 in the name of Mark Ruskell (Better Bus Services), leave out from ", and calls" to end and insert "; believes that bus travel is vital to everyone in Scotland participating in the economy and is concerned by the reduction in bus routes across Scotland of 44% between 2006-07 and 2023-24; calls on the Scottish Government to shorten and

simplify the franchising process, enabling local authorities to bring bus services under local public control and for them to operate in the public interest; further calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise using domestic bus manufacturers to support good, skilled jobs in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to act swiftly to make it possible to remove bus passes from those who engage in persistent abusive behaviour towards bus drivers and passengers."

After debate, amendment S6M-19632.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 34 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 19). As a result, amendment S5M-19632.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 35 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that communities across Scotland deserve affordable, accessible and reliable bus services; further agrees that more bus services across Scotland should be run in the public interest to improve services and reduce fares for all passengers; celebrates that 250 million bus journeys have been taken by young people in Scotland since the introduction of free bus travel for under-22s, and agrees that, should there be any expansion of free bus travel to more young people in the future, it must be affordable, sustainable and ensure accessibility, bearing in mind that the current cost of the free bus pass to under-22s is £200.5 million per year.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19649—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 November 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 November 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of UK Covid-19 Inquiry Module 2ABC Report

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 November 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 November 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 17 November 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.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19650—That the Parliament agrees that the Absent Voting at Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections (Signature Refresh) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19651—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Care (Child Contact Services) (Equality) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19652—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Care (Child Contact Services) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19653—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19654—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19655—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Police Appeals and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19656—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber (Police Appeals) (Procedure) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19657—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19658—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19659—That the Parliament agrees that Gordon MacDonald be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

16 Vision for New Centre for Sustainable Brewing and Distilling at Heriot-Watt University: The Parliament debated S6M-18527 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament welcomes the commitment from Heriot-Watt University, in Edinburgh, on the economic importance of brewing and distilling in Scotland by seeking to raise £35 million to build a new Centre for Sustainable Brewing and Distilling (CSBD); understands the centre will be a new state-of-the-art version of the current International Centre for Brewing and Distilling (ICBD), which it understands is a world leading educational establishment delivering undergraduate and graduate courses; notes that the CSBD will embrace the latest green technologies and sustainable practices, ensuring that the university continues to lead the world in securing a future for both industries; recognises what it sees as the legacy and impact of Heriot-Watt University on the industries of brewing and distilling for more than 120 years, establishing both industries as key economic drivers, and commends what it considers to be the first-class teaching, innovation and sustainable methods of working at the ICBD, which has contributed to the success of brewing and distilling not only in Scotland but across the continents of Europe, the Americas and Asia.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

No.48, Thursday 13 November 2025

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. Supporting Tourette Scotland and Greater Awareness and Inclusion for People with Tourette Syndrome: The Parliament debated S6M-19389 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital work of Tourette Scotland in providing support, advocacy and education for individuals and families affected by Tourette syndrome across Scotland; welcomes the release of the new documentary film, *I Swear,* which shines a powerful light on the lived experiences of people with this condition and challenges and stigma surrounding it; notes, with concern, reports from parents, educators and young people, including in the Lothian region, that many pupils with the condition are not receiving adequate educational support or understanding in schools; further notes the view that there is an urgent need for national guidance and consistent training for teachers and school staff to ensure that pupils with Tourette syndrome are supported to reach their full potential; notes the calls for the inclusion of Tourette syndrome-specific content in the Scottish Government's wider Additional Support for Learning (ASL) framework and mental health strategies; highlights what it sees as the importance of British Sign Language (BSL) and communication inclusion guidelines to ensure accessibility and understanding for those with the Tourette syndrome and co-occurring conditions, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work with Tourette Scotland to develop a national plan, increase funding for support services, and raise awareness across education, health and social care and the wider public.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Winter Preparedness and National Planning Priorities for Health and Social Care.

6. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill: Graham Simpson moved S6M-19565—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill.

Kevin Stewart moved amendment S6M-19565.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19565 in the name of Graham Simpson (Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill), insert at end ", and, in so doing, believes that consideration should be given to agreeing a parliamentary complaints and sanctions process, backed by appropriate guidance, in relation to section 2 of the Bill."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 47, Abstentions 2).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 35 (including 2 proxy votes)).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill, and, in so doing, believes that consideration should be given to agreeing a parliamentary complaints and sanctions process, backed by appropriate guidance, in relation to section 2 of the Bill.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

No.49, Tuesday 18 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Professor Fergus McNeill, Professor of Criminology and Social Work at the University of Glasgow, 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-19807— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for —

(a) Tuesday 18 November 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Buildings (Heating and Energy Performance) and Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Ltd

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 20 November 2025—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motion (if required)

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motion (if required)

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Offshore Wind

The motion was agreed to.

3. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19808—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Tuesday 18 November 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Housing (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Buildings (Heating and Energy Performance) and Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Alexander Dennis Ltd.

7. Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-19739—That the Parliament condemns the UK Government's damaging decision to allocate Scotland only £28 million of the £360 million Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund, which is only 7.78% of the fund; agrees that this is an entirely unfair settlement and calls on the UK Government to reverse this decision, as called for by the Scottish Government and industry stakeholders; acknowledges that Scotland previously received 46% of the EU funding allocated to the UK; welcomes that the Scottish fishing sector accounts for over 60% of the UK's fishing capacity and over 60% of UK seafood exports, and that more than 75% of all UK quota species are landed by Scottish vessels; recognises the need for continued investment to build a thriving, sustainable and modern fishing industry, which is of key importance to Scotland's island and coastal communities and the wider economy; acknowledges the range of challenges facing the fishing industry, including the ongoing negotiations with international partners to agree fishing opportunities for 2026 and the challenging advice for a number of key stocks, and further acknowledges Scotland's negotiating position, which seeks to balance sustainably managed fish stocks alongside a sustainable and prosperous fishing sector.

Tim Eagle moved amendment S6M-19739.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19739 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end ", and opposes the proposed Moray Firth FLOW-Park, which will have a negative impact on the local fishing sector and for which plans have received significant and widespread opposition."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 82 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-19739.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19739 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), leave out from "condemns" to end and insert "regrets that the Scottish Government asked for the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund to be devolved without first agreeing a mechanism outside of the Barnett formula that reflected the size and value of the Scottish industry; notes that, since the 2024 election, the Scottish Government has received an additional £5.2 billion of funding compared with previous spending plans; calls on the Scottish Government to plan for the future of

> fishing, by developing the processing industry to deal with a larger share of fishing in UK waters and encourage new entrants into the industry, especially within the inshore fleet; believes that the Scottish Government must invest in scientific research in order to manage Scotland's fish stocks to protect the industry going forward; regrets that the Scottish Government has not introduced space-based planning of Scotland's seas to ensure that renewable developments do not put pressure on the fishing industry and other marine users, and calls for the development of a scheme to lease additional quota share equitably in order to end the trading of quota and licences."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Ariane Burgess moved amendment S6M-19739.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19739 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), after "economy;" insert "further recognises the central role that Scotland's low-impact fishing fleet plays for those communities, both economically and environmentally, and believes that the fund should prioritise that fleet; accepts that all parts of Scotland's fleet, not just the low-impact sector, will continue to experience a spatial squeeze without proper spatial management for fisheries, based on science and with strong local input;".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 7 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 108 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Beatrice Wishart moved amendment S6M-19739.4—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19739 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to guarantee that its own distribution of the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund, as well as any other similar funding, is allocated proportionately so that the contribution made by Shetland and other island and coastal communities to the fishing industry and Scotland's wider economy is properly recognised."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 77 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 23 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

8. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Fife Ethylene Plant, Mossmorran.

9. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19809—That the Parliament agrees that Maggie Chapman be appointed to replace

Mark Ruskell as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

11. Congratulations to CHAP on 25 Years of Serving the Community: The Parliament debated S6M-19003 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament congratulates the Ayrshire-based charity, Community Housing Advocacy Project (CHAP) on marking 25 years of service; recognises that the organisation began with volunteers offering free housing advocacy and, since becoming a registered charity in 2000, has expanded to provide professional advice and support in welfare rights, debt management and the delivery of educational sessions on homelessness awareness and financial literacy in secondary schools and colleges, alongside outreach services across Ayrshire; notes that CHAP has retained Type III accreditation under the Scottish National Standards for Information and Advice Providers since 2009, reflecting, it believes, its commitment to quality and consistency; acknowledges that the charity achieved a total of £10.4 million in financial gains for its clients between August 2021 and July 2025, helping to alleviate poverty for 1,230 individuals; commends the organisation for its independence and its commitment to offering all services free of charge, despite the ongoing challenges of sustaining operations in an environment marked by reliance on short-term, non-recurring external funding; understands with concern that few charities achieve such longevity without the security of long-term core funding; believes that advice and advocacy services, such as CHAP's, save public funds while building resilience and stability in communities, contributing to both national and local strategies, and welcomes greater priority being given to safeguarding and financially supporting CHAP and similar organisations, so that they can continue to thrive and deliver value for money in Cunninghame North and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.24 pm.

No.50, Wednesday 19 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government how it will recognise the Scottish Men's National Team qualifying for the World Cup for the first time since 1998, was answered by Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray).

3. Scotland's Skills System: Daniel Johnson moved S6M-19756—That the Parliament believes that Scotland's skills system is letting down young people and holding back economic growth, and further believes that there needs to be a new partnership between education and industry, with better careers advice in schools central to it, and new Scottish industrial pathways to link school subjects to future careers, guaranteed industrial placements for secondary school pupils including in industry and a clearing system for apprenticeships, so that good candidates do not fall out of the system.

The Minister for Higher and Further Education (Ben Macpherson) moved amendment S6M-19756.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19756 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Scotland's Skills System), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "agrees that there needs to be greater partnership between education and industry, with better careers advice in schools central to it, and clear and coherent Scottish pathways to link school and college courses to future careers, improved placements for secondary school pupils, and better information on career choices, job prospects and earnings, alongside an ongoing commitment to apprenticeships; acknowledges the significant progress made over the years to deliver a record number of apprentices in training at the end of 2024-25; notes that, despite the impact of Brexit and a failing UK economic model, resulting in workforce challenges and barriers to trade, Scotland is the best performing part of the UK for inward investment outside of London, has a lower unemployment rate than the UK, and has near record positive destinations, and agrees that independence offers the best opportunity for Scotland's economy to grow and create wealth and prosperity for all."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 60 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-19756.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19756 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Scotland's Skills System), leave out from ", with better" to end and insert "; believes that this must be underpinned by a demand-led skills system that equips young people with the qualifications that employers need to grow

> Scotland's economy; notes that the Scottish National Party administration has failed to pass on over £170 million of Apprenticeship Levy funding and has provided around 10,000 fewer apprenticeship places than learning providers requested, contributing to a widening skills gap in key sectors including hospitality, construction, engineering and care; further notes that colleges have faced a 20% real-terms funding cut, leading to job losses, falling student numbers and financial instability, and calls for urgent reform to invest in colleges, fix Scotland's broken apprenticeship system, address skills shortages and allow local employers to shape training that matches their workforce needs."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 57, Abstentions 0).

4. Education: Pam Duncan-Glancy moved S6M-19754—That the Parliament recognises that pupils and staff are being failed by the deteriorating learning and working environment in Scottish schools, overseen by the Scottish National Party administration.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-19754.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19754 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy (Education), leave out from "that pupils" to end and insert "the challenges in Scotland's schools post-COVID-19 pandemic, particularly with attendance and an increase in additional support needs (ASN); welcomes the additional funding agreed to in the Budget for 2025-26 to support outcomes for children with ASN, and to support and enhance the ASN workforce; acknowledges the key role that staff and teachers play to support children to succeed; welcomes the agreement last week, which ensures that Scotland's teachers remain the highest paid in the UK, with an uplift of 7.5% over two years; remains committed to undertaking further work to reduce teacher workload, which sits alongside the commitment to reduce class contact time, and agrees to recognise and celebrate the successes of Scotland's young people."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 53, Abstentions 1).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-19754.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19754 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy (Education), insert at end "; notes with deep concern the decline in standards and increasing pupil violence, which are intensifying pressures on teachers and support staff; believes that these trends reflect years of underinvestment and a failure to provide the support and resources needed to maintain safe and effective learning environments, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver urgent action to raise attainment, improve discipline in classrooms and

support teachers to deliver the high-quality education that every young person in Scotland deserves."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 63 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 54, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the challenges in Scotland's schools post-COVID-19 pandemic, particularly with attendance and an increase in additional support needs (ASN); welcomes the additional funding agreed to in the Budget for 2025-26 to support outcomes for children with ASN, and to support and enhance the ASN workforce; acknowledges the key role that staff and teachers play to support children to succeed; welcomes the agreement last week, which ensures that Scotland's teachers remain the highest paid in the UK, with an uplift of 7.5% over two years; remains committed to undertaking further work to reduce teacher workload, which sits alongside the commitment to reduce class contact time, and agrees to recognise and celebrate the successes of Scotland's young people.

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Professor Alexis Jay's comments on grooming gang inquiries were misrepresented during a debate on the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Natalie Don-Innes).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19810—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 November 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and

Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 November 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 November 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 December 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 Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 December 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 Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: Widening Access to Higher Education

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 24 November 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.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19811—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 9 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19812—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 19 December 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19813—That the Parliament agrees that Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Collette Stevenson as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. 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 5.28 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 9 as noted above.

12. The Growing Tide of Ongoing Challenges Facing Rural Communities: The Parliament debated S6M-19548 in the name of Finlay Carson—That the Parliament notes the reported ongoing challenges faced by rural communities, including those in Stranraer, Wigtownshire and across Dumfries and Galloway, in accessing timely and high-quality healthcare; believes that people in these areas often experience longer waits for GP appointments, hospital treatment and emergency services, compared with the national average; expresses particular concern about the reported current shortage of GPs in Wigtownshire, which is placing additional strain on practices and impacting patient care; acknowledges the additional pressures on NHS boards and staff in delivering care across large geographic areas; notes the view that every person, regardless of where they live, should have equal access to essential health services; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to set out clear plans to tackle rural health inequalities, including measures to recruit and retain healthcare professionals, including what it sees as much-needed midwives and dentists, address GP shortages, improve ambulance response times and expand diagnostic and treatment capacity in Galloway Community Hospital and other community health hubs, and notes the calls for both an increased provision of community beds and step-down facilities to reduce delayed discharge and enable care closer to home, and for the Scottish Government to work with communities to ensure that future health policy reflects the needs of rural Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.39 pm.

No.51, Thursday 20 November 2025

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.

No.52, Tuesday 25 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Very Rev Dr Andriy Chornenko, Vicar for Scotland of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, 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-19913 —That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 25 November 2025—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill: Emergency Bill Motion

The motion was agreed to.

3. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19914 —That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Tuesday 25 November 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-19866—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 21 (including 1 proxy vote)).

6. Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-19890—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 88 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0).

7. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will now hold an inquiry into grooming gangs in Scotland, in light of the recent reported comments by the NSPCC that the country lacks a clear understanding of the scale and nature of child sexual abuse, was answered by the Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes).

8. Timetable and Procedures for Consideration: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19916—That, subject to the Parliament's agreement that the Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill, the Parliament agrees to consider the Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill as follows—

Stage 1 on Wednesday 26 November 2025;

and, subject to the Parliament's agreement of the general principles of the Bill, Stages 2 and 3 on Thursday 27 November 2025.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 88 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 1).

9. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19920—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—
(a) Wednesday 26 November 2025—

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Growing Scotland's Economy

insert

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 27 November 2025—

delete

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Scottish Government Business

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Committee of the Whole Parliament: Stage 2 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliament Corporate Body Questions

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 89 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 1).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

11. St Andrew's Day 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-18802 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament recognises that St Andrew’s Day is marked each year on 30 November; notes what it considers is the importance of these annual celebrations at a local, national and global level; highlights what it sees as the opportunities that celebrating St Andrew’s Day brings to the people of Scotland; believes that these include recognising national identity and cultural diversity, and cementing the country as one of the oldest nations in the international community; thanks the former MSP, Dennis Canavan, who, it considers, worked hard to gain cross-party agreement to make St Andrew’s Day a national holiday in Scotland through introducing a Member's Bill, which, on 15 January 2007, became the St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Act 2007; acknowledges what it sees as the economic benefits that global recognition brings to Scotland through the culture, business, education, tourism and retail sectors, supported by the use of the Saltire as both the national flag and the "Brand Scotland" identifier of Scottish produce and marketing; understands that St Andrew is an internationally recognisable figure across faith communities and that, while he has been the patron saint of Scotland since the 14th century, Andrew is also a patron of many other countries, bringing together different nationalities, faiths and cultures; acknowledges the events hosted by the countries that identify St Andrew as their patron or that have a significant Scottish diaspora; commends all in Scotland who will celebrate St Andrew’s Day

2025 and recognises the importance of the national day, and notes the plans for future events being held across Scotland and other countries to strengthen cultural, trade and tourism connections with Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

No.53, Wednesday 26 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Backing Oil and Gas: Douglas Lumsden moved S6M-19894—That the Parliament regrets the Scottish Government's ideological drive to end North Sea oil and gas exploration and production; notes the negative impact on oil and gas jobs, energy security, the economy and the environment of the Scottish Government's failure to pursue an informed, data-led, evidence-based North Sea policy; demands the immediate and unequivocal reversal of the Scottish Government's presumption against new oil and gas exploration and production, and calls on the UK Government to immediately abolish the Energy Profits Levy.

The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved amendment S6M-19894.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19894 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Oil and Gas), leave out from first "the Scottish" to end and insert "that the Conservative Party, while in the UK Government, extended the Energy Profits Levy and failed to replace it with a sustainable fiscal regime that supports a just transition, and recognises that communities in Scotland are now paying the price of the UK Conservative administration's levy on Scottish industry."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-19894.4—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19894 in the name of Douglas Lumsden (Backing Oil and Gas), leave out from first "the Scottish" to end and insert "that the Scottish National Party (SNP) and the Conservative and Unionist Party stood by for years and let Scotland's oil and gas industry decline with no plan for the future; welcomes the UK Labour administration's plans to ensure that oil and gas continue to be key parts of the country's energy mix for decades to come, while working to unlock Scotland's huge renewable potential; condemns the two decades of SNP failure to turn this enormous potential into jobs, wealth and social good for communities across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently publish its Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, and to invest now in skills development and the green jobs of the future."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 97 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 89 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 3).

3. Growing Scotland's Economy: Craig Hoy moved S6M-19895—That the Parliament believes that the UK Budget should be an opportunity to promote economic growth, deliver investment in Scotland and address the alarming increase in economic inactivity; recognises the importance of backing working households, easing cost pressures and protecting Scotland's rural economy; believes that ending the Energy Profits Levy is essential to secure investment in the North Sea; emphasises that the UK Labour administration's tax rises on family farms and small businesses are deeply damaging and should be reversed, and warns against further tax rises; calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise growth with measures to improve productivity, support small businesses, tackle soaring welfare costs and strengthen Scotland's fiscal position, and believes that both of Scotland's governments must urgently prioritise economic stability, investment and opportunity as the foundations of sustainable public services within the UK.

The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved amendment S6M-19895.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19895 in the name of Craig Hoy (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from "and address" to end and insert ", including through delivering investment that can be utilised for public services such as Scotland's NHS and to help Scotland's journey to net zero; further believes that a fiscal regime for offshore industries must support a just transition for oil and gas workers, and support the development of Scotland's key renewables sector; notes that UK Government tax changes on family farms and employer national insurance contributions have impacted Scotland's economy, and calls on all parties to support efforts to rejoin the European Union and the European Single Market, recognising that Brexit has been the primary and most damaging impact on the economy and public finances in the last decade."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 2).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-19895.4—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19895 in the name of Craig Hoy (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from "UK Budget" to end and insert "delivery of a successful Scottish economy depends on stability in the UK public finances and a long-term plan to invest for future growth; recognises the challenging global circumstances, including the continued threat of tariffs, which create uncertainty and risk deterring investment and dampening growth; notes with concern that lower earnings and employment growth in Scotland compared to the rest of the UK are reducing the impact of tax policy in Scotland; agrees with the Auditor General for Scotland that 'the Scottish Government has not set out clearly enough how it plans to address this economic challenge in future years, and what this would do to support fiscal sustainability', and calls on the Scottish Government to work in proper

> partnership with the UK Government to deliver stability, long-term growth and prosperity across Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 98 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Lorna Slater moved amendment S6M-19895.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19895 in the name of Craig Hoy (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "calls on the UK Government to deliver a budget that supports a fairer, greener economy for Scotland by introducing an annual wealth tax on the wealthiest 1% of households in the UK, raising between £70 billion and £130 billion a year, to invest in communities, public services and climate action across Scotland, including reducing the cost of energy and other essentials for those who are struggling with the cost of living and inflation."

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-19895.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19895 in the name of Craig Hoy (Growing Scotland's Economy), leave out from first "should" to end and insert "must be a turning point, which delivers real economic growth, tackles the cost of living crisis and seeks a closer relationship with Europe; understands that far too many families are struggling to get by and believes that businesses have been held back by the increase to employer national insurance contributions; calls for an emergency plan to give immediate help through a 5p VAT cut for hospitality, accommodation and attractions until April 2027, alongside the removal of the main renewables obligation from people's electricity bills, funding both through a new windfall tax on large banks and saving households £270; notes the analysis by Audit Scotland that shows that there is a projected deficit of £4.7 billion in the Scottish Budget by 2029-30, for which ministers have not provided detailed plans, and believes that Scotland deserves better than this, but that it needs to be a change with fairness at its heart."

After debate, amendment S6M-19895.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 56 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-19895.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 55 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to deliver a budget that supports a fairer, greener economy for Scotland by introducing an annual wealth tax on the wealthiest 1% of households in the UK, raising between £70 billion and £130 billion a year, to invest in communities, public services and climate action across Scotland, including reducing the cost of energy and other essentials for those who are struggling with the cost of living and inflation.

4. Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-19891—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0).

5. Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-19928—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—
(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any increase in the revenue from non-domestic rates in relation to which Rule 9.12.3B(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19921—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Commonwealth Games - Glasgow 2026

followed by Scottish Government Debate: All Together: Uniting Local and National Efforts, Across Sectors to End Violence Against Women and Girls

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 December 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 Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 December 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 Education, Children and Young People Committee Debate: Widening Access to Higher Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Committee Business

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 December 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 December 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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry

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 1 December 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 (by division: For 92 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0).

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19922—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 30 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19923—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 16 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19924—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 December 2025.

The motion was agreed.

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19925—That the

Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19926—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-Border Public Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19927—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Procurement (Iraq Free Trade Agreement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed (DT).

13. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 7.34 pm.

No.54, Thursday 27 November 2025

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.

No.54a, Thursday 27 November 2025

The meeting opened at 2.01 pm.

1. Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill—Stage 2: The Bill was considered at Stage 2 by a Committee of the Whole Parliament.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 17 and 18.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

3 (For 25, Against 84 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
7 (For 25, Against 85 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
8 (For 26, Against 86 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
9 (For 25, Against 85 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
10 (For 25, Against 84 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
11 (For 25, Against 85 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
12 (For 25, Against 85 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
14 (For 24, Against 85 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
15 (For 22, Against 83 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
16 (For 24, Against 84 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
19 (For 24, Against 84 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
22 (For 25, Against 84 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
23 (For 26, Against 84 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 1.

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 4, 5, 6, 13, 20 and 21.

Section 1 was agreed to without amendment.

Section 2 was agreed to as amended.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: section 1 and the long title.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 4.32 pm.

No.55, Tuesday 2 December 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Emily Nicholl, Scottish Thistles' Captain, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Commonwealth Games - Glasgow 2026.

4. Uniting Local and National Efforts Across Sectors to End Violence Against Women and Girls: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-19970—That the Parliament unites in its commitment to 2025's 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign; warns that digital violence is the fastest growing form of abuse against women and girls worldwide; highlights the UN Women campaign, "UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls", which reminds everyone that digital safety is central to gender equality; recognises that protecting women and girls online will take concerted societal action from all spheres of government, tech companies, organisations, institutions and individuals, and commits to strengthening efforts to prevent violence against women and girls across all sectors and in all its forms.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-19970.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19970 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Uniting Local and National Efforts Across Sectors to End Violence Against Women and Girls), insert at end "; recognises, however, that violence against women and girls takes place both online and offline, and that clear action is needed from the Scottish Government to tackle it; emphasises that reported crimes against women and girls in Scotland are rising; welcomes Dr Pam Gosal MBE MSP's Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill, which, if passed, will tackle violence against women; questions the lack of Scottish Government support and legislative deliverance to tackle violence against women and girls; urges all public bodies to ensure that they are following the Supreme Court's judgment on the definition of 'sex'; raises concern about the reports of grooming gangs in Scotland, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to urgently establish an inquiry to understand the extent of the abuse and the action necessary to tackle it."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 71 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 21).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on items 4 as noted above.

6. International Day of Persons with Disabilities: The Parliament debated S6M-19557 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy—That the Parliament recognises 3 December 2025 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is a day that has been established by the UN to promote the rights and wellbeing of disabled people in all aspects of life; acknowledges that this year's theme is "Fostering disability inclusive societies for advancing social progress", which highlights that, when societies remove barriers and create equal opportunities, everyone benefits; commends the contributions that disabled people make to Scotland's communities, economy, culture and public life; recognises the continuing barriers that they face, including in employment, education, transport and access to public services; supports the work of disabled people's organisations, advocacy groups and charities across Scotland that campaign for equality and human rights, and notes the Parliament's commitment to building a fairer, more inclusive Scotland, in which everyone can participate fully and thrive, including through events such as the upcoming Disability Summit, which is set to take place at the Parliament, and online, on 21 February 2026.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No.56, Wednesday 3 December 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Crisis in Social Care: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-19977—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government's failure to prioritise social care has fuelled a crisis, harming some of Scotland's most vulnerable people, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to work to close the funding gap facing health and social care partnerships and value Scotland's care workforce.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-19977.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19977 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Crisis in Social Care), leave out from "Scottish Government's" to end and insert "UK Government must reverse its hostile and damaging migration policies, which have led to a 77% drop in the number of Health and Social Care visas granted, which in turn is having a devastating impact on the social care sector across Scotland; welcomes the valuable contribution that international workers make to Scotland's care sector, communities and economy, and notes that the Scottish social care sector has called for the reversal of these harmful policies; reiterates that Scotland is a welcoming nation and that the Scottish Government must continue to ensure that those who have chosen to make Scotland their home can continue to do so; calls for a reversal of the increase in employer national insurance contributions, which has placed an additional £84 million pressure on the sector; recognises that the 2025-26 Budget includes over £15 billion for the local government settlement, including almost £2.2 billion for social care integration, but agrees that the Scottish Government must continue to work closely with partners across the sector, including funding local government and the third sector, to continue making improvements for the social care workforce, and all of those who they support."

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-19977.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19977 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Crisis in Social Care), leave out from ", and calls" to end and insert "; recognises the significant impact that delays to social care packages and inadequate community-based social care provision have on the NHS, including longer avoidable stays in hospital; condemns the waste of £30 million for developing the now abandoned plans for a National Care Service; urges the Scottish Government to address record levels of delayed discharge and rising waiting times for social care assessments, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to close the funding gaps faced by health and social care partnerships by ensuring councils are appropriately funded, establish a proper workforce plan for social care to improve recruitment and retention of staff, and make sure that the value of Scotland's care workforce is properly recognised."

