

Tuesday 7 October 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-19264, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Ali Hussnain,
Co-Chair of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal
Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic
Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
19090 Jamie Greene: Addressing the
Postcode Lottery of Early Learning and
Childcare Provision

followed by Members' Business — S6M-
17486 Brian Whittle: Securing the Long-term
Sustainability of Scotland's Health Service

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 Equalities, Human Rights and Civil
Justice Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and
Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

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[S6M-19264](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 7 October 2025—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) Wednesday 8 October 2025—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Secure Accommodation – Capacity and Future of Secure

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025

delete

5.40 Decision Time

and insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 9 October 2025—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill – UK Legislation

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

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followed by Topical Questions

- 1. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to meet the interim and final child poverty reduction targets, in light of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's finding in its report, *Poverty in Scotland 2025*, that current levels remain largely unchanged since 2021. ([S6T-02704](#))
- 2. Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update regarding its response to Storm Amy. ([S6T-02709](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-19228](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 2: 50 minutes

Groups 3 to 4: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 5 to 8: 2 hours 15 minutes

Groups 9 to 11: 2 hours 45 minutes.

[S6M-19221](#) Angela Constance: Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-19090](#) Jamie Greene: Addressing the Postcode Lottery of Early Learning and Childcare Provision—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of funded early learning and childcare in giving every child in Scotland the best start in life; believes that funded places have a vital part to play in helping parents return to work and boosting Scotland's economy; considers that the high cost of childcare is creating real barriers for parents who want to get back into work; understands with regret that many local authorities in the West Scotland region, including Inverclyde Council, North Ayrshire Council and East Dunbartonshire Council,

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only offer funded places from the start of the term after a child's third birthday, leaving some families missing out on up to four months of support; considers that this postcode lottery stems from the Scottish Government's *Early Learning and Childcare Statutory Guidance*, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to guarantee that funded places are available from the day after a child's third birthday, and that children are treated fairly, no matter where they live or when they are born.

followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-17486](#) Brian Whittle: Securing the Long-term Sustainability of Scotland's Health Service—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) 2025 *Fiscal Sustainability Report*, which was published on 22 April 2025; notes with concern that the report indicates the potential for growing fiscal pressures over the next 50 years, largely due to the combination of Scotland's ageing population and increasingly poor public health driving up health spending; understands from the research that health spending, which is already the largest area of spending within the Scottish Budget, is projected to grow from 34% of devolved public spending in 2029-30 to 47% by 2074-75; notes the analysis indicating that, as a result of demographic change, the Scottish Budget will face a significant challenge within the next 20 years unless action is taken soon to address rising levels of preventable illness, including long-term chronic conditions; further notes the view that, without any intervention, the worst case scenario set out by the SFC would leave a future Scottish administration being forced to choose between cuts to the health service or sacrificing other public services to sustain health spending; considers that helping people across Scotland, including in the South Scotland region, to live longer, healthier lives can reduce growth in healthcare costs as the population ages; notes the belief that this can be achieved through the delivery of a robust, preventative health agenda, integrated across multiple policy portfolios, that promotes inclusion, physical activity and good nutrition; further notes the view that it is essential for the Scottish Government to set out how it proposes to address the issues identified in the 2025 *Fiscal Sustainability Report*, in particular the specific steps that it will take to address the forecast gap resulting from poor public health, and notes the belief that politicians from across the political spectrum must have a shared commitment to improving public health if that goal is to be achieved.

Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Administration) Regulations 2025 [draft]; the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]; and the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, and Jonathan Waite, Aggregates Tax Bill Team Leader, Scottish Government;
James Lindsay, Tax Design Lead, Revenue Scotland.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—
S6M-19185—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Administration) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved;
S6M-19186—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved; and
S6M-19187—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
3. **Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Peter Drummond, Chair of Practice Committee and Trustee, Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland;
Jonathan Henderson, Assistant Chief Officer and Director of Prevention, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
4. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Patrick McGuire, Thompsons Solicitors Scotland.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **ADHD and ASD pathways and support:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Glenn Carter, Head of Scotland Office, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists;
Anya Kennedy, Divisional Lead Occupational Therapist, Royal College of Occupational Therapists;
Dr Pavan Srireddy, Vice Chair, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland;
Dr Chris Williams, Vice Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland;
and then from—
Thelma Bowers, Head of Mental Health Services, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
Louise Bussell, Board Nurse Director, NHS Highland;

Dr Gill Kidd, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Child Heads of Psychology Services (CHOPS);

Cath Malone, Consultant Clinical Psychologist/Lead Clinician, NHS Tayside.

3. **ADHD and ASD pathways and support:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2 and at its last meeting.
4. **Proposed non-surgical procedures Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the proposed Bill at Stage 1.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 30th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Update on Scottish Government transport policies and performance:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scottish Government;
Fiona Brown, Director of Transport Strategy and Analysis, Chris Wilcock, Director of Ferries and Ports, and Bill Reeve, Director for Rail Reform, Transport Scotland.
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 Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging and Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Motor Vehicles \(Competitions and Trials\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)
5. **Update on Scottish Government transport policies and performance:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
7. **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 22nd 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 4 in private.
2. **Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Louise Church MSYP (Galloway and West Dumfries), Member, Education and Lifelong Learning Committee, Scottish Youth Parliament;
Juliet Harris, Director, Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights);
Gina Wilson, Head of Strategy, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
Gavin Yates, Executive Director, Connect;
and then from—
Dr Douglas Hutchison, Executive Director of Education, Glasgow City Council, representing the Association of Directors of Education in Scotland (ADES);

Susan Quinn, Convener, Education Committee, Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS).

3. **Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 26th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3, 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Cabinet Secretary for Housing: portfolio priorities and progress on the Scottish Government's cladding remediation programme:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Matthew Elsby, Deputy Director, Better Homes, Stephen Lea-Ross, Director, Cladding Remediation, and Jess Niven, Interim Deputy Director, Heat in Buildings Policy and Regulation, Scottish Government.
3. **Cabinet Secretary for Housing: portfolio priorities and progress on the Scottish Government's cladding remediation programme:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
5. **Pension Schemes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to the consideration of the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Shona Robison MSP (LCM-(S6)-65).
6. **Scottish Housing Regulator** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 28th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Oliver Mundell will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
3. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Absent Voting at Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections \(Signature Refresh\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Early Release of Prisoners \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
4. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Representation of the People \(Absent Voting at Local Government Elections\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/263)
[Rural Support \(Simplification and Improvement\) \(Data Publication\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/274)
[Council Tax Reduction \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) \(No. 5\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/275)
[Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2025](#) (SSI 2025/277)

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5. **Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (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.
6. **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider correspondence on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
7. **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider correspondence on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

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