

Tuesday 25 November 2025

Business Bulletin

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Revised at 2:26pm



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Guidance on Legislative Consent

A new document, [Guidance on Legislative Consent](#), has been published on the Parliament's website. It explains the process through which the Parliament considers whether or not to give consent to the UK Parliament legislating on devolved matters, or legislating to alter the Parliament's legislative competence or the executive competence of Scottish Ministers.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-19913, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Very Rev Dr Andriy Chornenko, Vicar for Scotland of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London

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 Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill: Emergency Bill Motion

followed by Urgent Question: Meghan Gallacher: 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.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

followed by Members' Business: Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2025

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S6M-19913 Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—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

S6M-19914 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 25 November 2025.

followed by Topical Questions

1. Rachael Hamilton: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the TRANSFORM prostate cancer screening trial, including any implications this may have for improving prostate cancer screening in Scotland. ([S6T-02767](#))

2. Clare Haughey: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the warning from Scottish Care that the UK Government's immigration proposals risk destabilising care provision in Scotland. ([S6T-02772](#))

3. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported concerns and frustration of the Educational Institute of Scotland about its four-day working week proposal for teachers. ([S6T-02771](#))

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill

S6M-19866 Jenny Gilruth: Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill.

followed by Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill: Emergency Bill Motion

S6M-19890 Graeme Dey: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties)

(Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

followed by Urgent Question: Meghan Gallacher: 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.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

[S6M-19916](#) Graeme Dey: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill: Timetable and Procedures for Consideration—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.

[S6M-19920](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—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

and 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 Parliamentary 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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2025

[S6M-18802](#) Michelle Thomson: St Andrew's Day 2025—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.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 32nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Don McGillivray, Director of Safer Communities, and Marion McCormack, Civil Courts, Justice Transformation and Inquiries, Scottish Government;
Emma Thomson, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
2. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 32nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Food (Promotion and Placement) (Scotland) Regulations 2025:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Alexandra Johnstone, Nutrition Scientist at The Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen;
Ewan MacDonald-Russell, Deputy Head, Scottish Retail Consortium;
David McColgan, Chair, Non-Communicable Diseases Alliance.
and then from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health and James Wilson, Population Health Strategy and Improvement, Scottish Government;
Rosie MacQueen, Solicitor, Scottish Government Legal Directorate.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Food \(Promotion and Placement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

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

[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)

3. **Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4).

If necessary, the Committee will continue its consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 4) from 18:00 in Committee Room 1.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 35th 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 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Dr Richard Dixon, Chair and Neil Langhorn, Head of Strategy and Analysis, Environmental Standards Scotland;
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Scottish Fiscal Commission;
Clare Wharmby, Co-Director, Scottish Climate Intelligence Service.
3. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—

The Reach (Amendment) Regulations 2026

4. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government on the Scottish Budget 2026-27.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 33rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Management of Offenders \(Scotland\) Act 2019 and the Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Consequential Modifications\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Companies Act 2006 \(Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Disclosure \(Scotland\) Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 6, Consequential Amendment, Saving and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/352 (C.26))

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 \(Non-Party Campaigner Code of Practice\) \(Appointed Date\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/347)

[Scottish Languages Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/348 (C.24))
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provision\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/351 (C.25))

5. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Andrew Agapiou, Chair of the Contracts Committee, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland;
Colin Borland, Scotland Director, Federation of Small Businesses;
David Woods, Partner in the Litigation, Regulatory and Tax Team, Pinsent Masons.

6. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

7. **Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

8. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider a draft guidance document.

9. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 5.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 30th 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. **2024-25 Annual Reports of the Ethical Standards Commissioner and the Standards Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Ian Bruce, Ethical Standards Commissioner, Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

and then from—

Lorna Johnston, Executive Director and Suzanne Vestri, Convener, Standards Commission for Scotland.

- 3. 2024-25 Annual Reports of the Ethical Standards Commissioner and the Standards Commission for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- 4. Pension Schemes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-65.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM 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. Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Anna Densham, Deputy Director, Land Reform, Rural and Islands Policy, and Trevor Owen, Head of Human Rights Strategy and Legislation Unit, Scottish Government.
- 3. Human rights, equalities and access to services in rural areas of Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

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