After debate, amendment S6M-19977.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-19977.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 51, Abstentions 5).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that the UK Government must reverse its hostile and damaging migration policies, which have led to a 77% drop in the number of Health and Social Care visas granted, which in turn is having a devastating impact on the social care sector across Scotland; welcomes the valuable contribution that international workers make to Scotland's care sector, communities and economy, and notes that the Scottish social care sector has called for the reversal of these harmful policies; reiterates that Scotland is a welcoming nation and that the Scottish Government must continue to ensure that those who have chosen to make Scotland their home can continue to do so; calls for a reversal of the increase in employer national insurance contributions, which has placed an additional £84 million pressure on the sector; recognises that the 2025-26 Budget includes over £15 billion for the local government settlement, including almost £2.2 billion for social care integration, but agrees that the Scottish Government must continue to work closely with partners across the sector, including funding local government and the third sector, to continue making improvements for the social care workforce, and all of those who they support.

3. Transparency in Tackling Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: Pauline McNeill moved S6M-19980—That the Parliament believes that there should be independent oversight of the Police Scotland review into group-based sexual exploitation of children, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently clarify whether it will conduct an inquiry into grooming gangs in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-19980.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19980 in the name of Pauline McNeill (Transparency in Tackling Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse), insert at end ", and, in doing so, to give consideration to the continuing work of the statutory Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, which is considering the abuse of children in care in Scotland, the effects of that abuse and if changes to the law, policies or procedures are needed; recognises the independence of Police Scotland and that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 stipulates that the Chief Constable is responsible for the policing of Scotland, and is accountable to the Scottish Police Authority, and acknowledges that the information and data being gathered by members of the National Child Abuse and Exploitation Strategic Group is necessary to ensure that informed evidence-based decisions are taken on the need for further independent inquiries or reviews."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 55, Abstentions 1).

Russell Findlay moved amendment S6M-19980.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-19980 in the name of Pauline McNeill (Transparency in Tackling Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse), leave out from "clarify" to end and insert "establish an inquiry into grooming gangs in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 73 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that there should be independent oversight of the Police Scotland review into group-based sexual exploitation of children and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently clarify whether it will conduct an inquiry into grooming gangs in Scotland, and, in doing so, to give consideration to the continuing work of the statutory Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, which is considering the abuse of children in care in Scotland, the effects of that abuse and if changes to the law, policies or procedures are needed; recognises the independence of Police Scotland and that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 stipulates that the Chief Constable is responsible for the policing of Scotland, and is accountable to the Scottish Police Authority, and acknowledges that the information and data being gathered by members of the National Child Abuse and Exploitation Strategic Group is necessary to ensure that informed evidence-based decisions are taken on the need for further independent inquiries or reviews.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19992—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 December 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 December 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Progressing a Just Transition at Grangemouth

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (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 17 December 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Committee Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 December 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 December 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.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19993—That the Parliament agrees that the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19994—That the

Parliament agrees that the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19995—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Wednesday 3 December 2025.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-19996—That the Parliament agrees that Paul O'Kane be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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 5.08 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

11. Bereavement Support and Awareness: The Parliament debated S6M-18847 in the name of Elena Whitham—That the Parliament recognises that everyone in Scotland, including those in Carrick, Cumnock, and Doon Valley, will experience a bereavement, and notes the view that good bereavement support is needed to guide people through what can be a difficult time; understands that frameworks have been put in place by the Scottish and UK governments that set out guidance on how proper bereavement care should be offered across society; notes the 2022 report from the UK Commission on Bereavement, Bereavement is everyone’s business, which provided policy recommendations for the Scottish and UK governments to adopt; understands that a stigma exists surrounding bereavement and its discussion; notes research from Sue Ryder, which suggests that bereavement costs the UK economy an estimated £23 billion each year in lost Gross Value Added, and the UK Treasury an estimated £8 billion in reduced tax revenues; acknowledges the view that this could be improved with better support and care, and notes the belief that a better understanding of grief and bereavement is required by all, particularly among young people.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

No.57, Thursday 4 December 2025

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. 70th Anniversary of Cumbernauld as a New Town: The Parliament debated S6M-19607 in the name of Jamie Hepburn—That the Parliament recognises that 9 December 2025 is the 70th anniversary of the designation of Cumbernauld as Scotland's third new town under the terms of the New Towns Act 1946, having been identified as a suitable location in the Clyde Valley Regional Plan; understands that this is a significant moment in the history of the town; recognises that the area designated included the existing villages of Cumbernauld and Condorrat, with the first part of the new town to be built being in the Kildrum area of the town to provide accommodation for workers at the nearby Burroughs factory; recalls that the inaugural ceremony for the new town was in June 1957, where the sod was cut at Kildrum Farm; appreciates the great sense of community that exists in Cumbernauld through its wide range of organisations and bodies that do great work to promote the town and support its residents; thanks all those who are involved in promoting the 70th anniversary, and wishes all those who live and work in Cumbernauld the best for the occasion and the future.

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

5. Widening Access to Higher Education: Douglas Ross, on behalf of the Education, Children and Young People Committee, moved S6M-19984—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Education, Children and Young People Committee's 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6), Widening access to higher education inquiry (SP Paper 782).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5:02 pm.

No.58, Tuesday 9 December 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Tim Maguire, Humanist, 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-20066 —That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 December 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Statistics and the 2026 National Improvement Framework

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Education Statistics and the 2026 National Improvement Framework.

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the decision of the employment tribunal of Sandie Peggie vs NHS Fife Health Board, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray).

6. The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited: Richard Leonard, on behalf of the Public Audit Committee, moved S6M-20036—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6), The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited (SP Paper 846).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-20036.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20036 in the name of Richard Leonard (The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish Government to fulfil its commitment to invest all of the £14.2 million promised to modernise the yard to enable Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) to secure orders."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 28).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 25).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6), The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited (SP Paper 846), and calls on the Scottish Government to fulfil its commitment to invest all of the £14.2 million promised to modernise the yard to enable Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) to secure orders.

7. Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-20050—That the Parliament acknowledges and recognises the importance of Scotland's veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that it makes to society; recognises that the skills and experiences that it brings enrich communities; continues to support the Veterans Strategy Action Plan, which has a clear vision to ensure the best outcomes for veterans and their families; notes the progress made in delivering the action plan and the future work to develop an updated plan following the publication of the new UK-wide Veterans Strategy; welcomes the findings of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner's latest progress report and acknowledges both the successes she identifies and the areas where further work is needed, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work with partners across the public, private and third sectors to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the access to support *that* they need.

Edward Mountain moved amendment S6M-20050.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20050 in the name of Graeme Dey (Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland), insert at end ", and encourages the Scottish Government to work with the Ministry of Defence to facilitate access for retiring service personnel, who wish to move back to Scotland, to empty married quarters at a reduced rent for a period of up to one year from the end of their service."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges and recognises the importance of Scotland’s veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that it makes to society; recognises that the skills and experiences that it brings enrich communities; continues to support the Veterans Strategy Action Plan,

which has a clear vision to ensure the best outcomes for veterans and their families; notes the progress made in delivering the action plan and the future work to develop an updated plan following the publication of the new UK-wide Veterans Strategy; welcomes the findings of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner's latest progress report and acknowledges both the successes she identifies and the areas where further work is needed; agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work with partners across the public, private and third sectors to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the access to support *that* they need, and encourages the Scottish Government to work with the Ministry of Defence to facilitate access for retiring service personnel, who wish to move back to Scotland, to empty married quarters at a reduced rent for a period of up to one year from the end of their service.

8. Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved S6M-20037—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 October 2024, and subsequently amended, relating to the prohibition on advertising of the England and Wales Voluntary Assisted Dying Service, 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 103 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 2, Abstentions 9).

9. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20067—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. 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 5.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

12. Dealing With the Dangerous Use of E-bikes and E-scooters: The Parliament debated S6M-19918 in the name of Sue Webber—That the Parliament notes with concern reports of the growing dangerous use of e-bikes and e-scooters across Scotland, but particularly in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow, and across major towns; understands that some e-bike and e-scooter users are often observed showing no regard for the traffic laws, endanger other road users and pedestrians, appear to violate the legally mandated speed limit and often do not use

high-visibility clothing; believes that many users often wear what can be seen as intimidating clothing, such as balaclavas and face coverings; is concerned at reports that e-bikes and e-scooters are increasingly used to commit organised crime and vehicle theft; notes calls on the Scottish Government to give Police Scotland the appropriate resources and vehicles to counter people who use e-bikes and e-scooters in these ways, such as by seizing the vehicles, and further notes the call for greater action to be taken against the antisocial use of e-bikes and e-scooters, to provide a safer environment for roads users and pedestrians.

The meeting closed at 6:56 pm.

No.59, Wednesday 10 December 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland: Alexander Stewart moved S6M-20056—That the Parliament believes that social security spending by the Scottish Government and its future social security spending commitments are unsustainable; notes the report published by Audit Scotland in September 2025, Adult Disability Payment; further notes that the Audit Scotland report highlights a "funding gap for devolved social security spending of £2.0 billion by 2029/30"; calls on the Scottish Government to explain why, according to Audit Scotland, it "has not yet set out a detailed strategy for how it will manage the forecast gap between social security funding and spending"; believes that raising taxes in order to remove the limit on the child element of Universal Credit was not the right priority for either the Scottish Government or the UK Government, and calls on the Scottish Government to use the money that it will save, as a result of the UK Government's decision, to lower costs for people across Scotland by instead cutting income tax.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S6M-20056.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20056 in the name of Alexander Stewart (Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "reaffirms its commitment to the social security principles contained in the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and unanimously adopted by the Parliament, including that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland and is itself a human right; welcomes the abolition of the two-child limit across the UK; calls on the UK Labour administration to go further and scrap other damaging welfare reforms implemented by the previous UK administration, including the benefit cap, and supports the Scottish Government's commitment to reinvest funding to end the two-child limit in further measures to tackle child poverty in Scotland."

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-20056.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20056 in the name of Alexander Stewart (Controlling the Rising Benefits Bill in Scotland), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "notes with concern Audit Scotland's recent assessment of a 'funding gap for devolved social security spending of £2.0 billion by 2029/30' and the absence of a 'detailed strategy for how [the Scottish Government] will manage the forecast gap between social security funding and spending'; welcomes the announcement in the 2025 UK Budget of the removal of the two-child limit for universal credit, noting that this will lift an estimated 450,000 children across the UK out of poverty and that, in the assessment of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 'the projected fall in child poverty over the current parliament would be the biggest on record'; believes that this must be

> followed by a renewed focus in Scotland on tackling the causes of poverty and boosting the means of defeating it, such as employability, housing and education, and further believes that the long-term solution to breaking the generational cycle of poverty in Scotland must include supporting people into sustainable and well-paid work."

After debate, amendment S6M-20056.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 49, Abstentions 5). As a result, amendment S6M-20056.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 21).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament reaffirms its commitment to the social security principles contained in the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 and unanimously adopted by the Parliament, including that social security is an investment in the people of Scotland and is itself a human right; welcomes the abolition of the two-child limit across the UK; calls on the UK Labour administration to go further and scrap other damaging welfare reforms implemented by the previous UK administration, including the benefit cap, and supports the Scottish Government's commitment to reinvest funding to end the two-child limit in further measures to tackle child poverty in Scotland.

3. Connecting Scotland: Sue Webber moved S6M-20057—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's road network to delivering enhanced connectivity and economic growth across Scotland; urges the Scottish Government to accelerate the upgrading and dualling of key roads such as the A75, A77 and A96, and to adhere to its promise to dual the A9 by 2035 or earlier and to ensure that this project is finally completed by not rejecting private funding; believes that improved connections across Scotland can be enhanced through the provision of more safe and secure rest stops, particularly for the logistics sector; rejects the UK Labour administration's planned imposition of a pay-per-mile tax for electric and hybrid vehicles, and urges the Scottish Ministers to undertake greater efforts to futureproof the EV charging network across Scotland's key roads, and urges the Scottish Government to commit to ensuring that the upgrading of Scotland's roads remains central to future economic and social development.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) moved amendment S6M-20057.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "; urges" to end and insert "and the progress being made to deliver the completion of the A9 dualling in 2035 specifically; further recognises that both public and private funding has been used to support the development of the trunk road network, including the use of private finance for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route/Balmedie-Tipperty and the M8, M74 and M73 motorway improvements, and that private finance will continue to play a role in the future; notes that the Union

> Connectivity Review, undertaken by Lord Peter Hendy on behalf of the previous UK Conservative administration, recognised the contribution that the A75 makes in linking the rest of the UK to Northern Ireland; urges the UK Government to match the previous UK Conservative administration's funding commitment for the A75; notes the improvements undertaken by the Scottish Government to the A77, including the Maybole Bypass; welcomes the ongoing constructive work between the Scottish Government and the A77 Campaign Group and South West Transport Alliance; supports the full dualling of the A96, beginning with the Inverness to Nairn section, along with delivery of the Inshes to Smithton Link Road, as part of the Inverness and Highland City Region Deal; agrees that improved connections across Scotland can be enhanced through the provision of more safe and secure rest stops, particularly for the logistics sector; rejects the UK Government's planned imposition of a pay-per-mile tax for electric and hybrid vehicles, regretting the ill-thought-out and counter-productive proposal, which will be bad for the climate and for rural Scotland in particular; agrees that the switch to EV cars and the provision of public and at-home EV infrastructure will be vital to Scotland meeting its climate change targets, and calls on the UK Government to engage in four nations discussions on motoring taxation reform to support a properly planned transition to EV car use."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 2) – by casting vote).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-20057.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "; rejects" to end and insert ", and considers that future transport infrastructure decisions should be based on economic importance, safety and local necessity, and underpinned by a national industrial strategy and a strategic spatial plan."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 98 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S6M-20057.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20057 in the name of Sue Webber (Connecting Scotland), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that future transport investment must prioritise sustainability, equality, public transport and active travel over large-scale road building, and further believes that investment in roads should improve safety, address maintenance backlogs, deliver climate resilience on vulnerable routes, including the A83, help prioritise road space for buses and be matched with ambitious investment in rail, including upgrading the Highland Mainline and reconnecting communities, such as Newburgh, to the rail network."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 8 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 114 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will release all correspondence between the Scottish Government and Professor Alexis Jay, and what mechanism will be used to provide this information to MSPs and Parliament, was answered by the Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes).

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20101—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 11 December 2025—

after

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20068—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 December 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education)

(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 17 December 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care
followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Children from Harm
followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Cybercrime
followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Pension Schemes Bill - UK Legislation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business
Thursday 18 December 2025
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sentencing Bill - UK Legislation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
3.10 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business
Tuesday 6 January 2026
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions
followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Legal Aid
followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 January 2026

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

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 January 2026

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: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Building Safety Levy (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 15 December 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.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-20068.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20068 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), leave out from third "followed by Business Motions" to "3.10 pm Decision Time" and insert—
>
> "*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Energy Strategy
>
> *followed by* Business Motions
>
> *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
>
> 5.00 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to by division: (For 34, Against 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20069—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 December 2025.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20070—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 32, Abstentions 1).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20071—That the Parliament agrees that the Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20072—That the Parliament agrees—Paul O'Kane be appointed as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and Claire Baker be appointed to replace Michael Marra as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10 as noted above.

12. Scotland National Football Team Qualifies for the 2026 FIFA World Cup: The Parliament debated S6M-19823 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament congratulates the Scotland national football team on qualifying for the 2026 FIFA World Cup; recognises that this marks Scotland’s first appearance at the tournament in 28 years and represents a significant moment for Scottish sport; commends the team on its thrilling 4–2 win over Denmark at Hampden Park, which secured qualification; acknowledges the quality and determination shown throughout the match, including Scott McTominay’s early goal from an overhead kick, Lawrence Shankland’s restoration of Scotland’s lead in the second half, and the dramatic stoppage-time goals from Kieran Tierney and Kenny McLean, which sealed the result; further acknowledges the contribution of head coach, Steve Clarke, and all the staff supporting the national side; pays tribute to the Tartan Army for its passionate and positive backing of the team at home and abroad; notes the wider social, cultural and sporting benefits that participation in major international events

can bring to communities across Scotland; wishes the national team every success as preparations begin for the 2026 World Cup finals; notes the pride that this achievement has brought to communities across Clackmannanshire and Stirling, and recognises the work of local clubs and volunteers in supporting grassroots football.

The meeting closed at 6.47 pm.

No.60, Thursday 11 December 2025

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. Welcoming the Report by Royal College of Psychiatrists on Support for Neurodevelopmental Conditions: The Parliament debated S6M-19319 in the name of Daniel Johnson—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report by the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland, Multi-system solutions for meeting the needs of autistic people and people with ADHD in Scotland; notes the reported unprecedented increase in the number of people across Scotland, including in Edinburgh, seeking support for neurodevelopmental conditions (NDCs), particularly attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and autism; understands that, as of March 2025, over 42,000 children and 23,000 adults were waiting for a neurodevelopmental assessment, and that this represents an increase of over 500% for children and 2,200% for adults since 2020; further understands that there is currently no standardised national pathway for diagnosis, treatment and support for NDCs, and that in the absence of appropriate services, individuals are being referred into general mental health pathways, not because they have a mental illness, but because there is nowhere else for them to go; believes that this is placing unsustainable pressure on Scotland's mental health system; further believes that timely diagnosis and intervention for ADHD and autism can significantly improve quality of life, reduce suicide risk and prevent secondary mental illnesses; commends the work of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland in developing a comprehensive, value-based framework to address these challenges, and notes the view that simply expanding existing structures is not a sustainable solution, and that a multi-system and society-wide response is needed.

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 Progressing a Just Transition at Grangemouth.

6. British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 Inquiry: Karen Adam, on behalf of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, moved S6M-20059—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6), Report on British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 (SP Paper 872).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: Cabinet

Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-20099—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (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) by division: For 79 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0).

8. 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 4.53pm**.**

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No.61, Tuesday 16 December 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Gordon Kennedy, Minister, Craiglockhart Parish Church, 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-20196—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 25 November 2025—

(a) Tuesday 16 December 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Motion of No Confidence

(b) Thursday 18 December 2025—

delete

3.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

2.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister and a Cabinet Secretary.

4. Motion of No Confidence: Russell Findlay moved S6M-20135—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, in light of her failures in candour and openness in her misrepresentation and subsequent misleading statements made to the Parliament with regards to Professor Alexis Jay and grooming gangs.

The motion was disagreed to by division: For 57, Against 67 (including 2 proxy votes Abstentions 1).

5. Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendment was agreed to (without division): 1

6. Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill: Maurice Golden moved S6M-20167—That the Parliament agrees that the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 2, Abstentions 0).

7. Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 10, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

11 (For 1, Against 95 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 18).

8. Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill: Liz Smith moved S6M-20138—That the Parliament agrees that the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 1).

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

10. Rona Mackay: Awareness of Aphasia: The Parliament debated S6M-18720 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament notes that aphasia, which is a language disorder that affects one in three stroke survivors, and can also arise with other neurological conditions or head injuries, can have a significant impact on many people; understands that it can affect speech production and understanding, reading, writing and using numbers and that the level of difficulty experienced varies from person to person, from mild to severe; recognises the significant impact aphasia can have on a person's life, including leading to feelings of isolation, loneliness and mental health issues; notes the impact that aphasia can have on a person's relationships with family and friends, everyday social interactions and access to work or services, as well as the stigma and negative treatment that can arise from living with the condition; welcomes the ongoing work of Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS) to support people living with aphasia through resources and services; further welcomes the new CHSS course, Living Well with Aphasia, which focuses on giving stroke survivors the information, skills and resources to live well with the condition; notes the calls on the Scottish Government, NHS boards and other key organisations to be better informed about aphasia and to have a greater understanding of the reality of living with what can be a serious and potentially devastating health condition, and further notes the calls to improve access to supported self-management and rehabilitation services for people living with aphasia in Strathkelvin and Bearsden and across the country, to ensure that everyone gets the support that they deserve.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

No.62, Wednesday 17 December 2025

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting Children from Harm.

3. Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Cybercrime: The Parliament debated Cybercrime.

4. Pension Schemes Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-20172—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Pension Schemes Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 June 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 1 (Asset pool companies), 2 (Asset management) and 5 (Scheme manager governance reviews) of Chapter 1 of Part 1, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20199—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the Value of Swimming Pools and Provide Financial Relief to Help Keep Pools Open

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 January 2026

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

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 January 2026

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: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2026-27

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (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 5 January 2026, 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. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20200—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 23 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20201—That the Parliament agrees that the Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20202—That the

Parliament agrees that the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 and the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Modifications) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20203—That the Parliament agrees that—

Gillian Mackay be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee; and

Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Ross Greer as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Recognising Small Business Saturday 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-20035 in the name of Rachael Hamilton— That the Parliament marks Small Business Saturday UK on 6 December 2025, an annual grassroots, not-for-profit campaign that celebrates and encourages support for small businesses across the UK; acknowledges that the campaign aims to highlight small business success while encouraging consumers to shop locally; recognises the vital role that small businesses play in communities across Scotland, including in the Scottish Borders, by driving growth, creating jobs and sustaining vibrant town centres; understands that micro and small businesses represent 98% of all enterprises in Scotland, employ more than 900,000 people and turnover £93 billion annually, according to the Federation of Small Businesses; considers that small businesses, particularly in rural communities, face increasing pressures from rising costs and economic uncertainty; notes the view that, although the Small Business Saturday occurs only once a year, support for and recognition of small businesses must continue throughout the year, and celebrates the vital contribution of small and rural businesses to Scotland’s economy.

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm.

No.63, Thursday 18 December 2025

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

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

3. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice and Housing were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-20173—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Sentencing Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-20174—That the Parliament agrees that all relevant provisions of the Sentencing Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 2 September 2025, and subsequently amended, affecting changes which align the treatment of national security offenders with terrorist offenders under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 and the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament. The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. 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 2.10pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

8. Fairer Funding Allocation for Scotland's Fishing and Coastal Communities: The Parliament debated S6M-19427 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament considers the UK Government's allocation of the £360 million UK-EU Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund, which is based on population rather than fishing industry size, to be wholly unfair and deeply damaging to the Scottish fishing industry; understands that Scottish vessels consistently land more than half of the UK's total catch, 63% of total catch value, and over 60% of seafood exports; believes that prior to Brexit, allocations of funds under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund were 36% for England, 46% for Scotland, 10% for Northern Ireland and 8% for Wales, in comparison to the allocation of under 8% for Scotland via Barnett consequentials used as the mechanism for allocating the Fishing and Coastal

Growth Fund; recognises what it sees as the vital importance of the fishing industry both economically and culturally to Scotland's coastal communities, including in the Western Isles, and notes calls on the UK Government to reconsider its position on the Fishing and Coastal Growth Fund allocation to better reflect the significant economic contribution of Scotland's fishers and coastal communities.

The meeting closed at 2.46 pm.

No.64, Tuesday 6 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev'd David J.M. Coleman, Environmental Chaplain, United Reformed Church, 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-20312— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 6 January 2026—

after

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the Value of Swimming Pools and Provide Financial Relief to Help Keep Pools Open

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 8 January 2026—

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister and Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland: Karen Adam, on behalf of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, moved S6M-20208—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6), Report on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee inquiry into Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland (SP Paper 858).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs.

6. Petition PE2018: Recognise the Value of Swimming Pools and Provide Financial Relief to Help Keep Pools Open: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, moved S6M-20185—That the Parliament notes public petition PE2018 on helping to keep swimming pools and leisure centres open by providing financial investment for pools.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-20269—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6), Complaint against Ash Regan MSP (SP Paper 945), and agrees to impose the sanction recommended in the report that Ash Regan MSP be excluded from all meetings of the Parliament and its committees for two sitting days, with those sitting days being the next Wednesday and the next Thursday following the agreement of this motion.

Ash Regan moved amendment S6M-20269.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20269 in the name of Martin Whitfield (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)), leave out from "to impose" to end and insert “that no further action should be taken.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 6).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 18, Abstentions 8).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion’s Role in Scotland’s Net Zero Transition: The Parliament debated S6M-19318 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the significant contribution of anaerobic digestion (AD) and biogas to Scotland’s transition to net zero; welcomes the work of the Anaerobic Digestion and Bioresources Association (ADBA) to research, develop and promote the AD industry across Scotland, including the economically prominent dairy farming sector in the south west of Scotland; notes that AD technology supports the circular economy by converting organic and residue wastes and by-products into renewable energy and non-synthetic nutrient-rich digestate fertiliser; highlights what it sees as the role of biogas

in diversifying energy sources and enhancing energy security, including the potential for widening delivery for non-gas grid rural communities; understands that the AD sector provides direct support to farmers and rural communities through sustainable waste management, value for cover and break crops, additional income streams and skilled job creation; believes that further investment and policy support for AD and biogas will play a key role in meeting Scotland's climate targets, boosting the rural economy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider creating a biogas champion position to oversee interdepartmental and cross-portfolio collaboration to ensure the success of the AD sector for the future.

The meeting closed at 6.41 pm.

No.65, Wednesday 7 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Lowering Bills for Scotland's Workers: Craig Hoy moved S6M-20294—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to reduce income tax on working people in Scotland; commits to uprating income tax thresholds in line with inflation in the forthcoming Scottish Budget and in future Scottish Budgets; further commits to removing the Scottish basic rate and intermediate rate of income tax and replacing them with a single Scottish income tax rate of 19 pence on income up to the higher rate threshold, and believes that these fairer measures would begin to reduce the tax differential with the rest of the United Kingdom, put more money into the pockets of working families, and support economic growth by addressing the cumulative effects of current income tax policy.

The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved amendment S6M-20294.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20294 in the name of Craig Hoy (Lowering Bills for Scotland's Workers), leave out from first "reduce" to end and insert "respect Parliament by outlining its tax policy when it publishes its Budget on 13 January 2026, and ensure that the policy is progressive, fair to the people of Scotland, and supports vital public services like Scotland's NHS, schools, and blue light services."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 6).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-20294.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20294 in the name of Craig Hoy (Lowering Bills for Scotland's Workers), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "understands that the Scottish Government's incompetent approach to the public finances and failure to grow Scotland's economy are leading to heightened budgetary pressures; further understands that income tax should not be used as a substitute for economic growth and believes that, given the pressure on household finances, income tax rates should not increase in the course of the next parliamentary session; welcomes the UK Labour administration's Budget, which tackles the cost of living for households across Scotland by cutting costs on energy bills, lifting thousands of children out of poverty, and increasing wages for hard-working people in Scotland, and believes that the Scottish Labour Party's plan to establish a Scottish treasury with strategic oversight for spending in all Scottish Government departments is essential in order to put an end to waste and ensure that taxpayers' money is treated with respect."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 97 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to respect Parliament by outlining its tax policy when it publishes its Budget on 13 January 2026, and ensure that the policy is progressive, fair to the people of Scotland, and supports vital public services like Scotland's NHS, schools, and blue light services.

3. Stopping the Scottish Government's Business Tax Increases: Murdo Fraser moved S6M-20295—That the Parliament recognises that businesses across Scotland are facing an acute and worsening cost crisis, driven by inflation, energy prices, wage pressures, supply chain disruption and weak economic growth; notes with serious concern the scale of proposed increases in rateable values arising from the 2026 non-domestic rates revaluation, particularly in the hospitality and self-catering sectors; believes that sharp and unaffordable increases in non-domestic rates now pose an existential threat to business viability, employment, investment and local economic resilience in many parts of Scotland; notes the growing divergence between Scotland's non-domestic rates regime and those operating elsewhere in the United Kingdom, and the competitive disadvantage that this risks creating for Scottish firms; understands that, since 2022-23, the Scottish Government has failed to pass on at least £700 million in business rates relief received through the block grant; calls on the Scottish Government to act urgently to provide certainty and stability by pausing the implementation of the 2026 revaluation, introducing meaningful transitional protections against excessive bill increases, and matching reductions in bills for the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in England, and affirms that a strong and thriving business base is essential to Scotland's economic recovery, public finances and communities, and that the tax system should support growth rather than accelerate decline.

