

Wednesday 14 May 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

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: Impact of
UK Government Decisions on Scotland's
Social Care Sector

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Review of Additional
Support for Learning and Implementation of
Mainstreaming

followed by Scottish Conservative and
Unionist Party Debate: Protecting Scotland's
Oil and Gas Industry

followed by Urgent Question: Sue Webber:
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.

followed by Business Motions

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followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:50 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
16920 Kenneth Gibson: Marine Conservation
Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches
Report

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9:00am Education, Children and Young
People Committee

9:00am Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

9:30am Public Audit Committee

10:00am Criminal Justice Committee

6:30pm Local Government, Housing and
Planning Committee

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Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

- 1. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of Scotland participating in a UK-wide fan-led review of the live music industry, in light of the recent UK-wide survey of the industry. ([S6O-04640](#))
- 2. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recent report by Scottish Borders Council on the future of Live Borders, regarding any impact on cultural services, community engagement and libraries across the Borders. ([S6O-04641](#))
- 3. Jeremy Balfour:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with the music sector to enable up-and-coming artists to hold concerts in Scotland. ([S6O-04642](#))
- 4. Tess White:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will undertake a review of Historic Environment Scotland before the end of the current parliamentary session. ([S6O-04643](#))
- 5. Bill Kidd:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of Brexit on Scotland's international relationships. ([S6O-04644](#))
- 6. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what it anticipates the impact will be on the Scottish film and TV industry of the US President's intention to impose tariffs. ([S6O-04645](#))
- 7. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions the constitution secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding its constitutional strategy, including in relation to its reported call for full fiscal autonomy. ([S6O-04646](#))
- 8. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details on how its planned museums capacity and support programme will support local and regional museums and galleries. ([S6O-04647](#))

Justice and Home Affairs

- 1. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government how the justice system aims to support women who experience financial and economic abuse from a partner. ([S6O-04648](#))
- 2. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that shoplifting crimes have increased by 89% since 2020. ([S6O-04649](#))
- 3. Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Police Scotland in relation to its policy on the recording of non-crime hate incidents. ([S6O-04650](#))
- 4. Craig Hoy:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the justice secretary has had with the Lord Advocate regarding the costs of defending unsuccessful legal cases in the Supreme Court. ([S6O-04651](#))
- 5. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what further action it can take in the current parliamentary session to tackle abuse against women and girls. ([S6O-04652](#))
- 6. Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to recent reported figures indicating higher than average drug driving offences in the Highlands and Islands. ([S6O-04653](#))

7. Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to address the reported lack of access to legal aid in rural regions. ([S6O-04654](#))

8. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on how Police Scotland shares information with other statutory bodies about vulnerable individuals. ([S6O-04655](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Impact of UK Government Decisions on Scotland's Social Care Sector

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Review of Additional Support for Learning and Implementation of Mainstreaming

[S6M-17524](#) Miles Briggs: Review of Additional Support for Learning and Implementation of Mainstreaming—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 Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-17524.3](#) Maree Todd: Review of Additional Support for Learning and Implementation of Mainstreaming—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.”

[S6M-17524.1](#) Pam Duncan-Glancy: Review of Additional Support for Learning and Implementation of Mainstreaming—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.”

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Chamber Seòmar				

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Protecting Scotland's Oil and Gas Industry

S6M-17525 Douglas Lumsden: Protecting Scotland's Oil and Gas Industry—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 Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

S6M-17525.3 Gillian Martin: Protecting Scotland's Oil and Gas Industry—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."

S6M-17525.1 Michael Marra: Protecting Scotland's Oil and Gas Industry—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."

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followed by Urgent Question: Sue Webber: 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.

followed by Business Motions

S6M-17531 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme—
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

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Chamber Seòmar				

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

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(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.

[S6M-17532](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—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.

[S6M-17533](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 1 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 14 November 2025.

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-17534](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI—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.

[S6M-17535](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee—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.

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5:50 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-16920](#) Kenneth Gibson: Marine Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report—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.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee

16th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Jon Vincent, Principal, Glasgow Clyde College, representing Colleges Scotland;
Sir Paul Grice, Interim Convener, Universities Scotland;
Andrew Ritchie, Lead Officer DYW, Aberdeenshire Council, representing the ADES Sub-Group on Foundation Apprenticeships;
Sai Shraddha S. Viswanathan, President, National Union of Students Scotland;
and then from—
Ian Grigg, Operations Director, Esteem Training;
Sarah Dalrymple, Founder and Director, SDC-Learn;
Stephanie Lowe, Deputy Chief Executive, Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation (SNIPEF);
Phiona Rae, Head of Administration and Finance, Tullos Training.
- Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

16th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Rea Cris, Public Affairs Manager, Open Seas;
Calum Duncan, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Marine Conservation Society;
Dr Nick Hesford, Interim Director, Scotland, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust;
Dan Paris, Director of Policy and Engagement, Scottish Environment LINK;
Nikki Sinclair, Green Belts Alliance Manager/National Parks Strategy Project Manager, Action to Protect Rural Scotland;
Ailis Watt, Senior Land Use Policy Officer, RSPB Scotland;
Bruce Wilson, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Scottish Wildlife Trust.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Town and Country Planning (Marine Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 from—
Dr Iain Berrill, Head of Technical, Salmon Scotland;
Sean Black, Senior Scientific Officer for Aquaculture, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
Mike Spain, Director of Aquaculture, Crown Estate Scotland;
Professor Paul Tett, Reader in Coastal Ecosystems, Scottish Association for Marine Science.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Disease Control \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#)
- Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **New Deal for Business (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government.
3. **Employment Rights Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on legislative consent memorandum LCM (S6) 53.

Public Audit Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **General practice: Progress since the 2018 General Medical Services contract :** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Eva Thomas-Tudo, Audit Manager, and Fiona Lees, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.
3. **General practice: Progress since the 2018 General Medical Services contract :** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Carol Calder, Audit Director, Eva Thomas-Tudo, Audit Manager, and Fiona Lees, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.
4. **General practice: Progress since the 2018 General Medical Services contract:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Criminal Justice Committee 15th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Challenges facing Business and Vulnerable Individuals in Scotland from Cybercrime:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Adam Stachura, Associate Director of Policy, Communications and External Affairs, Age Scotland;
David Keenan, Chief Information Officer, Arnold Clark;
Jude McCorry, Chief Executive, Cyber and Fraud Centre Scotland;
Nicola Taylor, Partnership Member, CyberScotland Partnership;
Miles Bonfield, Deputy Director, National Crime Agency;
Chris Ulliott, Head of Cyber Security, NatWest Bank;

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Committees Comataidhean				

Assistant Chief Constable Stuart Houston, Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism Intelligence, Police Scotland.

3. **Secure accommodation:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government.
4. **Challenges facing Business and Vulnerable Individuals in Scotland from Cybercrime:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Annual report:** The Committee will consider a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 13 May 2024 to 12 May 2025.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 14th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 6.30 pm in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).
2. **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman - Statement of Principles for Complaints Handling Procedures (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to consideration of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman draft revised Statement of Principles for Complaints Handling Procedures (SPSO 2025/01).

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