

Tuesday 18 November 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 2:48pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Professor Fergus McNeill, Professor of Criminology and Social Work at the University of Glasgow

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Buildings (Heating and Energy Performance) and Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Ltd

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry

followed by Ministerial Statement: Fife Ethylene Plant, Mossmorran

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to CHAP on 25 Years of Serving the Community

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

9:15am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

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

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Professor Fergus McNeill, Professor of Criminology and Social Work at the University of Glasgow

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-19807](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—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

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland’s Fishing Industry

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Fife Ethylene Plant, Mossmorran

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 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

[S6M-19808](#) Graeme Dey: Committee Meeting Times—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.

followed by Topical Questions

1. Bob Doris: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of cold temperatures and the first snowfall, whether it will provide an update regarding the steps it is taking to support any households at risk of fuel poverty. ([S6T-02759](#))

2. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that its core operating costs have increased by £53 million between 2023-24 and 2024-25. ([S6T-02762](#))

3. Martin Whitfield: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that the University of Edinburgh plans to reduce jobs by up to 1,800 as part of £140 million in budget reductions by 2026-27, including what action it will take to protect staff and students from the impact of any such redundancies. ([S6T-02757](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Buildings (Heating and Energy Performance) and Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Ltd

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry

[S6M-19739](#) Mairi Gougeon: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—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.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

[S6M-19739.2](#) Tim Eagle: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—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.”

[S6M-19739.3](#) Rhoda Grant: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry—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."

[S6M-19739.1 Ariane Burgess: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry](#)—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;".

[S6M-19739.4 Beatrice Wishart: Supporting Scotland's Fishing Industry](#)—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."

followed by Ministerial Statement: Fife Ethylene Plant, Mossmorran

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-19809 Graeme Dey: Substitution on Committees](#)—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.

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to CHAP on 25 Years of Serving the Community

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-19003 Kenneth Gibson: Congratulations to CHAP on 25 Years of Serving the Community](#)—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.

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 31st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider correspondence from Jeremy Balfour on the Bill.

2. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:**

The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3).

If necessary, the Committee will continue its consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 3) from 18:00 in Committee Room 1.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 32nd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:**

The Committee will consider the following—

[Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:**

The Committee will consider the following—

[Public Procurement \(Agreement on Government Procurement\) \(Thresholds\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/299)

[Scottish Register of Tartans Fees Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/334)

[Official Controls \(Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/335)

[National Health Service \(General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/337)

[The Charities Accounts \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/341)

4. **Document subject to parliamentary control:**

The Committee will consider the following—

[Draft Code of Practice: The Non-Party Campaigner Campaign Expenditure \(Scottish Parliament Elections\) Code of Practice 2025](#) (SG/2025/289)

5. Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:

The Committee will take evidence from—

Lady Ann Paton, Chair, Professor Hector MacQueen, Former Lead Commissioner, and Rachel Rayner, Chief Executive, Scottish Law Commission.

and then from—

Lorna Richardson, Senior Lecturer, Commercial Law, University of Edinburgh;
Dr David Christie, Associate Dean for Academic Development and Student Experience, Robert Gordon University;
Dr Jonathan Brown, Lecturer in Scots Private Law, University of Strathclyde;
Professor Stephen Bogle, Professor of Law and Interpersonal Justice, University of Glasgow;
Dr Hamish Patrick, Member of the Banking, Company and Insolvency Sub-Committee, Law Society of Scotland.

6. Evidence Session: The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

**Finance and Public Administration Committee
31st Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- 1. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- 2. Revenue Scotland: annual evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Elaine Lorimer, Chief Executive and Aidan O'Carroll, Chair, Revenue Scotland.
- 3. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Elaine Lorimer, Chief Executive, Michael Paterson, Head of Tax, John McVey, New Devolved Taxes Programme Manager, and James Lindsay, Tax Design Lead, Revenue Scotland.
and then from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Stephen Lea-Ross, Director, Cladding Remediation, Lorraine King, Deputy Director, Tax Strategy, Engagement and Performance, Hannah Taylor, Building Safety Levy Team Leader, and Hugh Angus, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee
34th Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- 1. Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
- 2. Adapting to the impacts of climate change:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Richard Millar, Head of Adaptation, Climate Change Committee.

3. Subordinate legislation:

The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025](#) (SI 2025/1101)

[Motor Vehicles \(Competitions and Trials\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/300)

4. UK Subordinate legislation:

The Committee will consider proposals by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposals—

The GB Biocidal Products (Amendment) Regulations 2025

The Control of Mercury (Amendment) Regulations 2025

5. Adapting to the impacts of climate change: The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

6. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 26th Meeting, 2025

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

1. Decision on taking business in private: The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4 and 5 in private.

2. Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland: The Committee will take evidence in a roundtable format from—

Juliana Amaral, Chief Executive Officer, Borders Community Action;
Wendy Hand, Deputy and Facilities Manager, Voluntary Action Shetland;
Kirsty Harding, Senior Development Officer, Highland Third Sector Interface;
Megan MacInnes, Board Member, Community Land Scotland;
Artemis Pana, National Coordinator, Scottish Rural Action;
Alasdair Ross, Policy and Consultations Officer, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action;
Sheena Stewart, Chief Officer, Uist Council of Voluntary Organisations;
Alan Webb, Chief Executive Officer, Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway;
Dr Luis F. Yanes, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Lead, Scottish Human Rights Commission.

3. Work programme: The Committee will consider its work programme.

4. EU Law Tracker: The Committee will consider correspondence from the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

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

- Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
- Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will continue consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 29th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
- Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence in roundtable format from—
Dr Richard Atkins, Chartered Architect, The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland;
Dr Jocelyne Fleming, Senior Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Chartered Institute of Building;
Io Hadjicosta, Representative, Stop Climate Chaos Coalition;
Cornelia Helmcke, Representative, Scottish Research Alliance for Energy, Homes and Livelihoods (SRAEHL);
Alistair Hill, Head of Energy Transition, Consumer Scotland;
Neil Osborne, Service Lead, Climate and Energy, Highland Council;
David Raine, Policy Manager, Homes for Scotland;
Derek Rankine, Head of Policy and Strategy, Built Environment Forum Scotland;
Professor Janette Webb, Professorial Fellow, Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh.
- Subordinate legislation:**

The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Title Conditions \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Rural Housing Bodies\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/298);
[Building \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/312).
- Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier in the meeting.
- Tracker Report 2024-25 (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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