The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved amendment S6M-20295.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20295 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Stopping the Scottish Government's Business Tax Increases), leave out from "are facing" to end and insert "have seen increased costs in recent years due to rampant inflation and increased energy costs; notes the reliefs and support that are currently in place on non-domestic rates, and recognises that policy decisions by the Scottish Government on these matters will be set out in the Budget on 13 January 2026."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 47, Abstentions 6).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-20295.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20295 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Stopping the Scottish Government's Business Tax Increases), insert at end "; believes that the current business rates system is not fit for purpose, and calls on the Scottish Government to create a new system that levels the playing field between the high street and online giants, better incentivises investment, tackles empty properties and supports entrepreneurship."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 58 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 32).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 47, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that businesses across Scotland have seen increased costs in recent years due to rampant inflation and increased energy costs; notes the reliefs and support that are currently in place on non-domestic rates, and recognises that policy decisions by the Scottish Government on these matters will be set out in the Budget on 13 January 2026.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20313—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2026-27

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: A9 Dualling - Programme for 2035 Completion

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 January 2026

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: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.10 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2026-27

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Digital Assets (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 12 January 2026, 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.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20314—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 3 as noted above.

7. Scotland's Flood Defences: The Parliament debated S6M-20235 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament notes proposals for a number of flood defence schemes across Scotland, including in the South Scotland region; considers the impact and pressure caused by climate change on coastal and rural communities; recognises reported public concerns about the design and costs of flood defence projects, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government and local

authorities to fully consult with local communities, partners, businesses, organisations and other stakeholders during the appraisal and consenting process.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

No.66, Thursday 8 January 2026

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. Non-fatal Strangulation Laws and Intimate Partner Homicides: The Parliament debated S6M-19504 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament notes the calls for legislation to create a standalone offence of non-fatal strangulation (NFS), in light of new research led by Professors Sonia Oreffice and Climent Quintana-Domeque at the University of Exeter on intimate partner homicides and NFS; understands that this is the first known study to examine the impact of standalone NFS laws on intimate partner homicides across multiple jurisdictions internationally; notes that the study finds that, in US jurisdictions where NFS has been criminalised as a standalone serious offence, intimate partner homicides fell by double-digit percentages, with female-victim homicides declining by around 14% and male-victim homicides by 27%, and estimates that more than 1,500 lives have been saved since the adoption of such laws; expresses concern regarding the view that these reductions could highlight a significant gap in Scots law; understands that criminalising NFS could be considered as a potential approach to reduce the deadliest consequences of intimate partner violence; further understands that NFS often leaves no visible injuries, yet is a strong predictor of future lethal violence, and that, in the absence of a standalone offence, NFS may go unrecorded or be prosecuted only as minor assault due to the absence of visible injuries or a weapon; notes with alarm the scale and salience of violence against women and girls in Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; considers that standalone NFS laws could disrupt any escalation of violence and coercive control and help prevent lethal outcomes and wider harms, and commends the research team for its ongoing work in this area.

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

5. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-20285—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 54, Abstentions 0).

6. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-19533—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act,

(b) any tax imposed in consequence of the Act in relation to which Rule 9.12.3B(a) of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies, and

(c) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-20291—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) 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. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No.67, Tuesday 13 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Julie Moody, Minister, Milton of Campsie Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Budget 2026-27.

4. Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-20388—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill: Financial Resolution : Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-20169—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule (a) 9.12.3 and (b) 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20415— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 15 January 2026—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Additional Support for Learning Review

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6)

delete

4.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20416—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders are suspended.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 1, Abstentions 25).

8. Designation of a Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20417—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Improving Support and Treatment for People Living with PKU in Scotland: The Parliament debated 20160 in the name of Fulton MacGregor— That the Parliament recognises that phenylketonuria (PKU) is a rare, lifelong metabolic disorder in which the body is unable to process the amino acid phenylalanine, leading to a risk of severe and irreversible neurological damage without strict dietary management; acknowledges the significant daily burden placed on individuals and families living with PKU, including the need for constant monitoring and the exclusion of most everyday foods; notes the recent drop-in event hosted in the Scottish Parliament, which highlighted lived experience and current challenges in accessing treatment and support; further notes ongoing UK trials of a home blood phenylalanine monitoring device and the emerging treatment, sepiapterin, both of which offer the potential to improve quality of life; recognises the work of the National Society for Phenylketonuria (NSPKU) in advocating for improved care and access to treatment, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland to consider how services for people with PKU can be strengthened to support better long-term outcomes, including in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency.

11. Motion without Notice: Fulton MacGregor moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

No.68, Wednesday 14 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on A9 Dualling - Programme for 2035 Completion.

3. Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes) moved S6M-20389—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes) moved S6M-20377—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20420—That the Parliament agrees—
(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 January 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2026-27

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 27 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 January 2026

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 Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (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 19 January 2026, 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. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20421—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 13 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20422—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20423—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 23 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20424—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 6 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20425—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20426—That the Parliament agrees that the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20427—That the Parliament agrees that the Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20428—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Placement of Children (Requirements, Effect and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20429—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 as noted above.

16. The Importance of Football within Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-19672 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament recognises the importance of football, culturally, economically and socially; believes that clubs such as St Mirren FC play a role in tackling issues of health and social inclusion in the community, and understands what it sees as the important economic role they play across Scotland, including in Paisley.

Submitting member has a registered interest.

17. Motion without Notice: George Adam moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.42 pm.

No.69, Thursday 15 January 2026

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. A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Fit for the Future: The Parliament debated S6M-20218 in the name of Maggie Chapman—That the Parliament recognises, and is grateful for, the work of the around 7,600 firefighters and support staff in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), who help keep people and nature in the North East Scotland region and across the country safe; understands with concern that, since 2013, the SFRS resource budget has been reduced in real terms by £58 million per annum, with 1,239 firefighter posts lost, and that the recent Service Delivery Review could see the loss of fire stations and appliances across the country; welcomes the dedicated work of Fire Brigades Union (FBU) Scotland in campaigning for a well-resourced and well-equipped service, and its 2023 paper, Firestorm, a Report into the Future of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; notes the shared commitment of FBU and SFRS to firefighter role expansion and, in particular, the FBU's campaign, DECON, which aims to shed light on the health risks of fire contaminants to firefighters; understands that firefighters have a mortality rate from all cancers 1.6 times higher than the general public; notes the DECON campaign's recommendations, which include annual health monitoring and recording of exposures for all firefighters; further notes what it sees as the impact of the climate emergency on the SFRS, including an increasing frequency and severity of wildfires and flooding, and notes the FBU's Climate Emergency campaign, which aims to highlight the impact of the climate crisis on fire and rescue services.

4. Motion without Notice: Maggie Chapman moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Additional Support for Learning Review.

7. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 22, Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 2.

The following amendment was not moved: 3

8. UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-20390—That the Parliament agrees that the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

9. Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-20419—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 September 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 2 to 20, 22, 26, the schedule, a new clause after clause 9 (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland), a new clause after clause 9 (Procedure for regulations under section (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland)), a new clause after clause 9 (Consultation: Scotland and Northern Ireland), a new clause after clause 12 (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland (No. 2)), a new clause after clause 12 (Procedure for regulations under section (Power to make regulations: Scotland and Northern Ireland (No. 2))), and a new clause after clause 12 (Consultation: Scotland and Northern Ireland (No. 2)), so far as these matters fall within legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82 (including 1 proxy vote, Against 1, Abstentions 28).

10. Standing Order Rule Changes – Lodging Deadlines for Public Bills: Martin Whitfield moved S6M-20373—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6), Standing Order Rule changes - lodging deadlines for public bills (SP Paper 954), and agrees that the temporary rule change to Standing Orders set out in Annexe B of the report be made with effect from 19 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. 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 5.14 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

No.70, Tuesday 20 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ian Houston, GlobalScot, writer, and Trustee at the Robert Burns Ellisland Farm and Museum, 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-20495— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 January 2026—

delete

9.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

9.05 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 22 January 2026—

after

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20486—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:
Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 8 and 9: 3 hours

Groups 10 to 12: 4 hours 10 minutes

Groups 13 to 15: 5 hours 25 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

5. Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 94, 96, 62, 63, 100, 104, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 109, 71, 72, 73, 113 and 74.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

97 (For 108 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 8, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

75 (For 48, Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
11 (For 48, Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
30 (For 45, Against 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
32 (For 45, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
83 (For 47, Against 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
37 (For 46, Against 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
38 (For 47, Against 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
39 (For 46, Against 73 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
40 (For 47, Against 73 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
41 (For 47, Against 72 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
42 (For 46, Against 73 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
43 (For 28, Against 72 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 18)
44 (For 28, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
86 (For 28, Against 72 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 18)
87 (For 45, Against 72 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
88 (For 43, Against 73 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
90 (For 43, Against 72 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
91 (For 44, Against 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
92 (For 48, Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
93 (For 49, Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
58 (For 46, Against 72 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
69 (For 48, Against 69 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
112 (For 31, Against 70 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 17).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 1, 2, 89, 94A, 98.

The following amendments were not moved: 3, 76, 77, 78, 79, 4, 80, 81, 82, 84, 85, 5, 95, 99, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 110, 111, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

6. Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Higher and Further Education (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-20484—That the Parliament agrees that the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 46, Abstentions 0).

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20496—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Economy and Fair Work Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Wednesday 21 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to ((DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decision on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

No.71, Wednesday 21 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20498—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 January 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 28 January 2026

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 Labour Party Business

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 January 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 3 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (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 26 January 2026, 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.

3. Scottish Budget 2026-27: Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-20487—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20499—That the Parliament agrees that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20500—That the Parliament agrees that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20501—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Paul O'Kane as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

No.72, Thursday 22 January 2026

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. Growing2Gether Programme Success: The Parliament debated S6M-18469 in the name of Emma Roddick— That the Parliament congratulates the charity, Growing2Gether, on what it sees as its successful programme aimed at helping young people who face various challenges by pairing young adults with toddlers to mentor; understands that participants and facilitators have reported a significant shift in young people's confidence and gaining of skills, helping to improve wellbeing; acknowledges the reported overall positive and successful work of this charity in partnering with 15 schools in Scotland, including 12 in the Highlands and Islands region; applauds the over 2,000 young people who have been paired with 2,200 toddlers over a seven-year period across the Highlands on their efforts; considers it important to provide opportunities for children and young people who face challenges with poverty, mental health or trauma to develop skills and confidence in themselves, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should consider how it can best support this kind of work moving forward.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice and Housing were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

5. Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill: Sarah Boyack moved S6M-20414—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

6. Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-20485—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. 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 4.53 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

9. Future Farming Investment Scheme: The Parliament debated S6M-20387 in the name of Liam McArthur— That the Parliament acknowledges that the Future Farming Investment Scheme sought to provide farmers and crofters with funding to help them buy new machinery, improve efficiency or reduce emissions, and was targeted towards islanders, new entrants, young farmers and tenant farmers; understands that Orkney businesses initially received only 3.48% of total funding, and Shetland 1.88%; notes with concern reports that fewer than one in 10 small farms and crofters across Scotland received funding, with many small farms from the Highlands and Islands to Aberdeenshire, Argyll and Bute and the south of Scotland also missing out; believes that much of the communication around this scheme has caused confusion, and indeed anger, among those in the agricultural sector; expresses deep regret that, while demand for the scheme was high, so few small, island and young farmers were successful, despite seemingly being from priority groups, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to provide further clarity on how the funding for the scheme was allocated, as well as to publish its review on the Future Farming Investment Scheme, as committed by the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands on 10 December 2025.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No.73, Tuesday 27 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Emily Stephen and Julian Staniszewski, Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors, 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-20568— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 27 January 2026—

delete

9.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 28 January 2026—

after

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill – UK Legislation

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

9.30 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 29 January 2026—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.25 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20557—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 25 minutes

Groups 4 to 5: 2 hours 55 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 5 hours

Groups 9 to 11: 7 hours 15 minutes

Groups 12 to 15: 8 hours 50 minutes

Groups 16 to 19: 9 hours 50 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

5. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 27, 29, 72, 73, 74, 75, 3, 10, 49, 51, 52, 53, 97, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 141, 34 and 21.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

22 (For 69, Against 43, Abstentions 0)
23 (For 85, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 85, Against 27, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 86, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
48 (For 84, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 86, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
32 (For 84, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
79 (For 84, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

11 (For 103, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
50 (For 84, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
20E (For 78, Against 28, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 105, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
33 (For 100, Against 8, Abstentions 0)
102 (For 86, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
140 (For 100, Against 9, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

63 (For 44, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
46 (For 24, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
47 (For 24, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
64 (For 25, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
66 (For 7, Against 92, Abstentions 13)
67 (For 24, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
68 (For 48, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
76 (For 52, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
77 (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
1 (For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 43, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 25, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
78 (For 26, Against 81, Abstentions 1)
9 (For 27, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
80 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
81 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
82 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
83 (For 25, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
84 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
85 (For 27, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
86 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
87 (For 27, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
88 (For 27, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
13 (For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 23, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
89 (For 27, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
90 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
91 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
92 (For 27, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
93 (For 27, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
94 (For 24, Against 83, Abstentions 1)

95 (For 25, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
20A (For 26, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
20B (For 25, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
20C (For 51, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
20D (For 49, Against 55, Abstentions 0)
98 (For 22, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
99 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
100 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
101 (For 25, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
103 (For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
104 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
105 (For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
106 (For 39, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
107 (For 40, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
108 (For 25, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
109 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
110 (For 24, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
111 (For 23, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
112 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
113 (For 41, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 and 126 en bloc (For 24, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
127 (For 26, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
128 (For 26, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
129 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
130 (For 25, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
131 (For 25, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
132 (For 24, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
133 (For 47, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
134 (For 47, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
135 (For 50, Against 56, Abstentions 0)
138 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
139 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
142 (For 20, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
143 (For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
144 (For 21, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
145 (For 21, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
146 (For 21, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
147 (For 38, Against 71, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 24, 25, 26, 31 (and as a consequence, 31A, 31B), 8, 12, 19, 96, 59, 136 and 137.

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

The meeting closed at 10.01 pm.

No.74, Wednesday 28 January 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20599— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 28 January 2026—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Update on the MV Bella-1

delete

9.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to by division (For 78, Against 25, Abstain 0).

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business, and the on, Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals: Anas Sarwar moved S6M-20561—That the Parliament condemns the culture of secrecy and cover-up that has hidden the truth from patients, families and campaigners and denied them justice in many NHS scandals in Scotland in recent years; recognises that, as the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry draws to a close, many serious questions remain regarding the decision-making process and the role of the Scottish Government; considers that political decision making should be considered by the inquiry, and calls for the Scottish Ministers to authorise the immediate full disclosure and preservation of all communications connected to the contaminated water and inadequate ventilation system and the premature opening of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, as well as any subsequent communications relating to the handling of the infection and its cover-up.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-20561.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20561 in the name of Anas Sarwar (The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals), leave out from "condemns" to end and insert "pays tribute to the brave patients, families and whistleblowers who have campaigned tirelessly for justice in the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry; recognises the pain, trauma and grief faced by patients and their families at the heart of this inquiry, and notes that the inquiry was established in 2019 to

> ensure that every individual impacted is able to get the truth that they deserve; notes the fundamental importance of the independence of inquiries, which are enshrined in legislation, under the control of an independent chair, and which operate transparently, reaching conclusions that are not to be influenced by ministers or other vested interests, and agrees, therefore, that the independent Scottish Hospitals Inquiry Chair must be given the time and space to consider all the available evidence."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Brian Whittle moved amendment S6M-20561.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20561 in the name of Anas Sarwar (The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals), insert at end "; notes with concern the impact on patients, staff and others resulting from the ongoing questions about the safety of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital; calls on the Scottish Government to provide clear and explicit guarantees to the public that any issues raised by patients, families and whistleblowers are listened to and fully investigated; believes that the repeated lack of candour by both NHS boards and the Scottish Government in respect of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and other scandals is unacceptable; further believes that this lack of openness has placed a greater burden on patients, families and NHS staff and contributed to a growing loss of public trust, and calls, therefore, on Nicola Sturgeon to request to make a personal statement, with questions and answers, to the Scottish Parliament, given her role as Cabinet Secretary for Health and First Minister during the construction and opening of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Gillian Mackay moved amendment S6M-20561.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20561 in the name of Anas Sarwar (The Role of Political Decision Making in NHS Scandals), insert at end "; acknowledges that recent revelations surrounding the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital will have been distressing for patients, their families and staff; understands that this could create uncertainty and fear regarding the safety of Scotland's hospitals and negatively impact staff morale; recognises that patient privacy has to be given the greatest consideration in the publication of any materials, and calls for the Scottish Government to outline how it will urgently restore confidence into the services delivered by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament condemns the culture of secrecy and cover-up that has hidden the truth from patients, families and campaigners and denied them justice in many NHS scandals in Scotland in recent years; recognises that, as the Scottish Hospitals Inquiry draws to a close, many serious questions remain regarding the decision-making process and the role of the Scottish Government; considers that political decision making should be considered by the inquiry; calls for the Scottish Ministers to authorise the immediate full disclosure and preservation of all communications connected to the contaminated water and inadequate ventilation system and the premature opening of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, as well as any subsequent communications relating to the handling of the infection and its cover-up; acknowledges that recent revelations surrounding the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital will have been distressing for patients, their families and staff; understands that this could create uncertainty and fear regarding the safety of Scotland's hospitals and negatively impact staff morale; recognises that patient privacy has to be given the greatest consideration in the publication of any materials, and calls for the Scottish Government to outline how it will urgently restore confidence into the services delivered by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

4. First Minister Statement: The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Update on the MV Bella-1.

5. Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-20550—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 14 May 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 1 to 5, 10, 11(2) to 11(5), 12 to 20 and the schedule, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Parliament continued its consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 62, 35, 37, 38, 39, 42, 44 and 45.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

60 (For 81, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
153 (For 89, Against 16, Abstentions 0)
165 (For 99, Against 8, Abstentions 0)
179 (For 81, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
180 (For 81, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
182 (For 82, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
36 (For 81, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
186 (For 81, Against 26, Abstentions 0)
40 (For 83, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 83, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
43 (For 103, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

60A (For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
148 (For 24, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
149 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
150 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
151 (For 24, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
152 (For 39, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
154 (For 43, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
155 (For 28, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
156 (For 42, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
157 (For 44, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 19, Against 81, Abstentions 7)
160 (For 46, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
166 (For 23, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
167 (For 41, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
168 (For 43, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
169 (For 41, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
171 (For 45, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
172 (For 24, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
173 (For 23, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
174 (For 24, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
175 (For 24, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
176 (For 25, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
177 (For 43, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
178 (For 25, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
183 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
184 (For 25, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
185 (For 24, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
161 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
162 (For 26, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
163 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
187 (For 32, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
188 (For 25, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
189 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
190 (For 25, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
191 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
192 (For 25, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
193 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
194 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 158, 159, 164, 170, 181, 195 and 196.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised his power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate on the group to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

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 his power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate on the group to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A that for the purpose of this item of today's business, the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A be suspended. The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Business Programme: Motion S6M-20569 in the name of the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, was withdrawn and as a consequence amendment S6M-20569.1 in the name of Ash Regan fell.

8. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20570—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20571—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20572—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 6 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20573—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

12. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20574—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20575—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 8, Abstentions 0).

14. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20576—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders are suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 13 and 14 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

No.75, Thursday 29 January 2026

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. Holocaust Memorial Day 2026, Bridging Generations: The Parliament debated S6M-20318 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament recognises that 27 January is Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD); acknowledges that the Holocaust was the brutal and barbaric murder of six million Jewish men, women and children by Germany's Nazi regime, and its collaborators, during the Second World War; understands that the date of HMD is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp, where 1.1 million people were murdered, 90% of them Jewish; notes that the official theme for HMD 2026 is "Bridging Generations", as a reminder that the collective responsibility of all to remember does not end with the survivors, it lives on through their children, grandchildren and all people; recognises that this encourages all to engage actively with the past, and to listen, learn and carry those lessons forward to build a bridge between memory and action, and between history and hope for the future; is aware that the Holocaust is a shockingly dark chapter in human history, and considers that HMD is a crucially important event in the calendar, which aims to highlight the reason why its lessons can never be forgotten and why a zero tolerance approach must always be taken against antisemitism and all forms of prejudice.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20610—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 29 January 2026—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.25 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

6. Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill: Daniel Johnson moved S6M-20519—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Mark Ruskell moved S6M-20527—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 27, Abstentions 19).

8. Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-20579—That the Parliament agrees that the Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-20549—That the Parliament agrees that the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

10. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20611**—**That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.55 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Motion on Reconsideration of a Bill: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 February 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 February 2026

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

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 February 2026

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: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) 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 2 February 2026, 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.

Ash Regan moved amendment S6M-20611.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20611 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), leave out from "*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill" to "5.55 pm Decision Time" and insert—
>
> "*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill
>
> *followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill
>
> *followed by* Motion on Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – UK Legislation
>
> *followed by* Committee Announcements
>
> *followed by* Business Motions
>
> *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to.

11. 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 6:17 pm**.**

The motion was agreed to.

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8, and 9 as noted above.

13. Building Links with Bhutan: The Parliament debated S6M-19514 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament welcomes the financial and administrative support from the Tam O'Shanter Trust for the recent parliamentary visit to Bhutan, and thanks Bhutan Homestay and the Loden Foundation for the additional in-country support, including arranging insightful meetings with entrepreneurs, parliamentarians and others; notes that Bhutan has a population approaching 800,000 and is set amidst the Himalayas, bordered by India and Tibet, and that its culture and governance are very different from Scotland; acknowledges its vibrant Buddhist heritage and magnificent cultural assets, including its numerous fortresses and temples, the best known of which is The Paro Taktsang, also known as the Tiger's Nest, which is a legendary monastery that hangs precariously on the edge of a 3,120m-tall cliff; appreciates that Bhutan is notable for its use of a national happiness index to assess progress and is ranked as one of the top 20 least corrupt countries in the world; understands that its political and institutional development is less mature and very different from Scotland's, but that there are areas where a sharing of innovative practice may prove mutually beneficial, such as on climate change, population retention, entrepreneurship, and education and skills; commends the work undertaken by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh to document and conserve Bhutan's rich plant diversity; notes the view that there are opportunities to further develop relationships with Bhutan and that active consideration should be given to forming a Cross Party Group on Bhutan, with members from both Scotland and Bhutan, and including academic and cultural communities; further notes the view that there could be a useful focus on developing cultural links to enjoy and appreciate the countries' different cultural assets, and notes the invitation for the Loden Foundation to work with friends in Scotland, including those in the Falkirk East constituency.

The meeting closed at 6:49 pm.

No.76, Tuesday 3 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Susan Macleod, Humanist Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, 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-20663— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 3 February 2026—

after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

The motion was agreed to.

3. Motion of Condolence : The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-20640—That the Parliament expresses its sadness at the sudden death of Lord Jim Wallace; appreciates his many years of outstanding public service and the high regard in which he was held as a Queen's Counsel, MP for Shetland and Orkney and the first ever MSP for Orkney, his seven years as the first Deputy First Minister of Scotland, and latterly as member of the House of Lords; acknowledges his long service to the Church of Scotland as an elder at St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall and as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland from 2021 to 2022, and expresses deepest condolences to his wife, family and many friends.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20664— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 3 February 2026—

delete

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland’s Prison Population

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Hospitals Inquiry

delete

5.55 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.20 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 5 February 2026—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

5. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and a Cabinet Secretary.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Prison Population.

7. Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill: Meghan Gallacher, as Member in Charge, spoke to the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill, and indicated her intention to withdraw the Bill.

8. Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill: Ash Regan moved S6M-20627—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

9. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Hospitals Inquiry.

10. Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-20645—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 17 December 2024, and subsequently amended, relating to the new clause to be inserted after clause 64, which grants powers to the Scottish Ministers to make provision that is consequential on devolved aspects of clause 11 (Use of accommodation for deprivation of liberty), so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 8 and 10 as noted above.

12. Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector: The Parliament debated 20521 in the name of Michael Marra—That the Parliament notes the publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector, by the Scottish Games Network; recognises what it considers is the growing importance of the games sector to Scotland's economy, international reputation and high-skilled employment; notes the action plan's ambition to scale the sector to £1 billion gross value added (GVA) by 2030, and the reported productivity of the sector, including an estimated £151,382 GVA per head; further notes what it sees as Dundee's longstanding reputation as Scotland's games capital and the contribution of its studios, talent pipeline and creative ecosystem; notes the view that there should be a parliamentary debate about the action plan and the steps required to support sustainable growth in the sector, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will engage with the recommendations in the plan, including on skills, investment and support for innovation, to help secure jobs and economic growth across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

No.77, Wednesday 4 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Saving Scottish Hospitality: Murdo Fraser moved S6M-20653—That the Parliament recognises the pressures facing Scotland's hospitality sector; calls on the Scottish Government to postpone the forthcoming non-domestic rates revaluation until a comprehensive review of the valuation methodology has been completed, and further calls on the Scottish Government to provide 100% rates relief for all hospitality businesses with commercial property valued up to £100,000.

The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved amendment S6M-20653.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20653 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Saving Scottish Hospitality), leave out from "the pressures" to end and insert "that the revaluation process is independent of the Scottish Government; notes the more than £320 million of business support announced in the draft Budget through transitional relief schemes and retail, hospitality and leisure relief over the next three years, and acknowledges the commitment from the Scottish Government to pass on, in full, any Barnett consequential funding from the UK Government's change to non-domestic rates for pubs and music venues in England to businesses in Scotland."

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-20653.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20653 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Saving Scottish Hospitality), leave out from ", and further" to end and insert "; acknowledges long-standing criticism of a lack of transparency within the non-domestic rates system; recognises that hospitality businesses pay proportionately more in rates as compared to their share of the economy, and calls on the Scottish Government to overhaul the system."

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-20653.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20653 in the name of Murdo Fraser (Saving Scottish Hospitality), leave out from ", and further" to end and insert "; believes that business rates should support growth and employment and that sudden steep rate hikes threaten the survival of successful businesses; notes that the Northern Ireland Executive has paused its business rates revaluation to avoid large rates increases for many in the hospitality sector, and urges the Scottish Government to pause the implementation of Scotland's revaluations, open the appeals process immediately, and provide additional relief to businesses using the extra funding expected following the UK Government's announcement of relief for pubs and music venues."

After debate, amendment S6M-20653.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 52, Abstentions 7). As a result, amendments S6M-20653.2 and S6M-20653.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 59, Abstentions 0) – by casting vote).

