

Tuesday 16 December 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 12:33pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20196, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Gordon Kennedy, Minister, Craiglockhart Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Motion of No Confidence

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: Rona Mackay: Awareness of Aphasia

Committee Meetings

8:30am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20196, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Gordon Kennedy, Minister, Craiglockhart Parish Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-20196](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(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

followed by Topical Questions

1. Rona Mackay: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent attack on the Jewish community at Bondi Beach in Australia, what steps are being taken to ensure community safety in Scotland. ([S6T-02815](#))

2. Sue Webber: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has decided not to take forward changes in relation to national speed limits on single carriageways. ([S6T-02809](#))

followed by Motion of No Confidence

[S6M-20135](#) Russell Findlay: Motion of No Confidence—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.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20167](#) Maurice Golden: Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

Today's Business <i>Gnothaichean an-diugh</i>	Future Business <i>Gnothaichean ri teachd</i>	Motions & Questions <i>Gluasadan agus Ceistean</i>	Legislation <i>Reachdas</i>	Other <i>Eile</i>
Chamber Seòmar				

[S6M-20138](#) Liz Smith: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Rona Mackay: Awareness of Aphasia

[S6M-18720](#) Rona Mackay: Awareness of Aphasia—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.

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 38th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 2, 3 and 5 in private.
- 2. Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at last week's meeting.
- 3. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- 4. Draft Climate Change Plan:** (At approximately 9.00am) The Committee will take evidence from—
Lloyd Austin, Policy Advisor, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland;
Professor James Curran, Member, Climate Emergency Response Group;
Dr Mark Winskel, Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh;
Jess Pepper, Founder and Director, Climate Café;
Professor Kevin Anderson, Professor of Energy and Climate Change, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research.
and then from—
Philip Gomm, Head of External Communications, RAC Foundation;
Andy Poole, Head of Environmental Policy, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT);
Jarrod Birch, Head of Policy, ChargeUK;
Professor Jillian Anable, Chair in Transport and Energy, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds.
- 5. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 35th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

- 1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
- 2. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr George Fernie, Senior Medical Reviewer and Caldicott Guardian, Healthcare Improvement Scotland Certification Review Service;
Annemarie MacAlpine, President, Association of Registrars of Scotland;
Jim Murdoch, Senior Manager, Wellbeing Planning and Performance, East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.
and then from—

Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Rachel Coutts, Lawyer, Owen Griffiths, Legislation Team Leader, Alison McLeod, Lawyer, Katrina McNeill, Team Leader - Burial and Cremation, and Lucy Orren, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)

4. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 30th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 35th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T1.22 The Burns Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27: UK context:** The Committee will take evidence from—
David Phillips, Associate Director, Institute for Fiscal Studies.

2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

3. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 33rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.

2. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Craig Hatton, Climate Change Lead, Solace;
Cllr Gail Macgregor, Environment and Economy Spokesperson and Robert Nicol, Chief Officer - Environment and Economy, COSLA;
George Tarvit, Director, Sustainable Scotland Network;
Clare Wharmby, Co-Director, Scottish Climate Intelligence Service.

and then from—

Nicola Barclay, Chair, Built Environment - Smarter Transformation (BE-ST);
Gillian Campbell, Director, Existing Homes Alliance Scotland;
Ian Hughes, Engagement Director Scotland, Construction Industry Training Board;
Professor Sean Smith, Honorary Fellow, Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists;
Elaine Waterson, Policy Manager (Scotland), Energy Saving Trust.

3. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 36th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 1\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[National Bus Travel Concession Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
[Land and Buildings Transaction Tax \(Investment Zones Relief\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Provisions\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/385)
[Common Services Agency \(Membership and Procedure\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/387)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/386 (C.30))
[Care Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/388 (C.31))
[Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/393 (C. 32))
5. **Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

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