

Thursday 27 November 2025

Business Bulletin

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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Expected date of dissolution

The Presiding Officer has determined, under Rule 2.1.4, that the expected date on which the Parliament will be dissolved is 9 April 2026, ahead of the election that is expected to be held on 7 May 2026.

Today's Business

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business: Jackson Carlaw: Glasgow City Council's Plans for an At-city-boundary Congestion Charge and a Toll on Using the Clyde Tunnel

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 Urgent Question: Liz Smith: 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.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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Committee Meetings

9:00am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:00am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

7:00 pm Decision Time

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Miles Briggs:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of police officers in Edinburgh and the Lothians, in light of the growth in the population of south east Scotland and any additional policing duties in the capital. ([S6O-05206](#))
- 2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on progress made towards issuing Scottish Government bonds, in light of Scotland's recent high credit ratings. ([S6O-05207](#))
- 3. George Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to preserve and enhance historic buildings in Scotland's town centres. ([S6O-05208](#))
- 4. Alexander Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its just transition plan for the Mossmorran petrochemical site. ([S6O-05209](#))
- 5. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of the progress on the A720 Sheriffhall roundabout project. ([S6O-05210](#))
- 6. Beatrice Wishart:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it can take to ensure that critical national infrastructure serves the local communities hosting it and is built safely, securely and in a way that is sensitive to the landscape around it. ([S6O-05211](#))
- 7. Michael Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting stability and growth in Scotland's video games sector, including what engagement it has had with Rockstar Games, in light of reports of recent staff dismissals. ([S6O-05212](#))
- 8. Carol Mochan:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the financial sustainability of Ayrshire College. ([S6O-05213](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04475](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04476](#))
- 3. Ross Greer:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04477](#))
- 4. Kenneth Gibson:** To ask the First Minister what impact the Chancellor's Autumn Statement will have on Scotland. ([S6F-04479](#))
- 5. Dr Pam Gosal MBE:** To ask the First Minister how the Scottish Government plans to commemorate the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence. ([S6F-04480](#))
- 6. Alex Rowley:** To ask the First Minister, in light of ExxonMobil's announcement of the closure of the Mossmorran ethylene plant, what action the Scottish Government is taking to mitigate any damage this will cause to the Cowdenbeath area and the wider Scottish economy. ([S6F-04483](#))

followed by Members' Business: Jackson Carlaw: Glasgow City Council's Plans for an At-city-boundary Congestion Charge and a Toll on Using the Clyde Tunnel

[S6M-19510](#) Jackson Carlaw: Glasgow City Council's Plans for an At-city-boundary Congestion Charge and a Toll on Using the Clyde Tunnel—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.

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

- 1. Patrick Harvie:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what consideration it has given to staff employed within the Parliament as contractors and whether they should have the same employment terms and conditions as corporate and MSP staff. ([S6O-05226](#))
- 2. Dr Pam Gosal MBE:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what action it is taking to ensure that visits to the Scottish Parliament are inclusive and accessible to all school pupils. ([S6O-05189](#))
- 3. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what recent discussions it has held with Police Scotland about the policing of protests at the Scottish Parliament. ([S6O-05188](#)) **R**
- 4. Lorna Slater:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will review its interim position on the use of facilities and services at the Parliament, following the Supreme Court ruling, and seek specialist legal advice, in light of the Equality and Human Rights Commission withdrawing its interim guidance. ([S6O-05224](#))
- 5. Paul Sweeney:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will consult MSP staff trade unions before deciding on uprating the Staff Cost Provision in the 2026-27 financial year. ([S6O-05223](#))
- 6. Tim Eagle:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-05222](#)) **R**
- 7. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body whether it will commit to structured engagement with MSP staff trade unions on an ongoing basis. ([S6O-05225](#))
- 8. John Mason:** To ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body what assessment it has made of the operational resilience of the Parliament's information technology systems, in light of the disruption to the stage 3 proceedings for the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill. ([S6O-05122](#))

followed by Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

Social Justice and Housing

- 1. Emma Roddick:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-05214](#))
- 2. Fulton MacGregor:** To ask the Scottish Government, in relation to potential social security implications, what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding compensation for Women Against State Pension Inequality. ([S6O-05215](#))

3. Mark Ruskell: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the assessment by the Scottish Human Rights Commission that disabled and autistic people are not being supported to exercise their right to independent living, as enshrined in Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, what discussions the social justice secretary has had with ministerial colleagues regarding action that can be taken to address this. ([S6O-05216](#))

4. Alex Rowley: To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to the availability of land for building social housing, in relation to its Housing to 2040 strategy. ([S6O-05217](#))

5. Bill Kidd: To ask the Scottish Government what support it will provide to pensioners to help with heating bills as winter sets in. ([S6O-05218](#))

6. Paul Sweeney: To ask the Scottish Government, further to its previous answer on 12 November, whether it will take the lead in establishing a common housing register in Glasgow to simplify applications and address the city's long social housing waiting lists. ([S6O-05219](#))

7. Craig Hoy: To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on any potential negative impacts for local communities when asylum seekers are housed in large-scale sites in Scotland. ([S6O-05220](#))

8. Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with registered social landlords in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency regarding the lack of new social homes being built. ([S6O-05221](#))

followed by Urgent Question: Liz Smith: 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.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Liability for Unoccupied Properties) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-19948](#) **Ivan McKee: 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 passed.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

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

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 31st Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. Legal mechanism for any independence referendum inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Andrew Blick, Professor of Politics and Contemporary History, King's College London;
Professor Alan Renwick, Professor of Democratic Politics, University College London;
Professor Nicola McEwen, Professor of Public Policy and Governance, University of Glasgow;
Dr Elisenda Casanas Adam, Senior Lecturer in Public Law and Human Rights, University of Edinburgh.
- 2. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 31st Meeting, 2025

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

- 1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4, 5 and 6 in private. It will also decide whether its consideration of the approach to the two-child limit policy and the approach to the draft Stage 1 report on the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.
- 2. Adult Disability Payments:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Edel Harris OBE, Former Chair, Independent Review of Adult Disability Payment.
and then from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Erin McGinley, Senior Auditor, Performance Audit & Best Value, Audit Scotland.
- 3. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

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

- 4. Adult Disability Payments:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
- 5. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
- 6. Correspondence:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Scottish Government regarding the Job Start Payment, as well as draft letters to the Scottish Government and the National Association of Funeral Directors regarding the Funeral Expenses Payment.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM 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. **Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Katy Clark, Member in charge of the Bill, Scottish Parliament;
Carole Ewart, Director, Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland (CFoIS).
3. **Evidence Session (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
4. **'A Parliament for All' - Report of the Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit:** The Committee will consider a note from the Clerk.
5. **Guidance on the Code of Conduct:** The Committee will consider a note from the Clerk.

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