3. Opposing the Scottish Government's Proposed Council Tax Rises: Craig Hoy moved S6M-20654—That the Parliament notes with concern the ongoing consultation on council tax reform; further notes that central government funding has been reduced in real terms in this and previous Scottish Government budgets; acknowledges the cumulative pressure on households from rising council tax, the introduction of additional local charges, fees and levies, and the increasing likelihood of further council tax rises; recognises the damaging impact that funding reductions are having on frontline and statutory local authority services; expresses a lack of confidence that the current consultation will deliver fair or considered reform, given the Scottish Government's record of underfunding local government, and calls on the Scottish Government to withdraw the consultation and rule out proceeding with the proposed council tax reforms, including the plan to conduct a revaluation of every home in Scotland for council tax purposes, at a time when households are already struggling with rising bills.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-20654.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20654 in the name of Craig Hoy (Opposing the Scottish Government's Proposed Council Tax Rises), leave out from "with concern" to end and insert "that each local authority sets its own council tax rates; recognises the importance of building political consensus through the current consultation to deliver fair reform to local government taxation, and welcomes that a 'Mansion Tax' will be brought forward in 2028 that will add two additional council tax bands, to be applied to properties valued at over £1 million."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 51, Abstentions 8).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-20654.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20654 in the name of Craig Hoy (Opposing the Scottish Government's Proposed Council Tax Rises), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "is concerned for the future of local services, in light of nearly two decades of underfunding of local government by the Scottish National Party administration; regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to build a consensus for much-needed reform of local government taxation, and calls on the next Scottish administration to take leadership and create a sustainable, long-term funding solution for local government."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 94, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that each local authority sets its own council tax rates; recognises the importance of building political consensus through the current consultation to deliver fair reform to local government taxation, and welcomes that a 'Mansion Tax' will be brought forward in 2028 that will add two additional council tax bands, to be applied to properties valued at over £1 million.

4. European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (Reconsideration): Mark Ruskell moved S6M-20525—That the Parliament agrees to reconsider the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish the consultation on its proposal to reduce the automatic early release point for certain short-term prisoners from 40% to 30% of their sentence, including details of how and when responses can be submitted, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance).

6. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what immediate action it will take in light of the concerns raised by the Patient Safety Commissioner at the meeting of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 3 February regarding transparency and risk mitigation in relation to maternity services in Wigtownshire, was answered by the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto).

7. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20668—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 February 2026

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 Motion on Legislative Consent: Finance (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 February 2026

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: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 February 2026

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 Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 February 2026

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 Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2026-27

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (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 9 February 2026, 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.

8. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20669—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20670—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 3, Abstentions 17).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20671—That the Parliament agrees that the Animal Health (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10 as noted above.

12. The Mental Health Impact of Cell Therapies: The Parliament debated S6M-19950 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises the significant mental health impact that cell therapies such as stem cell transplant and CAR-T can have on patients and their families, not only in Glasgow Anniesland but across Scotland; notes the recommendations in the June 2025 report by the charity, Antony Nolan, How we can improve the mental health and wellbeing of cell therapy patients, and further notes the view that all those involved in the delivery of cell therapies should commit to working together towards these recommendations to ensure that every patient and family receive the support they deserve.

The meeting closed at 6.58 pm.

No.78, Thursday 5 February 2026

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. 900th Anniversary of Rutherglen as a Royal Burgh: The Parliament debated S6M-20393 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament recognises that 2026 marks the 900th anniversary of Rutherglen receiving the status of Royal Burgh via Royal Charter from King David I of Scotland; understands that although Rutherglen's story began long before 1126, its recognition via the first Burgh Charter gave it special trading rights and a place of importance in medieval Scotland, and that through centuries of change, Rutherglen has continued to play a key role in the region's development; notes that the milestone is being celebrated throughout the year via a series of heritage, art, wellbeing, environmental and sporting events organised by the community-led Rutherglen 900 project; further notes that the project has been built on collaboration between local people, local organisations, schools, community groups and volunteers, who are working together to honour the town's rich cultural legacy and bright future; appreciates the great sense of community within the town that the Rutherglen 900 project reflects, supported by the wide range of organisations and bodies that do great work to support residents; thanks all of those who are involved in planning and promoting the 900th anniversary celebrations, and wishes all those who live and work in Rutherglen all the best for the occasion and the future.

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

5. Ecocide (Scotland) Bill: Monica Lennon moved S6M-20606—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 26, Abstentions 4).

6. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-20646—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT).

7. Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-20632—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (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. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.

No.79, Tuesday 10 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Kristers Lukins MSYP, 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-20746—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 10 February 2026—

delete

7.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 12 February 2026—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission

after

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill – UK Legislation

insert

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20723—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when

the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 and 5: 1 hour 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bills: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35 and 36.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

16 (For 93, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
26 (For 75, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 13, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 14, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 6, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 20, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 5, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
21 (For 20, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
22 (For 21, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
23 (For 21, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 21, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 13, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 14, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 21, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 22, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 15, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12.

6. Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-20717—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 103, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20747—That the Parliament agrees that Jamie Greene be appointed to replace Alex Cole-Hamilton as the Scottish Liberal Democrats substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. 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 4.41 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

10. Essential Role of Renewable Energy to Meet Net Zero Targets: The Parliament debated S6M-20100 in the name of Finlay Carson— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the essential role of renewable energy in meeting Scotland's net zero targets; acknowledges what it considers is the significant growth of onshore wind farms, transmission infrastructure and energy storage developments across rural Scotland, including in Dumfries and Galloway; notes the reported concerns raised by local communities regarding the cumulative impact of large-scale developments on landscapes, biodiversity and rural economies; understands that many of these developments are advanced through planning mechanisms that limit local authority capacity and community input, including applications under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989; notes the belief that a balanced approach is needed that supports Scotland's climate ambitions while ensuring that rural communities are active partners in shaping the future of their regions; further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to publish a clear and inclusive national energy strategy that provides guidance on cumulative impact, community benefit and transmission infrastructure, and notes the calls for reform of the planning system to strengthen transparency, local engagement and democratic accountability in energy infrastructure decisions, which ensures that all parts of Scotland benefit fairly and sustainably from the transition to net zero.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

No.80, Wednesday 11 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Safety of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-20731—That the Parliament is concerned that the Scottish Government is unable to state clearly that the ventilation and water systems at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital have been validated as meeting required safety requirements; recognises that thousands of patients are treated safely and expertly cared for by NHS staff in the hospital every year; welcomes the establishment of a Safety and Public Confidence Oversight Group, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out by what date it intends to carry out the risk assessment of the hospital's ventilation system, as recommended by the inquiry, what mitigations are currently in place to ensure that the water is safe to use, how it intends to protect at-risk patients in areas that have not been validated, and when this validation will be carried out and the documentation shared with whistleblowers and infection control.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved amendment S6M-20731.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20731 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Safety of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital), leave out from "is concerned" to end and insert "agrees that whistleblowers in Scotland's NHS must be protected and supported; notes that NHS Assure was the body created in 2021 to improve risk management and safety in Scotland's NHS estate; further notes that both Healthcare Improvement Scotland and independent experts have commented on the procedures now in place to ensure the safety of hospital for patients and staff; welcomes the creation of a Safety and Public Confidence Oversight Group, which will look at specific issues, including in relation to the built environment and validation; further welcomes that this group will be co-chaired by Sir Lewis Ritchie to provide additional scrutiny; agrees that Parliament must be kept updated of this group's work, and further agrees that the chair of the independent inquiry must be given the time and space to come to his conclusions without political interference."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-20731.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20731 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Safety of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital), leave out from "welcomes" to "Group" and insert "expresses concern that the Safety and Public Confidence Oversight Group will be run by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, in light of the lack of confidence that victims have in the NHS board; calls on the Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to therefore stand down as co-

chair of the group; urges the Scottish Government to work with the Patient Safety Commissioner to immediately strengthen protections for NHS whistleblowers; condemns the Scottish Government for its failure to tackle a culture of secrecy and denial across the NHS; admonishes the former health secretary, Shona Robison, for breaking her pledge to carry out an independent safety audit prior to the opening of the hospital; requests that Fiona McQueen appear before the Scottish Parliament to account for her reported actions in dismissing the complaints of victims".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

3. Community Policing: Pauline McNeill moved S6M-20730—That the Parliament regrets that cuts to police officer numbers have disproportionately fallen on local divisions, reducing the number of officers on the frontline; is deeply concerned about reports of rising crime, particularly violent crime; recognises that the proportion of people reporting that they feel safe after dark is at the lowest point on record; considers that failures to modernise the court system and support mental health care have resulted in a poor use of police officer time, which should be focused on reducing crime; believes that there is a need to restore community policing, and calls for the creation of community and crime prevention officers in every council ward in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved amendment S6M-20730.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-20730 in the name of Pauline McNeill (Community Policing), leave out from "regrets" to end and insert "acknowledges that Scotland is a safe country with recorded crime having decreased by 38% since 2006-7 and that homicide is at its lowest level since comparable records began in 1976; recognises that in 2025-26, the Scottish Government increased police funding to a record £1.64 billion, investment which enabled Police Scotland to take on more recruits in the last financial year than at any time since 2013, and that the draft Budget has a further record investment in policing of £1.7 billion in 2026-27; condemns the UK Government's employer national insurance increase, which is costing Police Scotland over £25 million every year; commends the hard work, dedication and commitment of all the officers and staff of Police Scotland; is pleased that police officers in Scotland receive the best basic pay in the UK at the minimum and maximum of each rank, and that there are around 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) officers per 10,000 population, compared with around 24 FTE officers in England and Wales; notes that Police Scotland has an important role to play in addressing community concerns or tensions and there should be no tolerance for hate crime in a modern society; recognises that, whilst the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey shows a long-term increase in the proportion of people who report feeling safe in their local area, perceptions of safety can vary significantly between communities; further recognises that, in September 2025, Parliament agreed the landmark Victims,

> Witnesses, and Justice Reform Act, which will introduce reforms to place victims and witnesses at the heart of the justice and courts system, establish a Sexual Offences Court, improve the Victim Notification Scheme and parole system, and introduce a Victims Commissioner, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue its focus on reducing crime and reoffending and supporting victims."

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-20730.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20730 in the name of Pauline McNeill (Community Policing), leave out from "for the creation" to end and insert "on the Scottish Government to reduce non-crime demand on Police Scotland and accelerate delivery of a 'Right Care, Right Person' style model."

After debate, amendment S6M-20730.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 55, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S6M-20730 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 54, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved that—

That the Parliament acknowledges that Scotland is a safe country with recorded crime having decreased by 38% since 2006-7 and that homicide is at its lowest level since comparable records began in 1976; recognises that in 2025-26, the Scottish Government increased police funding to a record £1.64 billion, investment which enabled Police Scotland to take on more recruits in the last financial year than at any time since 2013, and that the draft Budget has a further record investment in policing of £1.7 billion in 2026-27; condemns the UK Government's employer national insurance increase, which is costing Police Scotland over £25 million every year; commends the hard work, dedication and commitment of all the officers and staff of Police Scotland; is pleased that police officers in Scotland receive the best basic pay in the UK at the minimum and maximum of each rank, and that there are around 30 full-time equivalent (FTE) officers per 10,000 population, compared with around 24 FTE officers in England and Wales; notes that Police Scotland has an important role to play in addressing community concerns or tensions and there should be no tolerance for hate crime in a modern society; recognises that, whilst the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey shows a long-term increase in the proportion of people who report feeling safe in their local area, perceptions of safety can vary significantly between communities; further recognises that, in September 2025, Parliament agreed the landmark Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform Act, which will introduce reforms to place victims and witnesses at the heart of the justice and courts system, establish a Sexual Offences Court, improve the Victim Notification Scheme and parole system, and introduce a Victims Commissioner, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue its focus on reducing crime and reoffending and supporting victims.

4. Finance (No. 2) Bill – UK Legislation: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-20718—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Finance (No. 2) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 2 December

2025, relating to clause 8 (Scottish and Welsh property rates set by Scottish Parliament and Senedd) and schedule 2, part 1 (Scotland), so far as these matters pursue a devolved purpose and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20749—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business--

Tuesday 17 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 February 2026

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 Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 February 2026

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: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2026-27

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 24 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 February 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Cost-effectiveness of Scottish Public Inquiries

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Substance Misuse in Prisons Inquiry

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 February 2026, 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. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20750—That the Parliament agrees that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20751—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20752—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20753—That the Parliament agrees that the Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20754—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Referral of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20755—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20756—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20757—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00 pm and 2.50 pm on Wednesday 25 February 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

15. Nature Champions Initiative: The Parliament debated S6M-20338 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the success of the Nature Champions initiative, established in 2013 and coordinated by Scottish Environment LINK, which encourages all MSPs to champion Scotland's species and habitats; recognises that more than 100 MSPs have become Nature Champions over the current parliamentary session, supported by 25 LINK member organisations, and that the initiative marked its 10th anniversary in 2023 with a public exhibition outside the Parliament, before being awarded the NGO Impact Award by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management in 2024; considers that the Glasgow Shettleston constituency, like the rest of Scotland, benefits from action to protect biodiversity; regrets reports that one in nine species are at risk of national extinction in Scotland; acknowledges that many MSPs will retire or not stand again at the 2026 election, creating a need for new Members in the next parliamentary session to take up the role of a Nature Champion; welcomes that the initiative will be relaunched in the new session to provide that opportunity,

ensuring continuity in raising awareness of Scotland's threatened species and habitats, and commends the cross-party and collaborative spirit that it considers has underpinned the initiative throughout its history.

16. Motion Without Notice: John Mason moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.32 pm.

No.81, Thursday 12 February 2026

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. Securing a Long-term Home for Edinburgh South FC and Recognising the Important Role of Grassroots Football: The Parliament debated S6M-20146 in the name of Daniel Johnson—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the significant contribution that Edinburgh South FC (ESFC) Inch Park Community Sports Club makes to grassroots sport and community participation across the Edinburgh Southern constituency; notes that the ESFC is one of the largest community football organisations in the country, with over 1,000 players across 75 teams, and supported by more than 200 volunteers; understands that the area of Inch Park, which is known locally as the "nursery site" has been identified as the preferred location for a new all-weather pitch and new changing facilities to support year-round participation and reduce cancellations; acknowledges that ESFC's plans have received support from the SFA; notes calls encouraging more local authorities and leisure centres to work alongside football clubs to secure sustainable long-term homes for clubs; believes that good access to high-quality and affordable football facilities is essential to supporting participation, improving health and wellbeing and offering opportunities for young people in communities across Scotland, and recognises what it sees as the important role that grassroots football clubs play nationwide in fostering inclusion, developing talent and strengthening communities.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice and Housing were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Sentencing and Penal Policy Commission.

6. Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-20720—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 30, Abstentions 24).

7. Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved S6M-20719—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 13 January 2026, relating to clauses 1 to 8, so far as they relate to matters which 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).

8. Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-20738—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(1), 81(5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998 resolves that, with effect from the day of the poll at the first general election for membership of the Parliament following the day on which this Resolution is approved, the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme is amended as follows—

(a) for paragraph 2(2) substitute—

"For any period during which a salary is payable to a member of the Parliament pursuant to a resolution of the House of Lords relating to the remuneration of members of that House, the yearly rate of the salary payable by virtue of this Scheme to that member for that period shall be reduced by two-thirds."

(b) after paragraph 2(2) insert—

"(2A) No salary shall be paid to a member of the Parliament in respect of any period in which the member is or was also a member of the House of Commons. This does not apply to any salary payable to a member of the Parliament in their capacity as the First Minister, a Scottish Minister, a junior Scottish Minister, the Lord Advocate, the Solicitor General for Scotland, the Presiding Officer or a Deputy Presiding Officer.

(2B) If remuneration is also payable to a member of the Parliament in respect of the same period under regulations made under section 11(1) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 then the amount of salary payable to the member shall be reduced by the amount specified as payable to a councillor (who is not designated the Leader of the Council, the Civic Head or a senior councillor) by those regulations made under section 11(1) of the 2004 Act."

(c) in paragraph 2(1), after "sub-paragraph (2)" add ", (2A) and (2B)".

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.11 pm.

No.82, Tuesday 17 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Ruth Harvey, Leader of the Iona Community, 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-20746—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 17 February 2026—

delete

7.45 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 February 2026—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2026-27

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Ecocide (Scotland) Bill

followed by Reappointment of the Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill: Katy Clark moved S6M-20815—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-20815.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20815 in the name of Katy Clark (Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill), insert at end ", but, in so doing, highlights the time pressure in the current parliamentary session and the views in the stage 1 report, including that Freedom of Information reform should be addressed in the next parliamentary session."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 30, Abstentions 8).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

> That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill, but, in so doing, highlights the time pressure in the current parliamentary session and the views in the stage 1 report, including that Freedom of Information reform should be addressed in the next parliamentary session.

5. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20818—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 10 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours 5 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendment was agreed to (without division): 5

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

1 (For 99, Against 0, Abstentions 19)
19 (For 89, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 70, Against 47, Abstentions 0)
21 (For 73, Against 44, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 89, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 91, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
23 (For 73, Against 45, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 115, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
13A (For 93, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
13, as amended, (For 93, Against 25, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

6 (For 14, Against 102, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 26, Against 72, Abstentions 19)
4 (For 25, Against 92, Abstentions 0)

16 (For 12, Against 106, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 13, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
7A (For 12, Against 106, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 12, Against 104, Abstentions 0)
22A (For 7, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
22 (For 11, Against 87, Abstentions 19)
12 (For 26, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 33, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 8, Against 91, Abstentions 0)

The following amendment was not moved: 18

The following amendment was pre-empted: 20

The following amendment was moved then, no member having objected, withdrawn: 10

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the first time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate on the group to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

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7. Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-20813—That the Parliament agrees that the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 51, Abstentions 7).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 7 as noted above.

9. Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2026: The Parliament debated S6M-20319 in the name of Elena Whitham—That the Parliament recognises Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2026, which runs from 23 February to 1 March; understands that the theme for the week is "Community", to highlight that, while eating disorders can be isolating for those experiencing them and the people supporting them, there is value in connecting with others who have shared experiences; notes that the eating disorder charity, Beat, estimates that 1.25 million people across the UK, and 100,000 people in Scotland, have an eating disorder; recognises that data suggests that the prevalence of eating disorders has increased

since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020; acknowledges the comprehensive recommendations set out in the 2021 National Review of Eating Disorder Services, and notes the view that, while work is being carried out by organisations such as Beat to increase peer support and training services, further measures are required to address this growing issue.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

No.83, Wednesday 18 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports : Gillian Mackay moved S6M-20819—That the Parliament strongly opposes the actions of the United States (US) under the leadership of Donald Trump; believes that, under Trump's presidency, the US has become a rogue state that has shown contempt for Scottish and international law through its attack on Venezuela and Scottish waters and its threats to the sovereignty of Greenland and Denmark; notes that two people were recently abducted from Scottish waters by the US military, in defiance of the Court of Session and live legal proceedings; understands that the US military currently uses Scottish Government owned Prestwick airport as a de-facto base, with US military flights landing at Prestwick over 560 times since 1 April 2025; agrees that Scotland must not be complicit in any illegal action by allowing the use of publicly owned assets by foreign military, and calls on the Scottish Government to evict US troops operating from Prestwick airport immediately and to instruct all airports owned by the Scottish Government through Highlands and Islands Airports Limited to deny access and use of their facilities to the US military.

The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved amendment S6M-20819.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20819 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports), leave out from "strongly" to end and insert "supports Scots law, international law and the rules-based order; respects the future of Greenland as a matter for the people of Greenland and Denmark; is unwavering in its solidarity with and support for Ukraine in the face of Russia's illegal invasion; supports international sanctions against the Putin regime and the interdiction of its shadow fleet, and encourages the international community to secure a just peace acceptable to Ukraine."

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-20819.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20819 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports), leave out from "strongly" to end and insert "reaffirms its clear support for NATO as the cornerstone of collective defence and the foundation of transatlantic security; recognises that NATO has preserved peace among its members for more than 75 years and that the Alliance's nuclear deterrent, including the strategic capability of the United States, has underpinned strategic stability among NATO members and deterred direct conflict between major nuclear powers in Europe for eight decades; recognises the United States as a central and enduring partner in safeguarding European security and acknowledges its leadership in providing the air mobility, logistics, intelligence and deterrence capabilities on which the Alliance relies; notes that military aircraft from NATO allies, including those of

> the United States, routinely and lawfully use Scottish airports such as Glasgow Prestwick Airport for refuelling and transit; further notes that such activity supports jobs, brings revenue and contributes to the financial sustainability of publicly owned airport infrastructure; rejects calls to withdraw cooperation from the country's closest allies; calls on the Scottish Government to continue facilitating appropriate access for NATO partners to Scottish airport facilities in support of collective defence, national security and the long-term resilience of Scotland's aviation assets, and regrets that the Scottish Green Party has chosen to use parliamentary time to debate these matters instead of raising the many devolved issues that require immediate attention."

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-20819.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6W-20819 in the name of Gillian Mackay (Ending US Military Use of Scottish Airports), leave out from "strongly" to end and insert "acknowledges that any use by other nations of Scottish infrastructure must be done in accordance with domestic and international law; welcomes the role that both Scotland and Prestwick airport have played in supporting Ukraine against the Russian invasion; recognises the importance of Scotland's strategic assets in supporting international security; affirms its support for the UK's place in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and welcomes the UK Government commitment to increase defence spending to 3% of GDP in an era of global instability."

After debate, amendment S6M-20819.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 7, Abstentions 27). As a result, amendments S6M-20819.1 and S5M-20819.2 were pre-empted.
The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved that—

That the Parliament supports Scots law, international law and the rules-based order; respects the future of Greenland as a matter for the people of Greenland and Denmark; is unwavering in its solidarity with and support for Ukraine in the face of Russia’s illegal invasion; supports international sanctions against the Putin regime and the interdiction of its shadow fleet, and encourages the international community to secure a just peace acceptable to Ukraine.

3. A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran: Mark Ruskell moved S6M-20820—
That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government and Scottish Government must urgently deliver targeted just transition funding for workers and communities following the early closure of the ExxonMobil Fife Ethylene Plant at Mossmorran.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved amendment S6M-20820.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20820 in the name of Mark Ruskell (A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran), leave out from "and Scottish Government" to "deliver" and insert "must match the Scottish Government's support by urgently delivering".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 47, Abstentions 1).

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S6M-20820.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20820 in the name of Mark Ruskell (A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran), insert at end "; notes that ExxonMobil has blamed the UK Labour administration's windfall tax for accelerating the decline of Mossmorran; expresses disappointment that the left-wing 'Holyrood' consensus, in its opposition to oil and gas, has resulted in tens of thousands of job losses; highlights that the Scottish Green Party previously campaigned for Mossmorran to be closed; calls on the Scottish Government to publish its energy strategy, and further calls on the UK Government to support Rosebank oil and gas field, which could generate billions of pounds' worth of investment and support jobs in the oil and gas supply chain."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 92, Abstentions 1).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-20820.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20820 in the name of Mark Ruskell (A Just Transition Fund for Mossmorran), insert at end "; welcomes the convening of a joint taskforce between Fife Council, the UK Government and Scottish Government, trade unions, Fife College, Fife businesses and local community organisations to support the workforce and the wider area, and further welcomes the commitment that workers will be guaranteed interviews at the UK Government-backed Grangemouth cracker; recognises that the taskforce is working on a plan for the site, and considers that this should inform any funding and economic support provided."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 28, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved that—

That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government and must match the Scottish Government’s support by urgently delivering targeted just transition funding for workers and communities following the early closure of the ExxonMobil Fife Ethylene Plant at Mossmorran; welcomes the convening of a joint taskforce between Fife Council, the UK Government and Scottish Government, trade unions, Fife College, Fife businesses and local community organisations to support the workforce and the wider area, and further welcomes the commitment that workers will be guaranteed interviews at the UK Government-backed Grangemouth cracker; recognises that the taskforce is working on a plan for the site, and considers that this should inform any funding and economic support provided.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, To ask the Scottish Government whether the Lord Advocate will provide details of the reasons for her reportedly sharing confidential details of the charges against Peter Murrell with the First Minister and whether any further information regarding the case has been made available to ministers or special advisers, was answered by the Lord Advocate (Rt Hon Dorothy Bain KC).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20826—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 February 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 February 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Motion of Condolence

followed by Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Children from Harm

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.05 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 February 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Cost-effectiveness of Scottish Public Inquiries

followed by Criminal Justice Committee Debate: Substance Misuse in Prisons Inquiry

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: Climate Change Plan

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 February 2026, 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.

Douglas Ross moved amendment 20826.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20826 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), after “That the Parliament agrees—” insert—
>
> “(za) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 19 February 2026—
>
> delete
>
> 2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
>
> 2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills
>
> and insert
>
> 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
>
> 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills
>
> *followed by* Ministerial Statement: Lord Advocate Private Briefing to the First Minister on the Charges Against Peter Murrell”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 51, Against 71, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 92, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20827—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 7, Abstentions 1).

7. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20828—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20829—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20830—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20831—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20832—That the Parliament agrees that the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20833—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Procurement (India Trade Agreement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20834—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20835—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Local Authority Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20836—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Reviews and Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

16. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20837—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as noted above.

18. Recognising Concerns Regarding Moray FLOW-Park: The Parliament debated 20329 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament acknowledges the concerns being raised by the communities impacted by the proposed Moray FLOW-Park; notes that Offshore Solutions Group plans to develop anchorage sites in the Moray Firth for floating offshore wind assets; understands that the project is at an early stage, but that concerns around the impact on fishing, the environment and marine life have been expressed and acknowledges the view that these deserve to be addressed, and notes the view that Offshore Solutions Group must both be upfront with communities about the consideration other sites were given for these proposals and must commit to detailed and meaningful discussions with key stakeholders and all communities in the Moray Firth area impacted by these proposals.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

No.84, Thursday 19 February 2026

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. Fair Share of Funding for Public Services: The Parliament debated S6M-20268 in the name of Alexander Burnett—That the Parliament notes calls for fairer funding to be allocated among Scotland's 32 local authorities and 14 NHS boards; further notes reports that Aberdeenshire Council is the fourth lowest funded local authority in Scotland, receiving less government funding per capita than the Scottish average; believes that NHS Grampian is the second lowest funded NHS board per head of population, is reportedly facing a deficit of nearly £50 million, has just 1.4 beds per 1,000 people, and has one of the fastest growing elderly populations in Scotland; considers that rural and island communities cover large geographical areas, which come with unique challenges and require significant resources, particularly with regard to infrastructure maintenance, service delivery and issues that arise from extreme weather; recognises concerns that local services are under immense pressure, and notes the view that it is important to ensure that communities are properly resourced to enable them to continue to have access to local services that meet their needs, including reliable public transport, local schools and health and social care services.

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

5. Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-20814—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Scottish Rate Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-20844—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for Income Tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer to be charged above the personal allowance), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2026-27 are as follows—

(a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £3,967,

(b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £3,967 and up to a limit

of £16,956,

(c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £16,956 and up to a limit of £31,092,

(d) a higher rate of 42%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £62,430,

(e) an advanced rate of 45%, charged on income above £62,430 and up to a limit of £125,140, and

(f) a top rate of 48%, charged on income above £125,140.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 1).

7. Ecocide (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution : The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-20748—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Ecocide (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. Reappointment of the Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-20842—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Professor Graeme Roy be reappointed as Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7, and 8 as noted above.

10. Justice for WASPI Women: The Parliament debated S6M-20614 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament condemns the latest decision by the UK Government regarding, and its continued refusal to compensate, the more than 3.5 million women affected by the acknowledged failures of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to inform them of state pension age increases, despite the UK Government being made to reconsider its original refusal as a result of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, which called for compensation of between £1,000 and £2,950 for each of those affected; echoes the comments of the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) group, which said that the latest decision demonstrated "utter contempt" for those affected in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency and across the country, and notes the calls for the immediate reversal of what it sees as this shameful, immoral and inhumane decision.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

No.85, Tuesday 24 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev. Alasdair Macleod, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland, 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-20897—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 24 February 2026—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.35 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20879—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 2 hours 10 minutes

Groups 6 and 7: 3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 47, 49, 7, 50, 51, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 62, 63, 35 and 71.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

31 (For 81, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

59 (For 83, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
36 (For 83, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
37 (For 84, Against 26, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

38 (For 37, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
1 (For 23, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 24, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
39 (For 40, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
40 (For 42, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 42, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
42A (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
42B (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
42C (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
42 (For 41, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 26, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 23, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
8 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
52 (For 41, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
53 (For 39, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
22 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 23, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
27 (For 23, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
32 (For 23, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 24, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 36, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
64 (For 25, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
66 (For 23, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
67A (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
67 (For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 68, 69 and 70.

6. Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

Motion S6M-20865 in the name of Graham Simpson was withdrawn.

7. Scottish Parliament (Recall of Members) Bill: Graham Simpson moved S6M-20904—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Recall of Members) Bill be passed.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 30, Abstentions 66).

8. 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 6.28 pm.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

10. 85th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz: The Parliament debated 20595 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament commemorates the 85th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz on 13 and 14 March 2026; understands that on these days in 1941, 439 Luftwaffe bombers dropped more than 1,000 bombs in their raid over the Clydeside, which killed 528 people from Clydebank and seriously injured 617, with Second Avenue having the highest number of deaths; notes that the bombings resulted in Clydebank experiencing a massive loss of housing, with 12,000 houses in the town damaged and 4,300 completely destroyed; further notes that the main targets were the armaments factory in the Singer Sewing Machine works, John Brown & Company's shipyard and Beardmore's engine works; acknowledges what it sees as the huge impact the Blitz had on Clydebank, causing incomprehensible hardship, anger and sadness; commends the people of Clydebank for their resilience and celebrates the heroes who saved victims on these dark days and helped with the rebuilding efforts; pays tribute to those who lost their lives, and promises to never forget.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

No.86, Wednesday 25 February 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Motion of Condolence: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-20721—That the Parliament expresses its shock and sadness following the death of Jeane Freeman; appreciates her long contribution to public life and politics, including as the MSP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Minister for Social Security, where she established Social Security Scotland, and Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport during the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises the high esteem in which she was held by civic society and colleagues in all parties, and offers its deepest sympathy and condolences to her partner, family and many friends.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic and then Finance and Local Government were answered by the Deputy First Minister, a Cabinet Secretary, and Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting Children from Harm.

4. Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-20860—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 29, Abstentions 24).

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government for what reason the March 2025 memorandum relating to the Peter Murrell case was not referenced by the Lord Advocate during her appearance last week when answering an Urgent Question from Michael Marra MSP regarding her briefing of the First Minister, was answered by the Lord Advocate (Rt Hon Dorothy Bain KC).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20898—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: Climate Change Plan

followed by Appointment of Board Member to Environmental Standards Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 11 March 2026

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 Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.30 pm Decision Time

Thursday 12 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 March 2026, 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.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment 20898.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20898 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), after “That the Parliament agrees—” insert—
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> "(za) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 26 February 2026—
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> delete
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> *followed by* Business Motions
>
> *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
>
> 5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Lord Advocate Communications with the First Minister Regarding Court Cases, including on Peter Murrell

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 92, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20899—That the Parliament agrees that the Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20900—That the Parliament agrees that the Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20901—That the Parliament agrees that the Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 7, 8, and 9 as noted above.

11. Recognising the Contribution that Football Clubs and their Fans Make to Society: The Parliament debated S6M-20769 in the name of Gillian Mackay—That the Parliament notes that football is one of the most loved and successful sports in the country and that Scotland boasts some of the most loyal supporters anywhere in Europe, but believes that, often, fans feel they are taken for granted or are an afterthought; considers that, across the country, including in the Central Scotland region, supporters groups and community trusts or charitable foundations attached to professional clubs are often enhancing their environment and giving back to those who find themselves in challenging situations, from foodbank collections to mental health initiatives; believes that football fans are often the beating heart of their communities, creating unity in spaces where division can be prevalent; considers that, with rising living costs, varying ticket prices and high transport costs, the current

landscape is making it difficult for working-class fans and families to afford to follow their club, an outlet, it believes, that allows hundreds of thousands of people across the country an escapism and a sense of optimism in a time of struggle; recognises that a price cap has been in place in England for over a decade and means that travelling fans do not pay more than £30 for a ticket, yet understands that no such cap exists at present in Scotland; notes the calls for all 42 Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL) clubs, as well as the Scottish Football Association (SFA) to put fans first; further notes the view that the voices of supporters should be heard by decision makers and amplified within the Scottish Parliament, and notes the belief that those running the national game should listen to the calls from the Scottish Supporters Collective and many fans across the country and cap away football ticket prices at £25.

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

No.87, Thursday 26 February 2026

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. Improved Childcare Support for Parents: The Parliament debated S6M-20786 in the name of Roz McCall—That the Parliament believes that providing childcare support to parents not only supports the family unit but also helps to grow Scotland's economy by encouraging more parents back into the workforce; understands that families in Mid Scotland and Fife, and across the country, still struggle to find affordable, flexible and accessible childcare; praises the work of organisations such as Pregnant Then Screwed, which have campaigned to improve childcare provision across the UK; notes that its 2024 State of the Nation Survey concluded that around four in five parents (83.7%) found that childcare costs are the same as or more than their income, and that 71% of mothers and 50% of fathers say that it does not make financial sense for them to work; understands that its 2026 survey is due to conclude, with findings to be published in due course; further understands that the Scottish Government's Early Learning and Childcare expansion programme evaluation strategy has assessed the impact of the expansion of provision covering the period 2018–25, and that it expects to publish its findings in early 2026, and notes the view that the Parliament should have the opportunity to scrutinise this important review before the end of the current parliamentary session.

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

5. Cost-effectiveness of Scottish Public Inquiries: Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-20893—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Finance and Public Administration Committee's 14th Report, 2025 (Session 6), Report on the Cost-effectiveness of Scottish Public Inquiries (SP Paper 943).

The motion was agreed (DT).

6. Substance Misuse in Prisons Inquiry: Audrey Nicoll moved S6M-20875—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Criminal Justice Committee's 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6), Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons (SP Paper 956).

The motion was agreed (DT).

7. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-20733—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 0, Abstentions 25).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

No.88, Tuesday 3 March 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Representative Tsering Yangkey, 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-20965—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 3 March 2026—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferries and Ports

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 5 March 2026—

after

followed by Appointment of Board Member to Environmental Standards Scotland

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Ferries and Ports.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine.

6. Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendment was agreed to (without division): 1.

7. Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-20943—That the Parliament agrees that the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

8. European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – Reconsideration Stage: The Bill was considered at Reconsideration Stage.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

9. European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: Mark Ruskell moved S6M-20934—That the Parliament agrees that the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

10. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20966—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, Rule 9.5.3A of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20967—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament after Portfolio Questions and before Decision Time and during Members' Business on Wednesday 4 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20968—That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. 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 5.01 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

14. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 9, 10 and 11 and 12 as noted above.

15. Recognising the Pressures Facing A&E Departments: The Parliament debated S6M-20795 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament recognises the reported pressures facing A&E departments; is concerned that recorded waiting times are persistently high, with the number of people waiting more than 8 hours and 12 hours reported in 2025 as 171,854 and 74,052 respectively; notes the consequent rise in corridor care adversely affecting people in the Dumbarton constituency and across Scotland; considers that using the metric of acute hospital bed occupancy as well as A&E waiting times can help to relieve these pressures, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that reductions in occupancy act as the mechanism by which the whole system is held to account.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

No.89, Wednesday 4 March 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on, Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record: Willie Rennie moved S6M-20956—That the Parliament notes that since 2016, the Scottish Government's key commitments and targets on education have either been missed or abandoned; further notes that these include free laptops for all pupils, free school meals for all pupils up to P7, 3,500 more teachers, reduced class contact time for teachers and the closing of the poverty-related educational attainment gap by 2026; believes that abandoning or missing these important targets and commitments has had a real impact on pupils, teachers and parents; further believes that the Scottish Government has let Scottish education down with rising levels of classroom violence, a lack of additional support for pupils and record numbers of recently qualified teachers leaving the profession; notes that teachers are once again considering industrial action, and asserts that Scotland and Scottish education deserve better.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-20956.3—

> As an amendment to S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "welcomes the passing of the 2026-27 Budget, following a deal reached with the Scottish Liberal Democrats, which will deliver over £4.8 billion investment for Scottish education, including up to £200 million to close the poverty-related attainment gap, building on December 2025's Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels (ACEL) data, which demonstrated record levels of literacy and numeracy in Scotland's primary schools and data from February 2026, which recorded the joint second highest level of school leavers going on to positive destinations on record; recognises that the Budget will further expand the provision of free breakfast clubs and free school meals to reduce the poverty-related attainment gap, building on the 2025-26 Budget deal reached with the Scottish Green Party to expand free school meals in secondary schools; welcomes the continuation of extra funding for pupils with additional support needs (ASN) within the 2026-27 Budget, and looks forward to the publication of the cross-party commissioned-ASN review early in March 2026, and believes fundamentally that Scotland's teachers, pupil support staff, parents, carers and pupils deserve the gratitude of the Parliament for their hard work and dedication every day."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 60, Abstentions 0 – by casting vote).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-20956.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), leave out from "further believes" to end and insert "recognises that Scotland has the highest rate of violent injuries to school staff in the UK and that the Scottish Government has failed to take meaningful action to protect pupils and teachers; notes with concern the high levels of work-related stress reported across the profession; further notes the record number of newly qualified teachers leaving the profession, and believes that, by any reasonable measure, the Scottish Government has failed Scotland's children and that this failure should be a source of shame."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 66, Abstentions 25).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-20956.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20956 in the name of Willie Rennie (Judging the Scottish Government on its Education Record), insert at end "and that effort should be made to reverse the decline in Scottish scores in international league tables, which has been seen since 2012."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

3. Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco: Jamie Greene moved S6M-20957—That the Parliament believes that many of Scotland's island and coastal communities have been let down by the Scottish Government and have paid the price for the failure of the Scottish Ministers to provide them with the lifeline ferries they need; recognises that this has had an impact on businesses, livelihoods and local economies; notes that whilst the Scottish Government extended the Islands Business Resilience Fund, there are many impacted coastal communities, such as Dunoon and Ardrossan, where local businesses are not receiving compensation and calls on the Scottish Government to rectify this; notes with frustration that the delivery of the MV Glen Rosa has been delayed by another six months until late 2026 and that the MV Glen Sannox required months of repairs; believes that taxpayers, islanders and workers at Ferguson Marine have all been let down over this ongoing fiasco and expresses deep disappointment that no minister has ever taken responsibility by resigning, and further believes that Scotland's island and coastal communities deserve better and that new requirements to replace ageing vessels are needed alongside a rolling 30-year strategy for ferries and port infrastructure so that no community is ever left without a viable lifeline service.

The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) moved amendment S6M-20957.3—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), leave out from first "believes" to end and insert "recognises the challenges that island communities have faced with

> disruptions and the need to give them reliable and resilient services; supports the announcements made by the Scottish Government on 3 March 2026 of the conclusion of the purchase of Ardrossan Harbour, the proposal to directly award two vessels for the Small Vessel Replacement Programme to Ferguson Marine, the competitive tender for the replacement for the MV Lord of the Isles, funding for the Port Ellen redevelopment on Islay, and that peak fares for islanders on NorthLink ferry services will be removed on 24 March 2026; notes that, with 11 vessels currently being built and with the recent arrival of MV Isle of Islay, one third of the entire CalMac fleet is being replaced, and further notes that the Island Connectivity Plan Vessels and Ports Plan sets out a long-term investment programme to 2045, and that community needs assessments, with community engagement at their heart, will shape these investments in ferries and ports for decades to come."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-20957.2—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), insert at end "; notes that the combined costs of the MV Glen Sannox and MV Glen Rosa has reached almost £500 million; acknowledges the Scottish Government's announcements of four direct awards to Ferguson Marine, a programme to upgrade the yard, and the intention to return the yard to the private sector; urges ministers to outline how these new vessels will be delivered on time and on budget; notes the Scottish Government's plan to purchase Ardrossan Harbour, and urges ministers to regularly update communities on when the purchase and upgrade of the harbour will be completed; further notes that the cost to charter the MV Alfred has reached £35 million, more than double the cost for Pentland Ferries to build the vessel, and that this cost will increase now that the charter has been extended; recognises that the public services and local economies of island and coastal communities have been hindered by the Scottish Government's mismanagement of the ferry network through repeated timetable changes, cancelled sailings and the lack of a resilience vessel, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline how it will hold ferry service providers to account to ensure that they deliver for island and coastal communities."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 66, Abstentions 2).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-20957.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-20957 in the name of Jamie Greene (Fixing Scotland's Ferry Fiasco), insert at end "; notes that disruption to ferry timetables is ongoing and continues to impact island communities; agrees that communities must receive support to deal with the economic and social impacts of disruption; calls for local representation ferry agency boards so that the needs of island communities and workers are at the heart of decision making; understands that the root cause of the ferry fiasco is the failure to

invest in the ferry fleet and replace ageing vessels, and calls on the Scottish Government to have a rolling programme to replace the fleet going forward."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 66, Abstentions 1).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 33, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the challenges that island communities have faced with disruptions and the need to give them reliable and resilient services; supports the announcements made by the Scottish Government on 3 March 2026 of the conclusion of the purchase of Ardrossan Harbour, the proposal to directly award two vessels for the Small Vessel Replacement Programme to Ferguson Marine, the competitive tender for the replacement for the MV Lord of the Isles, funding for the Port Ellen redevelopment on Islay, and that peak fares for islanders on NorthLink ferry services will be removed on 24 March 2026; notes that, with 11 vessels currently being built and with the recent arrival of MV Isle of Islay, one third of the entire CalMac fleet is being replaced, and further notes that the Island Connectivity Plan Vessels and Ports Plan sets out a long-term investment programme to 2045, and that community needs assessments, with community engagement at their heart, will shape these investments in ferries and ports for decades to come.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20970—That the Parliament –

(a) the following programme of –

Tuesday 10 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 11 March 2026

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 Ministerial Statement: Skye House: Progress and Assurance

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 12 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 18 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 19 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.20 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 March 2026, 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.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20971—That the Parliament agrees that the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20972—That the Parliament agrees that the Conservation of Habitats and Species (Offshore Wind) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20973—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20974—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20975—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20976—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Home Services (Visits to and by Care Home Residents) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20977—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20978—That the Parliament agrees that the Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20979—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-20980—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

16. Banking Charges for Charities and Not-for-profit Organisations: The Parliament debated S6M-19214 in the name of Jackie Dunbar—That the Parliament expresses its concern that a reported increasing number of banks have introduced banking charges for small charities, community groups, community councils and other not-for-profit organisations; recognises what it sees as the immense work done in communities across Scotland, including across Aberdeen Donside, by these groups, many of which operate on tight budgets and are being affected by such banking charges; believes that most people are still feeling the consequences of having to bail out banks following the 2008 financial crisis and that banks that benefitted from a bail out now levying banking charges on community groups is distasteful and hinders the work of these groups, and notes the view that banks should allow community groups to use their funds for the purposes which they were gathered for, instead of bolstering the profits of banks.

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

No.90, Thursday 5 March 2026

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Deputy First Minister, Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

3. Recognising Lived Experience and Strengthening Disabled People's Representation in Scottish Democracy: The Parliament debated S6M-20598 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament recognises the value of lived experience in informing effective scrutiny and legislation and ensuring that those views are embedded across legislation passed at the Scottish Parliament; commends events such as the Parliament Disability Summit, first held in 2023, which highlighted disability issues and allowed disabled people across Scotland, including in the Lothian region, to be at the forefront of political discussion; welcomes that the Summit will be held again on 21 February 2026 and notes the view that this Summit should continue on a biannual basis; notes with concern reports that disabled people remain significantly underrepresented in elected office in Scotland, with 5% of the current MSPs declaring a disability compared with 24% of the general population; understands that people from other protected groups also continue to face underrepresentation; acknowledges what it sees as the many barriers that exist in society which discourage or prevent disabled people and others with protected characteristics from standing for election; welcomes initiatives such as the Access to Elected Office Fund run by Inclusion Scotland, which, it understands, helped 14 disabled candidates in the 2021 Scottish Parliament election through assistance with transport, communication and/or personal assistance, and notes the calls on all political parties, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and the Scottish Government to continue to work collaboratively to remove barriers, promote inclusion and strengthen disabled people's representation and participation in Scotland's political institutions, while also taking steps to improve representation and participation for all groups protected under the Equality Act 2010.

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

5. Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill– Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3 and 4.

6. Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Business and Employment (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-20944—That the Parliament agrees that the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. Draft Climate Change Plan: Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, moved S6M-20964—That the Parliament notes

the findings and recommendations in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6), Report on the Draft Climate Change Plan (SP Paper 1031), and the reports and letters from other committees, as referenced in the report.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Appointment of Board Member to Environmental Standards Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-20981—That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's consideration of the appointment to Environmental Standards Scotland at its meeting on 17 February 2026; welcomes the Committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Laura Young as a board member, in accordance with the provisions of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, and approves the appointment as required by schedule 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-20935—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Freedom of Information Reform (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).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

No.91, Tuesday 10 March 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rt Rev Rosie Frew, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 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-21032—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 11 March 2026—

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

and insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

delete

8.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 12 March 2026—

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Tuesday 17 March 2026

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: A year of Progress in Bringing Down Long Waits - Driving Continued Improvement and Building a Stronger NHS

and after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

delete

8.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(d) Wednesday 18 March 2026

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

(e) Thursday 19 March 2026

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

delete

6.20 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill: Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21033— That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill at stage 3, that Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word "fifth" with "eleventh”, so that the deadline for lodging a stage 3 amendment was Wednesday 4 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21034— That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill at stage 3, that Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word "fifth" with "ninth”, so that the deadline for lodging a stage 3 amendment was Thursday 5 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister and a Minister.

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21024 — That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2:	1 hour 45 minutes
Groups 3 and 4:	5 hours
Groups 5 and 6:	6 hours 30 minutes
Groups 7 and 8:	10 hours 30 minutes
Groups 9 and 10:	12 hours 30 minutes
Groups 11 to 14:	15 hours 30 minutes
Groups 15 to 17:	18 hours
Groups 18 to 20:	21 hours

The motion was agreed to.

7. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

2 (For 70, Against 47, Abstentions 6)
86 (For 82, Against 29, Abstentions 5)
87 (For 86, Against 25, Abstentions 10)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

136 (For 8, Against 111, Abstentions 3)
137 (For 30, Against 76, Abstentions 13)
138 (For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 5)
139 (For 31, Against 82, Abstentions 8)
140 (For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 3)
141 (For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 5)
142 (For 37, Against 79, Abstentions 5)
145 (For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 3)
147 (For 41, Against 70, Abstentions 8).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 144, 3.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 4

The following amendments were not moved: 1, 143, 146 and 148.

The Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

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

The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A that for the purpose of this item of today's business, the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A be suspended. The motion was agreed to.

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

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

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

No.92, Wednesday 11 March 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business and then Justice and Home Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Social Care and Wellbeing (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Skye House: Progress and Assurance.

3. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Parliament continued its consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 150, 22, 23, 26, 34A, 34 and 37.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

149 (For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 4)
24 (For 68, Against 50, Abstentions 3)
25 (For 70, Against 49, Abstentions 3)
153 (For 82, Against 40, Abstentions 2)
154 (For 97, Against 22, Abstentions 5)
88 (For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 10)
89 (For 87, Against 27, Abstentions 9)
27 (For 85, Against 38, Abstentions 1)
158 (For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 3)
28 (For 90, Against 29, Abstentions 5)
159 (For 61, Against 56, Abstentions 3)
30 (For 119, Against 2, Abstentions 3)
31 (For 123, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
32 (For 87, Against 33, Abstentions 5)
160 (For 80, Against 42, Abstentions 2)
162 (For 118, Against 3, Abstentions 3)
33 (For 70, Against 52, Abstentions 3)
164 (For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 3)
165 (For 102, Against 19, Abstentions 3)
166 (For 73, Against 44, Abstentions 5)
167 (For 75, Against 44, Abstentions 4)
168 (For 68, Against 51, Abstentions 4)
169 (For 85, Against 36, Abstentions 4)
171 (For 73, Against 50, Abstentions 2)
173 (For 71, Against 50, Abstentions 2)
35 (For 69, Against 46, Abstentions 8)
176 (For 81, Against 43, Abstentions 1)
177 (For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 1)
36 (For 73, Against 43, Abstentions 6)
179 (For 83, Against 40, Abstentions 1)

180 (For 67, Against 57, Abstentions 1)
9 (For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 6)
183A (For 70, Against 51, Abstentions 1)
183 (For 72, Against 51, Abstentions 2)
185 (For 75, Against 47, Abstentions 2)
93 (For 74, Against 50, Abstentions 1)
188 (For 84, Against 40, Abstentions 1)
38 (For 111, Against 9, Abstentions 3)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

151 (For 59, Against 62, Abstentions 1)
152 (For 50, Against 73, Abstentions 1)
155 (For 15, Against 101, Abstentions 6)
156 (For 51, Against 68, Abstentions 2)
157 (For 56, Against 63, Abstentions 3)
29 (For 59, Against 60, Abstentions 3)
90 (For 53, Against 67, Abstentions 3)
161 (For 49, Against 72, Abstentions 1)
163 (For 48, Against 74, Abstentions 2)
7 (For 19, Against 100, Abstentions 5)
170 (For 59, Against 65, Abstentions 1)
172 (For 46, Against 74, Abstentions 2)
8 (For 17, Against 101, Abstentions 4)
174 (For 18, Against 102, Abstentions 2)
175 (For 36, Against 85, Abstentions 2)
178 (For 35, Against 88, Abstentions 1)
181 (For 25, Against 97, Abstentions 2)
184 (For 50, Against 71, Abstentions 2)
186 (For 50, Against 69, Abstentions 3)
91 (For 47, Against 75, Abstentions 2)
92 (For 46, Against 76, Abstentions 2).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 6

The following amendments were not moved: 5, 182, 187 and 189.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate on Group 8 to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M- 21077—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Friday 13 March 2026

9.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.30 am Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill, on 13 March 2026, Rule 2.2.3 of Standing Orders be varied to replace "09:30 and 12:30" with "from 9:30".

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 101, Against 19, Abstentions 3).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21035—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 March 2026

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Year of Progress in Bringing Down Long Waits - Driving Continued Improvement and Building a Stronger NHS

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 18 March 2026

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 19 March 2026

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.05 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 March 2026

10.00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 March 2026

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

3.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice and Housing

followed by Motion of Thanks

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 March 2026, 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.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment 21035.1—

> As an amendment to motion S6M-21035 in the name of Graeme Dey (Business Programme), after second "followed by Topical Questions" insert "followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Baird Family Hospital and ANCHOR Centre".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to by division: For 31, Against 89, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21036—That the Parliament agrees that the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 7, Abstentions 1).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21037—That the Parliament agrees that the Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21038—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 2, Abstentions 6).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21039—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 8, Abstentions 0).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21040—That the Parliament agrees that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21041—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21042—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21043—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Domestic Homicide and Suicide Reviews) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21044—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21045—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21046—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.42 pm.

No.93, Thursday 12 March 2026

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. Edinburgh Medical School 300: The Parliament debated S6M-20683 in the name of Martin Whitfield— That the Parliament recognises that, in 2026, medicine will have been formally taught at the University of Edinburgh for 300 years; notes that, while there remain challenges for the NHS and higher education, reflecting on 300 years of history provides an opportunity to provide honesty on the past, and consider opportunities for the future of medical education and research; congratulates the organisers, who have curated a rich and diverse programme of events to explore the 300 years, including lectures, alumni reunions and public events; understands the value that the Edinburgh Medical School has contributed to the economy and health of Scotland, and the world, including what it sees as its crucial place in life sciences research, health innovation and policy, and wishes all staff and students the best for 2026.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan.

6. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Parliament continued its consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 40, 206, 97, 215, 216, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 48, 241 and 49.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

94 (For 64, Against 52, Abstentions 4)
95 (For 101, Against 19, Abstentions 1)
39 (For 113, Against 5, Abstentions 3)
194 (For 65, Against 53, Abstentions 3)
195 (For 60, Against 56, Abstentions 2)
198 (For 68, Against 48, Abstentions 2)
199 (For 67, Against 52, Abstentions 1)
200 (For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 1)
201 (For 70, Against 52, Abstentions 1)
202 (For 71, Against 48, Abstentions 3)
203 (For 70, Against 52, Abstentions 1)
204 (For 68, Against 54, Abstentions 1)

205 (For 70, Against 50, Abstentions 1)
98 (For 87, Against 10, Abstentions 25)
41 (For 65, Against 47, Abstentions 6)
42 (For 77, Against 46, Abstentions 1)
43 (For 74, Against 48, Abstentions 2)
220 (For 87, Against 27, Abstentions 9)
12 (For 78, Against 44, Abstentions 2)
16 (For 75, Against 48, Abstentions 1)
101 (For 93, Against 19, Abstentions 11)
102 (For 99, Against 15, Abstentions 9)
103 (For 96, Against 18, Abstentions 9)
224 (For 77, Against 47, Abstentions 1)
45 (For 76, Against 42, Abstentions 2)
46 (For 77, Against 42, Abstentions 2)
47 (For 98, Against 19, Abstentions 3)
107 (For 78, Against 30, Abstentions 13)
110 (For 103, Against 7, Abstentions 11)
111 (For 102, Against 7, Abstentions 12)
240 (For 110, Against 9, Abstentions 3)
51 (For 73, Against 48, Abstentions 3)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

192 (For 50, Against 67, Abstentions 3)
96 (For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 5)
196 (For 39, Against 78, Abstentions 5)
197 (For 57, Against 62, Abstentions 2)
207 (For 50, Against 71, Abstentions 3)
210 (For 47, Against 70, Abstentions 6)
211 (For 48, Against 71, Abstentions 4)
212 (For 50, Against 69, Abstentions 5)
213 (For 42, Against 78, Abstentions 3)
214 (For 10, Against 111, Abstentions 4)
217 (For 40, Against 76, Abstentions 5)
218 (For 56, Against 63, Abstentions 5)
99 (For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 1)
100 (For 44, Against 76, Abstentions 4)
221 (For 14, Against 104, Abstentions 5)
44 (For 16, Against 103, Abstentions 4)
106 (For 54, Against 67, Abstentions 3)
226 (For 16, Against 99, Abstentions 6)
227 (For 46, Against 72, Abstentions 4)
228 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 10)
17 (For 45, Against 66, Abstentions 9)
229 (For 34, Against 76, Abstentions 8)
230 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 11)
231 (For 27, Against 88, Abstentions 8)
232 (For 58, Against 62, Abstentions 2)
18 (For 41, Against 74, Abstentions 7)
233 (For 13, Against 102, Abstentions 6)

234 (For 21, Against 96, Abstentions 5)
108 (For 47, Against 69, Abstentions 4)
236 (For 49, Against 69, Abstentions 4)
109 (For 31, Against 73, Abstentions 16)
237 (For 20, Against 96, Abstentions 6)
112 (For 7, Against 112, Abstentions 3)
50 (For 49, Against 73, Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 208, 222, 104, 105, 223 and 225.

The following amendments were not moved: 190, 191, 193, 209, 219, 19, 235, 238, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245 and 246.

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

The Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate on Group 14 to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

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

The meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

No.94, Friday 13 March 2026

The meeting opened at 9:30 am.

1. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Parliament continued its consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 52, 113, 53, 258, 259, 55, 270, 57, 62, 66, 67, 68, 126, 69, 127, 128, 71, 129, 312, 130, 131, 132, 78A, 78, 81, 83A and 83.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

251 (For 84, Against 31, Abstentions 3)
252 (For 64, Against 50, Abstentions 2)
253 (For 102, Against 16, Abstentions 1)
254 (For 95, Against 23, Abstentions 2)
54 (For 101, Against 18, Abstentions 2)
260 (For 113, Against 4, Abstentions 5)
262 (For 103, Against 12, Abstentions 6)
263 (For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 4)
56 (For 73, Against 45, Abstentions 4)
267 (For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 5)
268 (For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 2)
269 (For 86, Against 35, Abstentions 1)
271 (For 67, Against 49, Abstentions 5)
272 (For 69, Against 48, Abstentions 4)
273 (For 78, Against 34, Abstentions 7)
274 (For 61, Against 54, Abstentions 4)
278 (For 71, Against 49, Abstentions 2)
280 (For 76, Against 42, Abstentions 3)
58 (For 111, Against 4, Abstentions 4)
59 (For 71, Against 46, Abstentions 5)
60 (For 80, Against 38, Abstentions 3)
61 (For 88, Against 31, Abstentions 3)
281 (For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 3)
282 (For 109, Against 11, Abstentions 3)
283 (For 105, Against 17, Abstentions 1)
285 (For 93, Against 26, Abstentions 5)
286 (For 105, Against 12, Abstentions 5)
287 (For 78, Against 43, Abstentions 1)
288 (For 97, Against 22, Abstentions 4)
290 (For 70, Against 48, Abstentions 3)
117 (For 82, Against 35, Abstentions 5)
118 (For 104, Against 16, Abstentions 2)
299 (For 101, Against 17, Abstentions 2)
120 (For 92, Against 18, Abstentions 10)
121 (For 95, Against 17, Abstentions 9)
65 (For 90, Against 4, Abstentions 21)
123 (For 90, Against 16, Abstentions 12)

125 (For 88, Against 19, Abstentions 11)
303 (For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 4)
304 (For 66, Against 44, Abstentions 5)
306 (For 70, Against 46, Abstentions 3)
72 (For 75, Against 38, Abstentions 5)
73 (For 76, Against 37, Abstentions 5)
74 (For 74, Against 41, Abstentions 6)
133A (For 74, Against 40, Abstentions 5)
133 (For 77, Against 38, Abstentions 4)
76 (For 56, Against 48, Abstentions 11)
77 (For 56, Against 51, Abstentions 9)
316 (For 70, Against 45, Abstentions 5)
319 (For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 3)
79 (For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 4)
80 (For 59, Against 43, Abstentions 11)
321 (For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 3)
322 (For 70, Against 47, Abstentions 3)
85 (For 85, Against 29, Abstentions 4)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

247 (For 40, Against 74, Abstentions 4)
248 (For 39, Against 75, Abstentions 5)
249 (For 30, Against 78, Abstentions 9)
255 (For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 3)
256 (For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 4)
257 (For 41, Against 70, Abstentions 8)
261 (For 41, Against 75, Abstentions 6)
266 (For 34, Against 81, Abstentions 7)
275 (For 58, Against 60, Abstentions 3)
276 (For 57, Against 62, Abstentions 2)
277 (For 57, Against 61, Abstentions 2)
115 (For 36, Against 71, Abstentions 8)
284 (For 60, Against 60, Abstentions 3)
289 (For 56, Against 64, Abstentions 2)
291 (For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 3)
116 (For 45, Against 72, Abstentions 4)
293 (For 50, Against 69, Abstentions 2)
294 (For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 1)
295 (For 45, Against 69, Abstentions 6)
296 (For 51, Against 68, Abstentions 3)
119 (For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 5)
297 (For 48, Against 70, Abstentions 3)
298 (For 49, Against 66, Abstentions 5)
300 (For 40, Against 70, Abstentions 8)
122 (For 43, Against 68, Abstentions 9)
302 (For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 4)
307 (For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 3)
21 (For 56, Against 58, Abstentions 3)
310 (For 46, Against 68, Abstentions 7)

315 (For 25, Against 90, Abstentions 4)
320 (For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 2)
82 (For 50, Against 55, Abstentions 11)
84 (For 42, Against 66, Abstentions 8).

The following amendments were pre-empted: 265 and 301.

The following amendments were not moved: 250, 264, 279, 63, 64, 292, 124, 305, 20, 308, 70, 309, 311, 313, 133B, 314, 317, 318, 134, 135, 323 and 324.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21096— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 17 March 2026—

delete

Ministerial Statement: A Year of Progress in Bringing Down Long Waits - Driving Continued Improvement and Building a Stronger NHS

(b) Thursday 19 March 2026—

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill

after

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6)

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6)

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6)

delete

9.05 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Tuesday 24 March 2026—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Climate Change Plan 2026-2040

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill

followed by Motion of Legislative Consent: Crime and Policing Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Motion of Legislative Consent: Tobacco and Vapes Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Motion of Legislative Consent: Armed Forces Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Motion of Legislative Consent: Railways Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 6th Report, 2026 (Session 6)

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 7th Report, 2026 (Session 6)

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(d) Wednesday 25 March 2026—

delete

4.45 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Decision Time: The Parliament took no decisions at Decision Time.

The meeting closed at 3.58 pm.

No.95, Tuesday 17 March 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ronit Quayle, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

3. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21118—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 45 minutes
Groups 4 and 5: 1 hour 15 minutes
Groups 6 and 7: 1 hour 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 19, 20, 21, 22, 6, 28, 7, 35, 8 and 9.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

10 (For 27, Against 68, Abstentions 15)
11 (For 6, Against 102, Abstentions 2)
12 (For 6, Against 104, Abstentions 2)
13 (For 5, Against 106, Abstentions 1)
14 (For 6, Against 103, Abstentions 1)
15 (For 6, Against 106, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 45, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 6, Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 19)
17 (For 6, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 19)
18 (For 6, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 19)
25 (For 45, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
27 (For 50, Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
31 (For 46, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
34 (For 6, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 17)
36 (For 6, Against 106 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 24.

The following amendments were not moved: 23, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 37.

5. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-21100—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 124, Against 0, Abstentions 2).

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21110—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 and 2: 50 minutes
Groups 3 and 4: 1 hour 5 minutes
Groups 5 and 6: 1 hour 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed.

7. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 5, 2 and 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

15 (For 108 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 106 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

6 (For 47, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
7 (For 49, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
9 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
11 (For 46, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
12 (For 47, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 1)
13 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
14 (For 48, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
16 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
17 (For 46, Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
19 (For 50, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
20 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

21 (For 49, Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 8, 10, 18 and 22.

8. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-21101—That the Parliament agrees that the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

9. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

10. Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill: Liam McArthur moved S6M-21005—That the Parliament agrees that the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 69, Abstentions 1).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 8 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 10.11 pm.

No.96, Wednesday 18 March 2026

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill: Mark Ruskell moved S6M-20921—That the Parliament agrees that the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 27, Abstentions 19).

3. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21139—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 4 and 5: 2 hours 20 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 3 hours 30 minutes

Groups 9 to 11: 4 hours 30 minutes
Groups 12 to 14: 5 hours 15 minutes

Groups 15 and 16: 6 hours 20 minutes

Groups 17 to 19: 7 hours 40 minutes

Groups 20 to 23: 9 hours.

4. Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill-Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 6, 7, 8, 92, 93, 9, 10, 94, 95, 12, 13, 14, 15, 106, 108, 16, 17, 109, 18, 19A, 19B, 19, 20, 23, 116, 24, 117, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 30, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 31, 135, 32, 33, 34, 35, 136, 137, 138, 139, 38, 39, 40, 141, 142, 143, 42, 43, 148, 44, 153, 154, 160, 161, 163, 164, 48, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 175, 176, 177, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 197, 79, 80, 81, 82, 201, 83, 203, 204, 84, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 86, 87, 211, 89 and 90.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

91 (For 92, Against 15, Abstentions 0)
21 (For 94, Against 1, Abstentions 15)
22 (For 92, Against 1, Abstentions 16)
29A (For 103, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
36 (For 86, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
37 (For 87, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
140 (For 84, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 85, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
46 (For 89, Against 23, Abstentions 0)
162 (For 87, Against 24, Abstentions 0)
73A (For 97, Against 16, Abstentions 0)
73 (For 96, Against 18, Abstentions 0)
200 (For 97, Against 16, Abstentions 0)
202 (For 74, Against 22, Abstentions 14)
88 (For 99, Against 17, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

11 (For 43, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
111 (For 16, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
158 (For 41, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
47 (For 39, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
53 (For 41, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
54 (For 31, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
74 (For 42, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
77 (For 45, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 99, 134, 145, 169, 171, 172.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 112, 113, 114, 115 and 45.

The following amendments were not moved: 100, 101, 102, 96, 97, 98, 103, 104, 105, 107, 110, 2, 3, 144, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 155, 156, 157, 159, 49, 50, 51, 165, 166, 52, 167, 168, 170, 55, 173, 174, 75, 183, 184, 76, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 78, 198, 199 and 210.

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21125—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Thursday 19 March 2026

delete

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

and insert

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme Resolution

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Party Leaders' Expenses Scheme Resolution

(b) Tuesday 24 March 2026

after

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6)

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion on the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modifications) Resolution 2026

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.05 pm Decision Time

(c) Wednesday 25 March 2026

delete

11.40 am General Questions

and insert

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21126—That the Parliament agrees that the Prisoners (Early Release) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21127—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/353) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21128—That the

Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/97) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21129—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21130—That the Parliament agrees that the Investigation and Commencement of Repair (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21131—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Consequential Provision) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21132—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm on Tuesday 24 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21134—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 9.30 am and 1.00 pm on Tuesday 24 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21135—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 9.00 am and 12 noon on Tuesday 24 March 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. 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 9.08 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

16. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

No.97, Thursday 19 March 2026

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. Towards the Fourth Anniversary of Russia's Full-scale Invasion of Ukraine: The Parliament debated S6M-20434 in the name of Kenneth Gibson — That the Parliament recognises that 24 February 2026 marks the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine following the illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014 and proxy war in Donetsk and Luhansk; believes that Russian forces continue to indiscriminately bombard Ukrainian cities and control around one fifth of Ukraine's territory, including Luhansk, Crimea and most of Donetsk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia; considers that fighting and air strikes have resulted in over 53,000 civilian casualties and that President Putin's veiled threats throughout the war to use nuclear weapons have raised fears of escalation; notes that around 3.7 million people are internally displaced in Ukraine and roughly 6.9 million refugees are recorded globally, including over 29,000 Ukrainians who arrived in Scotland, including in Cunninghame North, with a sponsor in Scotland through the Homes for Ukraine scheme; acknowledges the immense military casualties suffered by both sides, particularly Russia, given what it sees as its profligate use of manpower; notes the view that any ceasefire or settlement that cedes territory or lacks binding security guarantees could allow Russia to regroup and renew attacks, and that this would create the risk of a Carthaginian peace intended to permanently weaken and then annexe Ukraine; further notes the view that robust international support, including military, economic and humanitarian assistance, is essential to enable the survival of Ukraine, deter further aggression and secure a just and lasting peace, and expresses solidarity with the people and armed forces of Ukraine.

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

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

6. Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

7. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Martin Whitfield), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21148—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under

consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 25 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

31 (For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

5 (For 27, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 26, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 25, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
26 (For 30, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 26, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
27 (For 27, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
28 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
29 (For 24, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
32 (For 25, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised her power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the limit in order to avoid the debate being unreasonably curtailed.

9. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21147—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 45 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 35 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 2 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 46, 50, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

34 (For 81, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
13 (For 67, Against 36, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 83, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 102, Against 1, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 82, Against 22, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 82, Against 22, Abstentions 0)
19 (For 82, Against 22, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 82, Against 22, Abstentions 0)
21 (For 82, Against 22, Abstentions 0)
28 (For 82, Against 24, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

47 (For 22, Against 84, Abstentions 1)
51 (For 42, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
57 (For 25, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 36, 56, 26A.

The following amendments were not moved: 35, 37, 43, 44, 45, 16A, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54 and 55.

11. Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Children, Young People and The Promise (Natalie Don-Innes) moved S6M-21102—That the Parliament agrees that the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

12. Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme Resolution: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-21143—

S6M-21143 | Scottish Parliament Website

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Party Leaders' Expenses Scheme Resolution: Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-21144—

S6M-21144 | Scottish Parliament Website

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-21053—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6), Standing Order rule changes arising from the Committee's report 'Strengthening committees' effectiveness' (SP Paper 977), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annex A of the report be made with effect from 11 May 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-21052—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6), Standing Order Rule changes - Related to Gender Sensitive Audit recommendations on Parliamentary Bureau Membership, Election of Presiding Officer/Deputy Presiding Officers and SPCB Membership (SP Paper 978), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annex A of the report be made with effect from 11 May 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-21049—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6), Standing Orders rule changes - Elected Conveners (SP Paper 1033), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 11 May 2026.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

17. 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 7.13 pm**.**

The motion was agreed to.

18. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm.

No.98, Tuesday 24 March 2026

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Sport and Activity as a Force for Good: The Parliament debated (S6M-20497 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament recognises the importance of sport and activity as a force for good that goes beyond just physical health; considers that they have a significant impact on mental health, as well as contributing to community and national cohesion and wellbeing; believes that sport breaks down barriers of colour, race, religion and creed by bringing individuals and communities together through a common shared interest and passion; recognises that, by promoting sport and activity, the Scottish Government can positively impact on confidence, resilience and aspiration which, in turn, can positively impact on education and benefit the economy, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should do everything that it can to make sport and activity available for all, in the South Scotland region and across the country, irrespective of personal circumstances.

2. Motion without Notice: Brian Whittle moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Animal Welfare Sentencing and Public Protection: The Parliament debated Christine Grahame in the name of S6M-20603—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the serious harm caused by animal cruelty, neglect and illegal breeding; notes concerns raised by animal welfare organisations regarding the consistency and proportionality of sentencing in animal welfare cases; understands that many cases involving the welfare of pets and farm animals are dealt with under summary procedure, limiting the penalties available under the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020; notes what it sees as the lack of specific sentencing guidelines covering these offences; further notes the view that clearer guidance and greater awareness of available powers would support more consistent sentencing that reflects the severity of the crimes; acknowledges calls for stronger monitoring and enforcement of disqualification orders, including consideration of a national animal offenders register to improve information sharing between agencies, and notes the importance of continued partnership working between the Scottish Government, justice partners, the Scottish Sentencing Council, Police Scotland and animal welfare organisations to support effective sentencing and protection for animals and the public in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and across the country.

4. Time for Reflection: Ellie Craig MSYP, led Time for Reflection.

5. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Climate Change Plan: 2026-2040.

7. Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill: Daniel Johnson moved S6M-21120—That the Parliament agrees that the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

8. Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-21103—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

9. Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-21104—That the Parliament agrees that the Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

10. Crime and Policing Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-21179—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Crime and Policing Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 25 February 2025, and subsequently amended, relating to clauses 15 to 29 and schedule 4 (online advertising etc of unlawful weapons: civil penalties), 31 (offensive weapons), 35, 37 and 38 to 40 (remote sale of crossbows and knives), 44 (duty to report bulk sale of knives), 50 and 51 (offence of child criminal exploitation), 66 and schedule 7 (child criminal exploitation prevention orders: Scotland), 67 to 69 and part 2 of schedule 9 (cuckooing), 76 (child sexual abuse image generators: Scotland), 78 (possession of advice or guidance about creating child sexual abuse or CSA images), 106 (pornographic images of strangulation or suffocation), 110 and 111 (technology testing defence), 117 to 121, 124(1), 125 and 126 and schedule 14 (management of sex offenders), 148 and 149 (offences relating to electronic devices for use in vehicle theft), 167 (powers for British Transport Police), 173 to 180 and schedule 18 (remotely stored electronic data), 181 (access to driver licensing information), 192 (proceeds of crime: expenses protections), 208 to 216 and schedule 24 (creation, maintenance and checking of barred and advisory lists for National Crime Agency/British Transport Police/Ministry of Defence Police/Civil Nuclear Constabulary), 248 to 250 and 262 (implementation of law enforcement information sharing agreements), 254 (criminal liability of bodies corporate and partnerships where senior manager commits offence) and schedule 22 (Proceeds of Crime Act 2002), so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Tobacco and Vapes Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-21166—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 November 2024, and subsequently amended, relating to filters, advertising for public health, technology in devices and intermediary liability for

internet service providers, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Armed Forces Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-21167—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Armed Forces Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 January 2026, relating to clauses 2, 50, 52, 54, and 55, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Railways Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) moved S6M-21168—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Railways Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 November 2025, relating to clauses 4, 7 to 10, 12, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28 to 35, 39, 43, 48, 66, 75, 78, 80, 81, 87 and 90, paragraphs 1, 2, 8 to 14 and 16 of schedule 2, paragraphs 4, 8, 9, 12 to 18, 22, 25, 26, 33 and 53 of schedule 3, new clauses 61, 62 and 64, new schedule 1, the amendments to clause 7 and clause 90, and the amendments to schedule 3 (inserting new paragraphs 22A, 23A, 24A, 25A, 32A, 33B, 34E, 34F, 34J, 34K, 34N, 35A and 36A to schedule 3), so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 1, Abstentions 28).

14. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 6th Report 2026 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-21051—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 6th Report, 2026 (Session 6), Code of Conduct changes - Cross-Party Groups (SP Paper 1017), and agrees that the changes to the Code of Conduct set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 11 May 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 7th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-21050—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 7th Report, 2026 (Session 6), Standing Order rule changes - Miscellaneous and minor amendments (SP Paper 1032), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in the Annexe of the report be made with effect from 11 May 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures

and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-21048—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 10th Report, 2026 (Session 6), Standing Order rule changes - Miscellaneous and minor amendments (SP Paper 1052), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in (a) Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 1 April 2026 and (b) Annexe B of the report be made with effect from 11 May 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 (Modifications) Resolution 2026: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-20942—

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The motion was agreed to (DT).

18. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21190—That the Parliament agrees that the Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offences) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

19. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-21191—That the Parliament agrees that the Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

20. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 as noted above.

21. Closure of Bank of Scotland Branches: The Parliament debated S6M-20791 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported decision by the Lloyds Banking Group to close 11 Bank of Scotland branches between June and July 2026, including the Rutherglen branch; understands that this is the latest in a series of bank closures across the UK; believes that these closures will have a significant impact on local residents, businesses and organisations that depend on high street banks for cash access and essential banking services, particularly older people, disabled people, small businesses and charities; considers that the closure of banks is hugely detrimental to the viability of local high streets, and notes the calls on the Lloyds Banking Group to reconsider its decision.

22. Strengthening Adoption Support for Families: The Parliament debated Strengthening Adoption Support for Families in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament notes the findings of the report, Strengthening the Safety Net: A Framework for Adoption Support in Scotland, which was published by the Cross-Party Group on Social Work and highlights what the group identified as serious and

systemic shortcomings in adoption support services across Scotland; believes that adoptive families in communities in Coatbridge and Chryston, and across the country, frequently experience fragmented, inconsistent and inadequately resourced post-adoption support; recognises that the Adoption UK Barometer 2025 suggested that 78% of adoptive families in Scotland face significant challenges, with 40% reporting severe difficulties, and that official figures on adoption breakdown are believed to likely underestimate the true scale of family distress due to inconsistent definitions and limited data collection; expresses concern at reports that many families reach crisis point without timely access to specialist, trauma-informed support, respite provision or intensive family services, increasing, it believes, the risk of placement disruption and further harm to children and families; acknowledges that adoption does not erase the effects of early trauma, abuse and neglect, and that adopted children's needs often intensify during adolescence and key transition points; considers that the transfer of post-adoption support from specialist adoption teams to generic children and families services after three years frequently fails to reflect the complexity of adoptive family life; notes the report's recommendations for a national adoption practice model, improved training, mandatory data collection, minimum standards for preparation and support, enhanced crisis intervention and respite services, and greater flexibility in adoption allowances, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to work with adoptive families, adopted people, frontline practitioners and local authorities to urgently develop and implement a comprehensive national framework for adoption support, and to ensure that families across Scotland, including in Coatbridge and Chryston, can access consistent, high-quality, lifelong adoption support, regardless of postcode.

Submitting member has a registered interest.

The meeting closed at 7.37 pm.

No.99, Wednesday 25 March 2026

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister, a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

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

3. A Scotland-wide Ban on the Use of Mobile Phones in Schools: The Parliament debated S6M-20881 in the name of Pam Gosal—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the dangers that mobile phones and social media pose to children and young people, especially in relation to their physical and mental health; expresses concern regarding the potential safeguarding issues associated with the use of mobile phones, such as exposure to harmful content that is not age-appropriate; further expresses concern regarding reported studies that state that two in three 11- to 17-year-olds find it difficult to put down their phones, with teenagers spending, on average, five hours and 30 minutes each day on their smartphones, including four to five hours on social media, as well as research that reportedly found that one in five 16- to 18-year-olds say that social media has made them feel that "life is not worth living"; notes the calls for a Scotland-wide ban on the use of mobile phones on school premises; understands that schools across Scotland, including in the West Scotland region, and the rest of the UK that have implemented such bans have seen promising results, and that countries across Europe and around the world have taken extensive steps to limit the use of mobile phones in schools, and commends what it sees as the great work done by organisations such as Smartphone Free Childhood, Kids for Now, One Collective Power and Delay Smartphones, which are raising awareness of the potential dangers that come with mobile phone use.

4. Sustainability of Remote, Rural and Island Communities: The Parliament debated S6M-20849 in the name of Jamie Halcro Johnston—That the Parliament recognises a special duty to ensure the long-term sustainability of Scotland's remote, rural and island communities; notes the view that addressing the needs of these communities requires policy that recognises and accommodates the particular circumstances of the Highlands and Islands region and other parts of remote, rural and island Scotland; acknowledges the challenges of delivering public services such as education, transport, local health and social care, policing and justice to areas with lower population density; believes that a range of local public services have been centralised or downgraded and no longer have a visible presence in many remote and rural communities; considers that the rural economy and rural businesses have faced unprecedented challenges in recent years with the farming and fishing sectors under real pressure and uncertainty, increased regulation impacting the visitor economy, and high streets and town centres struggling; believes that access to housing and affordable accommodation has become increasingly difficult in these communities, particularly for young people; recognises what it sees as the vital importance of connectivity to the prosperity of these communities, including preserving and expanding travel links by road, rail, sea and air and the need to plan for the future investment needs of essential infrastructure, and notes

the view that building strong communities in all parts of Scotland will require a greater focus and consideration from across Scotland's public bodies.

5. Motion without Notice: Jamie Halcro Johnston moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, and then on, Social Justice and Housing were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

7. Motion of Thanks: The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-21180—That the Parliament expresses its thanks to its Presiding Officer, Alison Johnstone, for her dedicated service to the Parliament; thanks her Deputy Presiding Officers, and pays tribute to all of those Members who are standing down at the end of this session.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.58 pm.

Annex A: Bills Introduced

14 May 2025

Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the creation of a criminal offence of destroying, damaging or desecrating a war memorial. (SP Bill 68) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Meghan Gallacher

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 68–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 68–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 68–PM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 68–LC) were published to accompany the Bill

20 May 2025

Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make it an offence to obtain the performance of sexual acts by a person; to repeal offences of solicitation and provide for the quashing of certain convictions for offences of solicitation; to provide for support for persons in prostitution; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 69) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Ash Regan

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 69–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 69–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 69–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 69–DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 69–LC) were published to accompany the Bill

29 May 2025

Ecocide (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to create the offence of ecocide; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 70) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Monica Lennon

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 70–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 70–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 70–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 70–DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 70–LC) were published to accompany the Bill

2 June 2025

Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend crofting law; to provide for the merger of the Scottish Land Court and the Lands Tribunal for Scotland; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 71) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Mairi Gougeon
Supported by: Jim Fairlie

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 71–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 71–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 71–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 71–

DPM), a Report by the Auditor General for Scotland (SP Bill 71–AGR) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 71–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to make provision in relation to the designation of a Scottish public authority; to make provision as regards the proactive publication of information; to make further provision as regards enforcement; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 72) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Katy Clark

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 72–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 72–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 72–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 72–DPM) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 72–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

5 June 2025

Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision imposing a tax (to be known as the Scottish building safety levy) charged in relation to a step in the building control process following the construction of, or conversion works creating, certain new buildings, the proceeds of which are payable to the Scottish Ministers towards meeting any building safety expenditure (SP Bill 73) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison
Supported by: Ivan McKee

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 73–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 73–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 73–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 73–DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 73–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

17 June 2025

Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for and about the provision of services and support for or in relation to children and other persons with care experience; to make provision for a register of foster carers; to make provision about children's hearings; to make provision in relation to the planning of children's services; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 74) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney
Supported by: Natalie Don-Innes

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 74–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 74–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 74–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 74–DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 74–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

30 September 2025

Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the nature of certain digital assets as objects of property in Scots law; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 75) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Kate Forbes

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 75–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 75–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 75–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 75–DPM) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 75–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

2 October 2025

Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to formation of contract and remedies for breach of contract; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 76) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Angela Constance
Supported by: Siobhian Brown

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 76–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 76–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 76–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 76–DPM) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 76–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

8 October 2025

Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to prohibit the provision of non-surgical procedures to persons under the age of 18 or to any person outwith certain specified premises; to confer on the Scottish Ministers power to impose further restrictions and requirements relating to the provision of these procedures; to make provision in relation to certification of death and authorisation of cremation; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 77) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Neil Gray

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 77–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 77–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 77–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 77–DPM) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 77–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

25 November 2025

Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the liability of owners of unoccupied properties to pay non-domestic rates. (SP Bill 78) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 78–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 78–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 78–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 78–DPM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 78–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

6 January 2026

Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 to make further provision about the basis on which the levy is to be charged, chargeable transactions, returns and the operation of Parts 2 and 3 of that Act; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 79) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison
Supported by: Ivan McKee

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 79–EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 79–FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 79–PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 79–DPM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 79–LC) were published to accompany the Bil.

15 January 2026

Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill — A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2026/27, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2027/28, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 80) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison
Supported by: John Swinney and Graeme Dey

A Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 80–DPM), and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 80–LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

Annex B: Subordinate Legislation

Documents Subject to Parliamentary Control

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to parliamentary control —

16 September 2025

Draft Code of Practice: The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure (Scottish Parliament Elections) Code of Practice 2025 (SG/2025/214)

laid under section 100BA of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

The document was withdrawn on 5 November 2025 and re-laid before the Parliament on 10 November 2025

Draft statutory guidance on imprints for non-party campaigners at Scottish Parliamentary elections and council elections in Scotland (SG/2025/215)

laid under section 58 of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025

5 February 2026

Environmental Standards Scotland - Strategy 2026-2031 (ESS/2026/1)

laid under Schedule 2(2)1 of the UK Withdrawal for the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Made Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the made affirmative procedure—

18 November 2025

Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/353)

laid under section 14(2)(b) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

18 February 2026

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/97)

laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

16 May 2025

Home Detention Curfew (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft]

laid under section 45(3) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

22 May 2025

Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 [draft]

laid under section 115(1) and paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

The instrument was withdrawn on 3 June 2025 and re-laid before the Parliament on 6 June 2025

Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025 [draft]

laid under paragraph 3(9) of schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998

6 June 2025

Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

19 June 2025

Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change (Local Development Plan) (Repeals) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

23 June 2025

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 [draft]

laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

24 June 2025

Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

25 August 2025

Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

28 August 2025

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 [draft]
laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

2 September 2025

Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 3(1) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025

Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Councillors) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under sections 5(3) and 72(3)(a) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025

Scottish Parliament (Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 4(1) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025

3 September 2025

Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 9(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

5 September 2025

Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

16 September 2025

Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2025 [Draft]
laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [Draft]
laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

17 September 2025

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Police Appeals and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber (Police Appeals) (Procedure) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions and Members of the Police Appeals Tribunal) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

19 September 2025

Scottish Aggregates Tax (Administration) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 61(1) of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024 and section 254(3)(j) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(p) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 61(1) of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024

22 September 2025

Absent Voting at Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections (Signature Refresh) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

23 September

Regulation of Care (Child Contact Services) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Regulation of Care (Child Contact Services) (Equality) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 September 2025

Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025

2 October 2025

Early Release of Prisoners (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 3D(1) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

6 October 2025

Public Procurement (Iraq Free Trade Agreement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 122(14) of the Procurement Act 2023

7 October 2025

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Notification Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 138(2) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

10 October 2025

Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 5(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 and section 253(2)(b) of the Energy Act 2023

Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

27 October 2025

Cross-Border Public Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 122(14) of the Procurement Act 2023

Good Food Nation (Specified Functions and Descriptions) (Scottish Ministers) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 27(5) of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022

The instrument was withdrawn on 12 December 2025

31 October 2025

Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under sections 11(3), 14(7) and 19(5) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

4 November 2025

Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under paragraph 7(1) of schedule 5 of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

7 November 2025

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 and the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Modifications) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 62(3)(a) of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 and section 7(3)(a) of the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025

14 November 2025

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

20 November 2025

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

21 November 2025

Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Fruit and Vegetables) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 7(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

25 November 2025

Cross-border Placement of Children (Requirements, Effect and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 33A(3)(c) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and section 190(2A)(b) and 197(2) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

27 November 2025

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft]

laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

The instrument was withdrawn on 1 December 2025 and was re-laid before the Parliament on 2 December 2025; the instrument was withdrawn on 11 December 2025 and re-laid before the Parliament on 17 December 2025

3 December 2025

Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 106(2) and (3) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 106(2) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

4 December 2025

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

The instrument was withdrawn on 27 January 2026 and was re-laid before the Parliament on 29 January 2026

10 December 2025

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]

laid under section 68(2)(c) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures) Order 2026 [draft]

laid under sections 3A(3), 44(3) and 136(4)(b) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

The instrument was withdrawn on 8 January 2026 and re-laid before the Parliament on 9 January 2026

11 December 2025

Animal Health (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 76A(9) of the Animal Health Act 1981

The instrument was withdrawn on 7 January 2026 and re-laid before the Parliament on 8 January 2026

15 December 2025

Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

17 December 2025

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

18 December 2025

Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021

7 January 2026

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 68(2) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Public Procurement (India Trade Agreement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 122(14) of the Procurement Act 2023

Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under regulation 7(3) of the Nutrition (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

8 January 2026

Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 61(1) of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024

Visitor Levy (Reviews and Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 45(4), section 71(3) and section 72(4) of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024

Visitor Levy (Local Authority Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 45(4) of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024

9 January 2026

Conservation of Habitats and Species (Offshore Wind) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 294(4) of the Energy Act 2023

The instrument was withdrawn on 15 January 2026 and re-laid before the Parliament on 16 January 2026

Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 14(9) of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 202

12 January 2026

Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 160A(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

13 January 2026

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

14 January 2026

Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

15 January 2026

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

16 January 2026

Antisocial Behaviour (Fixed Penalty Offences) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 141(4)(a) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

The instrument was withdrawn on 26 February 2026 and re-laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2026

20 January 2026

Early Removal of Prisoners from the United Kingdom (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 9B(6) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under sections 150(2), 150A(2) and 190(1)(a) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

21 January 2026

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

Investigation and Commencement of Repair (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 191(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

The instrument was withdrawn on 4 February 2026 and re-laid before the Parliament on 5 February 2026

Care Home Services (Visits to and by Care Home Residents) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

22 January 2026

Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2025

23 January 2026

Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

27 January 2026

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 January 2026

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) (Amendment and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 12(4)(c) of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021

Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 33(6) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

29 January 2026

Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

30 January 2026

Scottish Aggregates Tax (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 61(1) of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Domestic Homicide and Suicide Reviews) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2026 [draft]
laid under section 165(5) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

4 February 2026

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

6 February 2026

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

9 February 2026

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber) Regulations 2026 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

11 February 2026

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Consequential Provision) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 72(3) of the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025

12 February 2026

Prisoners (Early Release) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

laid under section 27A(2)(d) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

20 February 2026

Marine Licensing (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft]

laid under section 165(5)(a) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

13 May 2025

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (Recognition of Qualifications) Order 2025 (SI 2025/555)

laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

15 May 2025

Education (Appeal Committee Procedures) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/144)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 34 of the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments and Forms) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/145)

laid under section 225(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 and section 21(3)(b) of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Act 2024

Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/146)

laid under section 3ZA(7) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/147)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Highland Council) Designation Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/148)

laid under paragraph 4 of schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/149)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

16 May 2025

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/150)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/151)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/152)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

19 May 2025

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/154)
laid under section 16 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Marketing of Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (2025/155)
laid under section 16 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

20 June 2025

Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/187)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

25 June 2025

Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/197)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

24 July 2025

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/212)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

29 August 2025

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/239)
laid under Section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

1 September 2025

Offshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/240)
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

4 September 2025

Plant Health (Export Certification) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/241)
laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967

National Health Service (Common Staffing Method) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/244)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/245)
laid under section 195(3) Road Traffic Act 1988

11 September 2025

Council Tax (Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/249)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

18 September 2025

National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/259)
laid under section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/262)
laid under section 18(3) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995

22 September 2025

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/263)
laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

26 September 2025

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

2 October 2025

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2025 (SSI 2025/277)
laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

6 October 2025

Qualifications Scotland (Appointment of Initial Members) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/278)

laid under section 64(3) of Education (Scotland) Act 2025

7 October 2025

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/280)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

17 October 2025

Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2025 (SI 2025/1101)

laid under section 48 and paragraph 12 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

30 October 2025

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/298)

laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003

Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Thresholds) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/299)

laid under regulation 83A of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, regulation 108A of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and regulation 60ZA of the Concession Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016

31 October 2025

Food (Promotion and Placement) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/303)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and section 60(3) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

3 November 2025

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/312)

laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

6 November 2025

Scottish Register of Tartans Fees Order 2025 (SSI 2025/334)

laid under Section 14(2) of the Scottish Register of Tartans Act 2008

Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/335)

laid under Article 57a(5) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Article 144(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625

7 November 2025

National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/337)

laid under Section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

10 November 2025

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/341)

laid under Section 103(4) of the Charities Trustee and Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

17 November 2025

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 6, Consequential Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/352 (C.26))

laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 and section 91 of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 202

24 November 2025

Burial and Cremation (Applications and Registers) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/360)

laid under section 106(4) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

1 December 2025

National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI
2025/380)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

5 December 2025

Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/385)

laid under section 64(4)(b) of the Education (Scotland) Act 2025 and section 210(5) of the Equality Act 2010

8 December 2025

Common Services Agency (Membership and Procedure) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/387)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/390)

laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

18 December 2025

Removing from Heritable Property (Form of Charge) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/402)

laid under section 224(3) of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007

Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Decrees for Removing from Heritable Property) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/403)

laid under section 224(3) of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Secure Tenancies (Proceedings for Possession) (Form of Notice) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/404)

laid under section 109(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

19 December 2025

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/405)

laid under section 69(5) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2015

22 December 2025

Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 (Agricultural Products) (Consequential Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/407)

laid under paragraph 7(2) of schedule 5 of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023

Social Security (Residence in an EEA State or Switzerland) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/415)

laid under sections 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and sections 94(1) and (2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012

8 January 2026

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/1)

laid under section 16(4) Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

15 January 2026

Building (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/7)

laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/8)

laid under section 41(8) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

Visitor Levy (Interest on Unpaid Levy and Penalties) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/9)

laid under section 68(3) of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024

16 January 2026

Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/10)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

19 January 2026

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/13)

laid under section 16 of the Plants Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

22 January 2026

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2016/17)

laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Involved Third Party) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2016/18)

laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

23 January 2026

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/19)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

National Health Service (Functions of the Common Services Agency) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2026 (SSI 2016/20)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

NHS Education for Scotland and Common Services Agency (Transfer of Staff) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2016/23)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

27 January 2026

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2026 (SSI 2026/30)
laid under section 196 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

29 January 2026

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Procedure Rules) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/33)
laid under Paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (S) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Procedure Rules) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/34)
laid under Paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (S) Act 2014

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) (No. 2) Amendment Rules 2026 (SSI 2026/35)
laid under section 326(3) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (S) Act 2003 and section 44(2) and (3) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024

30 January 2026

Qualifications Scotland (Strategic Advisory Council) (Establishment) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/36)
laid under section 64(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 2025

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/37)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

2 February 2026

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/39)
laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/42)

laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/43)
laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/44)
laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

Police Service of Scotland (Vetting) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/46)
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

5 February 2026

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/47)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Local Reviews) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/48)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/49)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/52)
laid under sections 112A(4) and 163(1) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/55)
laid under section 58 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

6 February 2026

National Health Service (Common Staffing Method) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/54)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Council Tax Reduction (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/56)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Water Environment (Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Designation) (Scotland) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/57)
laid under section 36(4) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/58)
laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Duty to Notify) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/60)
laid under section 38 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

9 February 2026

Official Controls (Location of Border Control Posts) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/61)
laid under Article 144(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/63)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Cancellation of Registration) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/64)
laid under section 104(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 February 2026

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/68)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/69)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/70)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Council Tax (Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/72)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Environmental Protection (Wet Wipes Containing Plastic) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/75)
laid under section 160A(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

13 February 2026

Sheriff Court Fees Order 2026 (SSI 2026/74)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2026 (SSI 2026/77)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/78)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2026 (SSI 2026/79)

laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2026 (SSI 2026/80)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/81)
laid under section 86 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

Parole Board (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2026 (SSI 2026/82)
laid under section 45(2) of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

17 February 2026

Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Revocation Order 2026 (SSI 2026/95)
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

10 March 2026

Non-Domestic Rates (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/135)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

22 May 2025

Children (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/157 (C.14))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 June 2025

Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/167 (C. 15))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 June 2025

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/168 (C.16))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 June 2025

Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/170 (C.17))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) 2025 (SSI 2025/171)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 June 2025

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/175 (C. 18))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/176)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 June 2025

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/179 (C. 19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 August 2025

Animal Products (Control of Personal Importation) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/230)
laid under section 10(6) of the Animal Health Act 1981

4 September 2025

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/243 (C.20))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 September 2025

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 Amendment and Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/260 (C. 21))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 October 2025

Scottish Parliament Elections (Regional Returning Officers and Constituency Returning Officers) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/287)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Non-Party Campaigner Code of Practice) (Appointed Date) (Scotland) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/288)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Act 2025 (Statutory Guidance on Imprints on Electronic Materials) (Appointed Date) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/289)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 October 2025

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/291)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 October 2025

Act of Sederunt (Intimation and Service) 2025 (SSI 2025/301)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Electronic Signature and Electronic Transmission of Documents) 2025 (SSI 2025/302)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

31 October 2025

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Commencement) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/304 (C. 23))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 November 2025

Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Non-Party Campaigner Code of Practice) (Appointed Date) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/347)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Languages Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/348 (C.24))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 November 2025

Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/351 (C.25))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 November 2025

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

1 December 2025

Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/377 (C. 28))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 December 2025

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/379 (C. 29))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 December 2025

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/386 (C. 30))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/388 (C. 31))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 December 2025

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 SSI 2025/393 (C. 32)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 December 2025

Scottish Parliament Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/394)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 4) Revocation Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/395)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 December 2025

Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/400 (C. 33))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 December 2025

Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/408 (C. 34))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 January 2026

Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/2 (C.1))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 January 2026

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2026 (SSI 2026/11)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 January 2026

Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2016/24 (C.2))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 February 2026

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Court Sittings) 2026 (SSI 2026/53)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 February 2026

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/66 (C.3))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 February 2026

Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2026 (SSI 2026/73)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Lands Valuation Appeal Court) 2026 (SSI 2026/76)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 February 2026

Education (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/83 (C. 4))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/84 (C. 5))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/85 (C. 6))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 February 2026

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/96 (C. 7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/98 (C. 8))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Adjoumal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Affirmations and Oaths) 2026 (SSI 2026/99)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 March 2026

Renters' Rights Act 2025 (Commencement) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/113 (C. 9))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Housing (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/115 (C. 10))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform Scotland) Act 2010

5 March 2026

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/119 (C. 11))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/120 (C. 12))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 March 2026

Renters' Rights Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional Provision and Revocation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/125 (C. 13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/127 (C. 14))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Languages Act 2025 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/128 (C. 15))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/129 (C. 16))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 March 2026

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/136 (C. 17))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

His Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education in Scotland (Appointment) Order 2026 (SSI 2026/138)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Annex C: Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on the dates indicated—

16 May 2025

Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-57)

29 May 2025

Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-50b)

3 June 2025

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-58)

12 June 2025

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-57a)

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-59)

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-60)

24 July 2025

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-61)

1 August 2025

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-57b)

13 August 2025

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-56a)

14 August 2025

Tom Arthur, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-53b)

27 August 2025

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-62)

5 September 2025

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-63)

25 September 2025

Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-64)

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)

3 October 2025

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-55a)

24 October 2025

Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-56b)

27 October 2025

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-61a)

31 October 2025

Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-66)

4 November 2025

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-54a)

26 November 2025

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Sentencing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-67)

11 December 2025

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-68)

12 December 2025

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-69)

19 December 2025

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-57c)

22 December 2025

Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-64a)

6 January 2026

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-70)

7 January 2026

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Finance (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-71)

12 January 2026

Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-64b)

21 January 2026

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-60a)

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-72)

4 February 2026

Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-66a)

20 February 2026

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-68a)

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-69a)

26 February 2026

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-73)

27 February 2026

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Tobacco and Vapes Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-51b)

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Representation of the People Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-74)

2 March 2026

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-57d)

Annex D: Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

13 May 2025

Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources 2025 (CSVJB/2025/1)
laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

14 May 2025

Scottish National Investment Bank performance audit - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/4)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 May 2025

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to the Firefighters Pension Scheme (Scotland) 2015: SG/2025/100
laid under section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

20 May 2025

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: Electricity (SG/2025/73)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: Buildings (SG/2025/74)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: Industry (SG/2025/76)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: LULUCF (SG/2025/78)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: NETs (SG/2025/80)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: Agriculture (SG/2025/79)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: Waste And The Circular Economy (SG/2025/77)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Update Monitoring Report 2025: Transport (SG/2025/75)
laid under section 35(b) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Nitrogen Use Efficiency in Scotland: Annual Report 2025 (SG/2025/45)
laid under section 5(1)(c) of the Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022

Report by Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute Valuation Joint Board on the number of assessors and availability of resources 2025 (DABVJB/2025/01)
laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Scottish Government: Ninth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (SG/2025/36)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

UK Government: Ninth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (SG/2025/35)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

21 May 2025

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2025/2)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2025 (SPSO/2025/05)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The 2022/23 audit of Forth Valley College (SG/2025/13)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 May 2025

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2023 (SG/2025/9)
laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner - Statement by the Prime Minister on 22 May 2025 (SG/2025/10)
laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries (SG/2025/104)
laid under paragraph 3(9) of schedule 1 of the Scotland Act 1998

27 May 2025

Analytics and Intelligence for people who access an NHS Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS) following a recent rape, sexual assault or child sexual abuse. Third report on the operation of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2025/85)
laid under Section 15 of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

NHS in Scotland: Spotlight on Governance (AGS/2025/05)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 May 2025

Independent report by a tribunal constituted under section 21 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 to report into the fitness for office of a judicial office holder- part-time Sheriff John Halley
laid under section 24 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Lothian Valuation Joint Board Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and availability of resources 2025 (LVJB/2025/01)
laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and availability of resources 2025 (RVJB/2025/01)
laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

29 May 2025

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources – Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board (LVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources – Highlands and Western Isles Valuation Joint Board (HWIVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

A report on the proposal for a National Park in Southwest Scotland (SG/2025/94)
laid under Section 3(10) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts– May 2025 (SFC/2025/4)
laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

30 May 2025

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources – Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board (AVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources – Glasgow City Council Valuation Joint Board (GCCVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources – Grampian Valuation Joint Board (GVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Scottish Biodiversity Strategy Report to Parliament 2020-2024 (SG/2025/102)
laid under Section 2(7) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources – Tayside Valuation Joint Board (TVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources – Orkney & Shetland Valuation Joint Board (OSVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

5 June 2025

The Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024: First Annual Report on the Review of its Operation 2024-25 (SG/2025/113)
laid under Section 34 of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Business Plan 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028 (SG/2025/97)
laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

6 June 2025

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security Recommendations on the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SG/2025/123)
laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025: Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (SG/2025/124)
laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

10 June 2025

Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2024/25 year ended 31 March 2025 and independent auditor's report (SP Paper 820)
laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2023 (SG/2025/109)
laid under Section 34A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

11 June 2025

General Pharmaceutical Council - Strategic Plan 2025-30 (SG/2025/127)
laid under Paragraph 8 of schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

Redress For Survivors (Historical Child Abuse In Care) (Scotland) Act 2021: statutory guidance – Nominated Beneficiaries – Updated April 2025 (SG/2025/99)
laid under Section 106(5) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) Act 2021

Redress For Survivors (Historical Child Abuse In Care) (Scotland) Act 2021: statutory guidance – Next of Kin – Updated April 2025 (SG/2025/118)
laid under Section 106(5) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) Act 2021

Redress For Survivors (Historical Child Abuse In Care) (Scotland) Act 2021: statutory guidance – Eligibility – Updated April 2025 (SG/2025/119)

laid under Section 106(5) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) Act 2021

16 June 2025

Report by Fife Valuation Joint Board on the number of assessors and availability of resources 2025 (FVJB/2025/01)

laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

17 June 2025

Best Start, Bright Futures: Tackling Child Poverty Progress Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/129)

laid under Section 10 of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

18 June 2025

HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Organisational Culture in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service - Volume 1 (SG/2025/60)

laid under Section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2025 (SPSO/2025/06)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

19 June 2025

Food Standards Scotland: Our Food 2024, An annual review of food standards across the UK (SG/2025/101)

laid under Section 15(6) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Scottish National Adaptation Plan - Annual Progress Report 2024 – 2025 (SG/2025/108)

laid under section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

20 June 2025

Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 - Towards a Better Place for Everyone 2024/25 Progress Report (SG/2025/132)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

23 June 2025

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources 2025 (DGUA/2025/01)

laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

24 June 2025

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland - Annual report 2024-25 (SG/2025/114)

laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Recommendations: The Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SG/2025/136)
laid under Section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

25 June 2025

Climate Change Committee: Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland 2025 Report to Parliament (SG/2025/138)
laid under section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008

Inspection of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service North Service Delivery Area (SG/2025/89)
laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2024/25 and Programme 2025/26 (SCJC 2025/01)
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts Update – June 2025 - (SFC/2025/5)
laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

2 July 2025

MG Alba Aithisg Bhliadhnail & Aithris Nan Cunntasan Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/143)
laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

4 July 2025

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategy 2025-28 (SG/2025/112)
laid under section 41(B)(11) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

8 July 2025

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB): Report of the trustees and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 (SG/2025/21)
laid under section 8(4) of the Industrial Training Act 1982

HMICS Custody inspection report - Forth Valley (HMICS/2025/06)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

9 July 2025

The National Lottery Community Fund: Annual report and accounts 2024-25 SG/2025/145
laid under section 34 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

10 July 2025

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board: Annual report and accounts 2024/2025 (SG/2025/103)
laid under section 13(8) of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Report and Accounts for 2024/25
laid under Schedule 4, section 14(3)(a) of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (as amended by the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, section 40(3))

The Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/133)
laid under paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 1 to the Office of Communications Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts 2024/2025 (SG/2025/110)
laid under paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Business Plan 2025/26 (SG/2025/111)
laid under paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

The 2022/23 audit of Lews Castle College (SG/2025/93)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Lews Castle College Report and Financial Statements for the year Ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2025/3)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 July 2025

Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Annual Report 2024-2025 (SG/2025/151)
laid under section 42(11)(b) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

15 July 2025

British Transport Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/120)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Transport Focus Annual report and accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/125)
laid under section 19 and Schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

Scottish Borders Council Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and availability of Resources (SBCVJB/2025/01)
laid under section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

16 July 2025

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2024 (SG/2025/82)
laid under section 2B and section 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

17 July 2025

British Tourist Authority Trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/130)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/87)
laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by The Secretary of State for Business and Trade, the First Minister of Scotland, and the Welsh Ministers For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/131)
laid under section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

National Heritage Memorial Fund National Lottery Distribution Annual Report and Accounts 2024–2025 for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/135)
laid under section 34(3) & 35(5) of the National Lottery etc Act 1993

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/134)
laid under section 7 of the National Heritage Act 1980

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/107)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/148)
laid under section 5XA of the Utilities Act 2000

Security Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/142)
laid under section 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (UKSA/2025/01)
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

21 July 2025

The Electoral Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (ELC/2025/02)
laid under paragraph 20 A (1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/39)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

22 July 2025

HMICS Custody progress inspection report – Argyll and West Dunbartonshire (HMICS/2025/07)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/144)
laid under paragraph 8(3) of schedule 2 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/86)
laid under sections 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

28 July 2025

UK Internal Market Act 2020: UK Government response to the Review of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 and Public Consultation (SG/2025/128)
laid under sections 13(2), 22(2) and 44(1) of the UK Internal Market Act 2020

30 July 2025

Scotland's Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy July 2025 (SG/2025/150)
laid under section 36(5)(d)(i) of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

8 August 2025

Standards Commission for Scotland: Annual Report and Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/159)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Waste Reprocessing Infrastructure in Scotland - August 2025 (SG/2025/153)
laid under section 23(5) of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024

13 August 2025

Scottish Water 2024/25 Annual Report and Accounts: Performance and Prospects (SG/2025/147)
laid under section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 August 2025

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/163)
laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

20 August 2025

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2025 (INWO/2025/08)
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish National Investment Bank Annual Report and Accounts 2025 (SG/2025/172)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2025 (SPSO/2025/08)

laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 August 2025

Education Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/164)
laid under section 19(4) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 August 2025

Risk Management Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/69)
laid under section 13(2) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Commission on Social Security Scrutiny report laid in the form of a letter on draft Regulations: The Carer's Assistance (Young Carer Grant and Carer Support Payment) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 - additional provision (SCoSS/2025/08)
laid under section 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025: Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (SG/2025/176)
laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (SG/2025/176)
laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

26 August 2025

Fiscal Update - August 2025 (SFC/2025/6)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Forecast Evaluation Report - August 2025 (SFC/2025/7)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Flooding in communities: Moving towards flood resilience: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/6)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

HMICS Frontline focus review of tools of the trade (HMICS/2025/09)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

27 August 2025

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service - Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SCTS/2025/01)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Standards Commission for Scotland: Annual Report 2024/25 (SCfS/2025/01)

laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

The Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 - reporting requirement - 2024/2025 (SG/2025/178)

laid under section 29 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

28 August 2025

Document Summarising the Representations Made, And The Scottish Ministers Consideration of Those Representations, On The Draft Annual Report On The Scottish Ministers Exercise Of The Power In Section 1 Of The UK Withdrawal From The European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 Laid In Draft In Parliament On 31 October 2024 (SG/2025/141)

laid under section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Proposed Draft Regulations - The Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Characteristic of Sex) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SG/2025/179)

laid under section 12(5)(a) of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 for the purposes of consultation required by section 12(5)(b) of that Act

Report By the Scottish Ministers In Exercise Of The Power In Section 1(1) Of The UK Withdrawal From The European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 For The Reporting Period 1 September 2023 - 31 August 2024 And The Intended Future Use Of The Power Under Section 1(1) In The Upcoming Reporting Period 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2025 (SG/2025/140)

laid under section 10(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/146)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter 2024/2025 (SG/2025/152)

laid under section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

29 August 2025

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/165)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

South of Scotland Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/157)

laid under section 16 of the South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019

Scotland's Land Use Strategy Annual Progress Report - 2024/2025 (SG/2025/169)
laid under section 37A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

1 September 2025

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Two Child Limit Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SCoSS/2025/09)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

2 September 2025

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SCoSS/2025/10)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

3 September 2025

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/183)
laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Article 12 of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008

The Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025: Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (SG/2025/185)
laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

4 September 2025

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/158)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

5 September 2025

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security Recommendations on the Carer's Assistance (Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2025: (SG/2025/187)
laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

8 September 2025

General Pharmaceutical Council - Annual Report Annual Fitness to Practise Report Annual Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/184)
laid under Paragraph 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

10 September 2025

HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Inspection of Operational Assurance in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2025/155)
laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 2024 – 2025 (SG/2025/162)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 September 2025

NHS Borders Annual Report & Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/190)
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/191)
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Fife Annual report and consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/192)
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fiscal Sustainability Perspectives: Climate Change Mitigation – September 2025 (SFC/2025/8)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/193)
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/194)
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Press Recognition Panel - Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/170)
laid under sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self- Regulation of the Press

17 September 2025

Adult Disability Payment: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/7)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highland Health Board (Known as NHS Highland) Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/195)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2025 (INWO/2025/09)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for Year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/196)

laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2025 (SG/2025/197)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/198)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Shetland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/199)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/174)
laid under Section 20 subsection 6 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2025 (SPSO/2025/09)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

18 September 2025

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/204)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Waiting Times Centre Board (Known as NHS Golden Jubilee) Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for Year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/201)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/202)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/203)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Western Isles Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2025 (SG/2025/200)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Report To The Scottish Parliament On Orders Regulating The Management Of Shellfisheries Under The Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 Year Ending: 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/224)
laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to the National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (SG/2025/225)
laid under section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Scottish Commission on Social Security Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2025/182)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 September 2025

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/209)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/206)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Public Health Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/207)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Ambulance Service Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/205)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/208)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 September 2025

Scottish Forestry Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/167)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 September 2025

Fiscal Framework Outturn Report: September 2025 (SG/2025/180)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Law Commission Report on the Mental Element in Homicide (SG/2025/168)
laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

25 September 2025

The 2023/24 audit of UHI Perth (SG/2025/229)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2025-26 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2026 (SG/2025/233)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

UHI Perth Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 (SG/2025/61)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 September 2025

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

1 October 2025

Scotland's Colleges 2025: A briefing prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/8)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

2 October 2025

Heat in Buildings: Progress Report 2025 (SG/2025/156)
laid under section (62) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2024/2025 (SG/2025/223)
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

3 October 2025

Proposed Draft Order – The Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 (SG/2025/238)
laid under section 26(2)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

Proposed Explanatory Document – The Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 (SG/2025/239)
laid under section 26(2)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

7 October 2025

Improving care experience: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/9)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual report and accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/181)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 October 2025

Environmental Standards Scotland Strategy Accompanying Statement (ESS/2025/02)
laid under Schedule 2(2)4 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

13 October 2025

Dundee City Council Annual Low Emission Zone Report (DCC/2025/01)
laid under Section 19 of Part 2 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

Independent Monitoring Authority's Annual Report to the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights established under the Withdrawal Agreement and the Joint Committee established under the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement (SG/2025/228)
laid under Paragraph 31 of Schedule 2 to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020

Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 (SFC/2025/9)
laid under section 12(1) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

14 October 2025

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/227)
laid under section 26 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

15 October 2025

Annual Report: Inspectors of Burial, Cremation and Funeral Directors 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025 (SG/2025/245)
laid under Section 93 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

16 October 2025

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024-25 (SG/2025/258)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

17 October 2025

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 - Resource Accounts (RS/2025/01)
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 - Devolved Taxes Accounts (RS/2025/02)
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

21 October 2025

First Statutory 3-Year Review of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Code of Practice (SG/2025/237)
laid under Section 14 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/212)
laid under Section 31 and 32 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

22 October 2025

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2024/25 (CES/2025/01)
laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/171)
laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health Professions Order 2001

Health and Care Professions Council Fitness to Practise Annual Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/216)
laid under Article 44(1) of the Health Professions Order 2001

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2025 (INWO/2025/10)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Independent Report by a Tribunal constituted under Section 21 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 to report into the fitness for office of a Judicial Office Holder - Summary Sheriff (SG/2025/226)
laid under Section 24 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2024-25 (SPSO/2025/AR)
laid under Sections 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2025 (SPSO/2025/10)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/257)
laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

23 October 2025

Scottish Housing Regulator - Annual Performance Report & Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/186)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 October 2025

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland's annual report for children and young people 2024-25 (CCYP/2025/02)
laid under Section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements, for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/261)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 October 2025

Children’s Hearings Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/246)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children’s Hearings Scotland Impact Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/247)

laid under Paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Ethical Standards Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/263)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002: Report on exercise of section 5 power (SG/2025/256)
laid under Section 7A of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

GTC Scotland Annual Report and Accounts - Year to 31 March 2025 (GTCS/2025/01)
laid under Schedule 3, para 5(1) of the Public Services Reform (General Teaching Council for Scotland) Order 2011

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/234)
laid under Section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

29 October 2025

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2024/2025 (SG/2025/249)
laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report and Accounts 2024/2025 (SG/2025/248)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 October 2025

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/271)
laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024 to 2025 (SG/2025/250)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/272)
laid under Section 15 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/137)
laid under Section 5(7) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and Section 22(5) of the Public Accountability and Finance (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2024/25 (SPCPF/2025/01)
laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

The 2024/25 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2025/175)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 - Section 20 subsection 6

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/173)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 - Section 20 subsection 6

Transport Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/23)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

31 October 2025

Draft Report By The Scottish Ministers In Exercise Of The Power In Section 1(1) Of The UK Withdrawal From The European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 For The Reporting Period 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025 And The Intended Future Use Of The Power Under Section 1(1) In The Upcoming Reporting Period 1 September 2025 – 31 August 2026 (SG/2025/282)
laid under section 11(1)(a) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Environmental Standards Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (ESS/2025/03)
laid under Schedule 1(12)(1) of the UK Withdrawal for the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The Scottish Civil Estate 2024-25: The fifteenth report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2025/244)
laid under section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

4 November 2025

NHS Ayrshire & Arran Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/217)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2024/25 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran (SG/2025/218)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Grampian Health Board (Commonly known as NHS Grampian) Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/219)

laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2024/25 audit of NHS Grampian (SG/2025/220)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Consumer Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025 (CS/2025/02)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

6 November 2025

Scotland's Draft Climate Change Plan: 2026-2040 (SG/2025/286)
laid under Section 35(1)(a) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scrutiny report on amendments to paragraph 30 of the schedule of draft Regulations: the Two Child Limit Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SCoSS/2025/12)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

7 November 2025

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 (SG/2025/274)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/275)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 November 2025

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/177)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Strategic Plan 2025/29 (SBC/2025/04)
laid under Section 28(1) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

12 November 2025

Financial sustainability and taxes: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/10)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 November 2025

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2024-2025 (SG/2025/251)
laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/252)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/253)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 November 2025

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2025 (SG/2025/278)
laid under section 20 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/285)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

17 November 2025

Children's Hearings Scotland: 'The Feedback Loop' - A Report by the National Convener on the implementation of Compulsory Supervision Orders for 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/269)
laid under section 181 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2025 (INWO/2025/11)
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2025 (SPSO/2025/11)
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

18 November 2025

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25, Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/299)
laid under section 10 (3) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/242)
laid under section 16 (4) of Schedule 1 of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report and Accounts - Year ended 30 June 2025 (SG/2025/243)
laid under 15(2) of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability Act 2000

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: Progress Report 2024 to 2025 (SG/2025/277)
laid under section 20 and section 87 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Social Security Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/213)
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Statement of Reasons: The Representation of the People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2025 (SG/2025/298)
laid under section 14(2)(b) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

19 November 2025

SCoSS scrutiny report on the draft Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SCoSS/2025/13)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

20 November 2025

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

20 November 2025

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

21 November 2025

Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/189)
laid under Section 2B and Schedule 1, paragraph 19 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland, Annual Report 2024/2025 (SG/2025/304)
laid under paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

24 November 2025

Zero Waste Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024/2025 (SG/2025/260)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 November 2025

HMICS Custody inspection report – Highland and Islands (HMICS/2025/08)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

King's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/166)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 November 2025

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

1 December 2025

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail is Cunntasan Annual Report & Accounts 2024-2025 SG/2025/288
laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual report and accounts 2024/25 SG/2025/231
laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 SG/2025/259
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

2 December 2025

Scotland's Population 2024 - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends SG/2025/301
laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

3 December 2025

The King's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/323)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/306)
laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

NHS in Scotland 2025: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2025/11)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 December 2025

National Islands Plan - draft (SG/2025/294)
laid under section 5(3)(a) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

5 December 2025

The Report of the Independent Reviewer - Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 - Annual Report and Recommendations 2024-2025 (SG/2025/273)
laid under section 21(2) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

ScotRail Trains Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/280)
laid under The Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Caledonian Sleeper Limited Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/281)
laid under The Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Rail Holdings Limited Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/279)
laid under The Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 SCoSS/2025/15
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

8 December 2025

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/88)
laid under Schedule 11 Section 15(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/121)
laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2024- 25 For the period 1 April to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/210)
laid under Section 8 (4) of the Industrial Training Act 1982

Ending Homelessness Together: Annual report to the Scottish Parliament, December 2025 (SG/2025/292)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report & Accounts 2024-25 SG/2025/322
laid under Chapter 1, Section 2 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2024/2025 (SG/2025/312)

laid under Section 43(5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

9 December 2025

Independent Review of the Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries in Scotland (SG/2025/325)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/283)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/284)

laid under section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Non-Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/188)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 December 2025

HMICS Thematic inspection of police response to drug harm reduction (HMICS/2025/10)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts for 2024-25 (SG/2025/302)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Law Commission Report on Tenement law: compulsory owners' associations (SG/2025/29)

laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

11 December 2025

ILF Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/255)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 December 2025

Scottish Environment Protection Agency: Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/254)

laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Architecture and Design Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year ending 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/311)
laid under Section 19(4) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 For the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/297)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Forestry and Land Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/81)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh: Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/327)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NatureScot Scotland's Nature Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/236)
laid under Section 26 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 December 2025

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/106)
laid under Schedule 2, Section 10(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Crown Estate Scotland Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/328)
laid under Section 22(5a) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024-25 (SG/2025/139)
laid under Section 14(3) of Schedule 1 of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014

The 2024/25 audit of Historic Environment Scotland (SG/2025/307)
laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019, Statutory Review Period Report to Scottish Parliament December 2025 (SG/2025/324)
laid under section 78 of The Age of Criminal Responsibility (ACR) (Scotland) Act 2019

TS Prestwick HoldCo LTD Annual Report and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/321)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report And Accounts For The Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/308)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report And Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/309)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2024 (SG/2025/160)
laid under section 234 (6) & (8) of the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016

Annual Report (2024) of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner - Statement by the Prime Minister on 16 December 2025 (SG/2025/161)
laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016

17 December 2025

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/122)
laid under Section 200(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

British Film Institute Group and National Lottery Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/235)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Climate Change Committee Annual report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/293)
laid under Paragraph 22(2)(b) of Schedule 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008

Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/314)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2025 (INWO/2025/12)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Redress Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/326)
laid under Section 17 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2025 (SPSO/2025/12)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The First National Good Food Nation Plan - Statement on how regard has been had to the parliamentary scrutiny of the proposed national Good Food Nation Plan as required by section 3(3) of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (SG/2025/296)
laid under Section 3(3) The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022

The First National Good Food Nation Plan December 2025 SG/2025/295
laid under Section 1(1)(b) of The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022

United Kingdom Anti-Doping Limited Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/154)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

VisitScotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/310)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 December 2025

Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Annual Report of SAWC activity 2024-2025 (SG/2025/313)
laid under Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)’s Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/270)
laid under section 11(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors’ Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/266)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne Limited Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/265)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

CalMac Ferries Limited Strategic Report, Directors’ Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/267)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 December 2025

Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018: Scottish Ministers' Report to Parliament 2025 (SG/2025/105)
laid under Section 8 of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2025 (SG/2025/240)
laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

Puirt-adhair na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean Earranta An Aithisg Bhliadhnail is Cunntasan gu 31 Mart 2025 (SG/2025/241)
laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator – Statement of Expenditure - FY2024-2025 (SG/2025/57)
laid under Section 22 (5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 and Part 4 of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021

Transport Scotland - Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2024-25 (SG/2025/318)
laid under Section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2025/316)
laid under Section 5(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 December 2025

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2025/25)
laid under Section 15(5) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

6 January 2026

Aberdeen City Council Low Emission Zone Annual Report 2024/25 (ACC/2026/01)
laid under Section 29 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

7 January 2026

Delayed discharges: A symptom of the challenges facing health and social care: a report prepared for the Accounts Commission and Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/1)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Community health and social care – Performance 2025: a report prepared for the Accounts Commission and Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/2)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 January 2026

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 - Report by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 2024-2025 (SG/2026/12)
laid under section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

13 January 2026

In Fulfilment Of Section 3C(3) Of The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 - Scottish carbon budgets (SG/2026/22)
laid under section 3C(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – January 2026 (SFC/2026/1)
laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Budget: 2026-27 (SG/2026/13)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government

Carbon Assessment of the 2026-2027 Budget (SG/2026/15)
laid under section 94 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

14 January 2026

Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Recommendations: The Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SG/2026/19)
laid under section 97(9) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

National Audit Office: Administration of Scottish income tax 2024-25 (SG/2026/11)
laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Finance Act 2014

19 January 2026

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SCoSS/2026/01)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Young Start Annual Report 2025 (SG/2026/14)
laid under Schedule 3, Part 3, Paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

20 January 2026

Statement Under Section 2(8) and 2(9) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims Of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2026/3)
laid under Section 2(8) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

21 January 2026

Best Value in policing - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2026/3)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Competition and Markets Authority Draft Annual Plan 2026 to 2027 (CMA/2026/01)
laid under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, Schedule 4 s13(2)(b)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2026 (SPSO/2026/01)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security Recommendations on the Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SG/2026/27)

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

22 January 2026

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2025-26 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2026 (SG/2026/26)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

23 January 2026

Police (Ethics, Conduct & Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025 – Code of Ethics for Policing in Scotland (PSoS/2026/01)

laid under section 36A of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 as amended by the Police (Ethics, Conduct & Scrutiny) (Scotland) Act 2025

Statement of Reasons for the Proposed Draft Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 Remedial Order 2026 (SG/2026/34)

laid under section 13(3)(a) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 for the purposes of consultation required by section 13(3)(b) of that Act

26 January 2026

Edinburgh Low Emission Zone Annual Report (LEZAR) Year 1: June 2024 to March 2025 (CEC/2026/01)

laid under Section 29 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

27 January 2026

Scottish Water Interim Accounts: For the six months to 30 September 2025 (SG/2026/23)

laid under Section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

Explanatory Document: The Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 (SG/2026/37)

laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 January 2026

Social Security Assistance in Scotland - Up-rating for Inflation in 2026-27 (SG/2026/39)

laid under section 86A(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The Scottish Ministers response to the report by the Scottish Commission on Social Security on the draft Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SG/2026/40)

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

29 January 2026

Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029: Parliamentary progress report 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 (SG/2026/38)

laid under Section 7 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018

30 January 2026

Review of the BBC Royal Charter - Terms Of Reference (SG/2026/21)

laid under Article 59(4) of the Royal Charter for the continuance of the British Broadcasting Corporation

2 February 2026

Document Summarising The Representations Made, And The Scottish Ministers Consideration Of Those Representations, On The Draft Annual Report On The Scottish Ministers Exercise Of The Power In Section 1 Of The UK Withdrawal From The European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 Laid In Draft In Parliament On 31 October 2025 (SG/2026/43)

laid under section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Report By The Scottish Ministers In Exercise Of The Power In Section 1(1) Of The UK Withdrawal From The European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 For The Reporting Period 1 September 2024 – 31 August 2025 And The Intended Future Use Of The Power Under Section 1(1) In The Upcoming Reporting Period 1 September 2025 – 31 August 2026 (SG/2026/42)

laid under section 10(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

3 February 2026

British Wool Marketing Board - Report on the BWMB Agricultural Marketing Scheme 2024 - 25 (SG/2026/18)

laid under Section 30 of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2024-25 (SG/2026/20)

laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

4 February 2026

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026 – Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2026/45)

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

5 February 2026

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2026/5)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2026/4)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 (SG/2026/6)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Environmental Standards Scotland Strategy Accompanying Statement (ESS/2026/02)
laid under Schedule 2(2)4 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The 2024/25 audit of the Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SG/2026/44)
laid under section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

6 February 2026

The Water Environment (Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Designation) (Scotland) Order 2026 Maps (SG/2026/36)
laid under section 5A(1) of The Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

9 February 2026

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 – Report on the use of Section 28 - to take a child under 12 to a place of safety (SG/2026/16)
laid under Section 32 of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

17 February 2026

Review of pre-release access in Scotland (SG/2026/41)
laid under Section 3 (Duty to Commission review), sub section 3(b) of the Pre-Release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Act 2021

18 February 2026

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2026 (SPSO/2026/02)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2026 (INWO/2026/01)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

20 February 2026

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2025 (SG/2026/54)
laid under section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995

23 February 2026

The NDA group Strategy - Effective from March 2026 (SG/2026/51)
laid under Schedule 2, paragraph 6(3) of the Energy Act 2004

The Representation Of The People Act 1983 Remedial (Scotland) Order 2025 - Statement Of The Scottish Ministers Under Section 14(4) Of The Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 (SG/2026/52)
laid under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

24 February 2026

Direction to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) in Respect of the Hunterston B AGR Station Site – Made under sections 3, 5 and 6 of the Energy Act 2004 (SG/2026/49)
laid under sections 3(8) of the Energy Act 2004

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report on the Recognition System - February 2026 (SG/2026/9)
laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

Supplementary Costing: Non-Domestic Rates Measures - February 2026 (SFC/2026/2)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 – Reporting Requirement February 2026 (SG/2026/29)
laid under section 14 of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018

25 February 2026

What Scotland’s finances mean for the next parliament - February 2026 (SFC/2026/3)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

26 February 2026

The Code of Practice for Electoral Observers (ELC/2026/01)
laid under Section 6G(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

27 February 2026

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2026/71)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2026/70)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16 (SG/2026/69)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2016-17 (SG/2026/68)

laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 (SG/2026/67)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 (SG/2026/66)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 (SG/2026/65)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 (SG/2026/64)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2026/63)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2026/62)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2026/61)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Office of Rail and Road (ORR) Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25 (SG/2026/60)
laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993

Wildlife Crime in Scotland 2024 (SG/2026/25)
laid under Section 20 of the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011

2 March 2026

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 – Section 142 Guidance for Licensing Boards – Licensing Board powers to determine a general extension of hours – FIFA World Cup 2026 (SG/2026/7)
laid under Section 142 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

4 March 2026

HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2024-25 (SG/2026/50)
laid under Section 7(5) of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

6 March 2026

Implementation of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024 Statutory Report to the Scottish Parliament under Section 6 of the Act (SG/2026/46)
laid under section 6(1) (b) of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Act 2024

10 March 2026

Scottish Biometrics Report on the Joint Assurance Review of the Acquisition, Retention, Use and Destruction of Fingerprints for Criminal Justice and Police Purposes in Scotland (SBC/2026/01)
laid under Section 20(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

11 March 2026

Annual Report on Procurement Activity in Scotland - An overview of procurement activity 2023 to 2024 (SG/2026/55)
laid under Section 21 (4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

12 March 2026

Bringing Hope, Building Futures: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2026-2031 (SG/2026/104)
laid under Section 9 of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

Animal Health Act 1981: Expenditure and Prosecutions – 2025 (SG/2026/28)
laid under Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

UHI North, West and Hebrides Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2024 (SG/2026/7)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 March 2026

Camouflaged in the education system: The experiences of children and young people from Armed Forces families (CCYP/2026/01)
laid under Section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Group Business Plan 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 (SG/2026/75)
laid under Paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 3 of the Energy

18 March 2026

Scotland’s Fourth Land Use Strategy 2026-2031 (SG/2026/35)
laid under Section 57 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Independent National Whistleblowing Officer: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2026 (INWO/2026/02)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2026 (SPSO/2026/03)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

19 March 2026

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/80)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders College Annual Report and Financial Statement (2024/2025) (SG/2026/81)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

City of Glasgow College Annual Report & Accounts 2025 (Academic Year 2024-25) (SG/2026/82)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements For The Period 1 August 2024 To 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/83)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dundee and Angus College Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/84)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Edinburgh College Annual Report and Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/85)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts For the year ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/86)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/87)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Clyde College Annual Report and Financial Statements for Year Ending 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/88)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Financial Statements 2024-25 (SG/2026/89)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements 2024-2025 (SG/2026/90)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

UHI Inverness College Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/91)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

UHI Moray Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/92)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/94)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

New College Lanarkshire Group Financial Statements Year Ended: 31st July 2025 (SG/2025/93)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

UHI Perth Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/95)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

South Lanarkshire College Annual Report and Financial Statements Year ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/96)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West College Scotland Annual Accounts 2024-2025 (SG/2026/98)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West Lothian College Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2025 (SG/2026/99)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 March 2026

National Islands Plan: Annual Report 2025 (SG/2026/10)
laid under section 5 of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

Review of the Guidance on Engaging Communities in Decisions Relating to Land 2026 (SG/2026/2)
laid under Section 44 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

23 March 2026

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan 2026 to 2027 (CMA/2026/02)
laid under Schedule 4 s13(2)(b) of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013

Consultation Statement to accompany Rural Support Plan 2026-2031 (SG/2026/79)
laid under Section 4(5) of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024

Consumer Scotland Forward Work Programme 2026-2027 (CS/2026/01)
laid under subsection (4) of section 14 of the Consumer Scotland Act 2020

Rural Support Plan 2026-2031: Support within the Four Tier Framework (SG/2026/78)
laid under Section 2(4) of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024

Rural Support Plan: 2026-2031 (SG/2026/77)
laid under Section 2(4) of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024

Scottish Police Authority: Strategic Policing Plan for Scotland 2026-2029 (SG/2026/108)
laid under Section 34 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

24 March 2026

4th Annual Report: Developments in the UK internal market 2025-2026 (OIM/2026/01)
laid under section 33 of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2025 (SG/2026/76)
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

The Environment Strategy for Scotland (SG/2026/111)
laid under Section 47 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

A Statement on the consultation on the draft Environment Strategy (SG/2026/112)
laid under Section 47(8) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Duty of Care Code of Practice for Managing Controlled Waste (SG/2026/59)
laid under section 34(9) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

The Code of Practice on Sustainable and Regenerative Agriculture (SG/2026/48)
laid under Section 29 of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Strategic Plan 2026-2029 (SG/2026/57)
laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Business Plan 2026/27 (SG/2026/58)

laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Report on the Joint Fisheries Statement Covering the period November 2022 to November 2025 (SG/2026/113)
laid under Section 11(3) of the Fisheries Act 2020

Statutory Performance Review of Consumer Scotland (CS/2026/02)
laid under subsection (5), section 19 of the Consumer Scotland Act 2020

A Circular Economy Strategy for Scotland (SG/2026/32)
laid under Section 3(1)(b) of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024

The Scottish Government's Response to the Climate Change Committee's Report on Progress in Reducing Emissions in Scotland 2025 (SG/2026/100)
laid under Section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Circular Economy Strategy - Report to Parliament on Consultation Process (SG/2026/105)
laid under Section 3(3)(b) of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024

Scotland's Climate Change Plan: 2026-2040 (SG/2026/102)
laid under section 35(1)(a) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

25 March 2026

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2026 – 30 June 2027 (SLCC/2026/01)
laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2024/2025 (SG/2026/47)
laid under Schedule 2, paragraph 6 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

Reform of the Victim Notification Scheme: report for Parliament - March 2026 (SG/2026/56)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Community Justice Scotland: Community Justice Outcome Activity Annual Report 2024/25 (SG/2026/30)
laid under section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Community Justice Scotland: Community Payback Order Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports: 2024-25 (SG/2026/31)
laid under section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Heat Networks Delivery Plan: Review Report 2026 SG/2026/17
laid under section 93 of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021

Scottish Ministers' Code of Practice on the discharge of functions by Scottish Public Authorities under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (SG/2026/101)

laid under section 60(5) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and regulation 18(4) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

Evidential Requirements and Determinations by Redress Scotland (SG/2026/114)

laid under section 106 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Annex E: Committee Reports

The following reports were published on the dates indicated—

14 May 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 784)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Employment Rights Bill (SP Paper 785)

15 May 2025

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Housing Inquiry (SP Paper 780)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Widening access to higher education inquiry (SP Paper 782)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 13 May 2025 (SP Paper 786)

16 May 2025

Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): The 2022/23 and 2023/24 audits of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland (SP Paper 783)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Employment Rights Bill (SP Paper 788)

21 May 2025

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): A blueprint for participation - embedding deliberative democracy in the work of the Scottish Parliament (SP Paper 789)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Economy and Fair Work Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 792)

22 May 2025

Criminal Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Criminal Justice Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 790)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Planning and Infrastructure Bill (SP Paper 793)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 May 2025 (SP Paper 794)

27 May 2025

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee 2024-2025 (SP Paper 791)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual report of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 798)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 27 May 2025 (SP Paper 799)

29 May 2025

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): The Regional Strategic Bodies and Regional Colleges (Glasgow and Lanarkshire) Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 800)

Rural Affairs and Island Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual report of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 795)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 801)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Supplementary Delegated Powers in the Care Reform (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 803)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 804)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual report of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 807)

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, 2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual report of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 2024-2025 (SP Paper 808)

30 May 2025

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual report of the Education, Children and Young People Committee 2024-2025 (SP Paper 802)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 806)

3 June 2025

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 28 May 2025 (SP Paper 797)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 811)

4 June 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the fourth quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2024-25 (SP Paper 812)

5 June 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 43rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 815)

6 June 2025

Criminal Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 816)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 29 May 2025 (SP Paper 817)

9 June 2025

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 818)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 and the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025 (SP Paper 819)

10 June 2025

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Employment Rights Bill (SP Paper 821)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 822)

11 June 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Education (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 824)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 47th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Second Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (SP Paper 826)

12 June 2025

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 823)

17 June 2025

Criminal Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Home Detention Curfew (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 827)

18 June 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 48th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 June 2025 (SP Paper 830)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (SP Paper 831)

19 June 2025

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Scottish Budget process in practice (SP Paper 829)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Public authorities (fraud, error and recovery) Bill (SP Paper 833)

23 June 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 834)

24 June 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 835)

25 June 2025

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill (SP Paper 837)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on two supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandums for the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (SP Paper 838)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated Powers in the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 839)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 840)

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Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 24 September 2025 (SP Paper 880)

8 October 2025

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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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5 November 2025

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (SP Paper 903)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Equalities Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 4 November 2025 (SP Paper 904)

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6 November 2025

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered on 6 November 2025 (SP Paper 907)

7 November 2025

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12 November 2025

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18 November 2025

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Pre-Budget scrutiny 2026-27: future social security spending in Scotland (SP Paper 911)

19 November 2025

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 912)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 12th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 914)

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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)

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21 November 2025

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26 November 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 86th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 November 2025 (SP Paper 918)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Pension Schemes Bill (SP Paper 919)

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)

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2 December 2025

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3 December 2025

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 26 November 2025 (SP Paper 917)

5 December 2025

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report tracking the work of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 2024-25 (SP Paper 925)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 89th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (SP Paper 926)

8 December 2025

Criminal Justice Committee, 11th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 and the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Act 2025 (Consequential Modifications) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 927)

10 December 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 90th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 928)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 91st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated Powers in the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 931)

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11 December 2025

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 13th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 929)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 11th Report, 2025 (Session 6): The Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 934)

12 December 2025

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Pre-Budget scrutiny 2026-27: Human Rights Budgeting (SP Paper 930)

Criminal Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Cybercrime and cyber-security in Scotland (SP Paper 933)

15 December 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 93rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 936)

16 December 2025

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 94th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 937)

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Education, Children and Young People Committee, 10th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 935)

Criminal Justice Committee, 13th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Sentencing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 941)

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Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Complaint against Ash Regan MSP (SP Paper 945)

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Criminal Justice Committee,14th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2026/27 (SP Paper 944)

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21 December 2025

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 14th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on Cost-effectiveness of Scottish Public Inquiries (SP Paper 943)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2025-26 (SP Paper 947)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 January 2026 (SP Paper 949)

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9 January 2026

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Standing Order Rule changes - lodging deadlines for public bills (SP Paper 954)

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14 January 2026

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Second supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers exercisable within devolved competence in the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (SP Paper 958)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 13 January 2026 (SP Paper 960)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No.1) and (No.2) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 962)

15 January 2026

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 961)

16 January 2026

Criminal Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Inquiry into the harm caused by substance misuse in Scottish Prisons (SP Paper 956)

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Finance and Public Administration Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Report on Subordinate Legislation: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 963)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated Powers in the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 965)

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Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandums on the UK Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (SP Paper 967)

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Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 2nd Report, 2026, (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 966)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 January 2026 (SP Paper 971)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 972)

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28 January 2026

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Standing Order Rule changes - Related to Gender Sensitive Audit recommendations on Parliamentary Bureau Membership, Election of Presiding Officer/Deputy Presiding Officers and SPCB Membership (SP Paper 978)

29 January 2026

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 2nd Report 2026 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Finance (No.2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 981)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 982)

30 January 2026

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 983)

2 February 2026

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): ADHD and autism pathways and support (SP Paper 980)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 984)

3 February 2026

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 6th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 985)

4 February 2026

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 3 February 2026 (SP Paper 987)

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Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 15th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 989)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 February 2026 (SP Paper 990)

5 February 2026

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6 February 2026

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Draft Climate Change Plan 2026-2040: scrutiny by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee (SP Paper 991)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 992)

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Economy and Fair Work Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 4 February 202 (SP Paper 994)

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Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 1st Report, 2026 (Session 6): Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Consequential and Supplementary Amendments) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 996)

9 February 2026

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 5th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 998)

10 February 2026

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Social Security (Residence and Presence Requirements) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 999)

11 February 2026

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 1001)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 6th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1002)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 6th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Scottish Fiscal Commission: reappointment of Chair (SP Paper 1004)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 February 2026 (SP Paper 1005)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 7th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill LCM (SP Paper 1006)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2026 (Session 6): The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 (SSI 2025/405) (SP Paper 1007)

12 February 2026

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 4th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Draft Climate Change Plan as it relates to agriculture and land use (SP Paper 1000)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 3rd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Care Leaver Payment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] (SP Paper 1003)

13 February 2026

Criminal Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2026, (Session 6): Summary of Evidence of the Withdrawn Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 1009)

17 February 2026

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 5th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation on the Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order [draft] and Regulations [draft] 2026 (SP Paper 1010)

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2026 (SP Paper 1011)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 18th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Third supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 1012)

18 February 2026

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 19th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 February 2026 (SP Paper 1013)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 7th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 (SP Paper 1014)

19 February 2026

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 20th Report, 2026 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 1016)

20 February 2026

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2026 (Session 6): Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland (SP Paper 1015)

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