

Tuesday 28 October 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 2:36pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-19440 today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev Bryan Kerr, Parish Minister, Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by First Minister's Statement: Scotland's Commitment to International Development

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Urgent Question: Ash Regan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent sentencing of a grooming gang in Dundee, what urgent action it will take to establish a national taskforce to identify and dismantle any exploitation networks targeting children and vulnerable adults in Scotland.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10:00 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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

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[S6M-19440](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 28 October 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Scotland's Commitment to International Development

(b) Thursday 30 October 2025—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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after

followed by Financial Resolution: Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Planning and Infrastructure Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Financial Resolution: Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

followed by Topical Questions

1. Liam Kerr: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the prison population reaching a record high of 8,430 prisoners.
([S6T-02716](#))

2. Kevin Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to help secure the future of Petrofac and its workforce, following the announcement that the company has entered into administration. ([S6T-02720](#))

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>
Chamber Seòmar				

followed by First Minister's Statement: Scotland's Commitment to International Development

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-19429](#) Graeme Dey: Stage 3 Timetable— That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Land Reform (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 3: 1hr 45 minutes

Groups 4 to 5: 3 hrs 30 minutes

Groups 6 to 7: 5 hrs 15 minutes

Groups 8 to 9: 6 hrs 30 minutes

Groups 10 to 11: 8 hrs 45 minutes

Groups 12 to 13: 10 hours

Groups 14 to 20: 11 hours 30 minutes

Groups 21 to 24: 12 hours 45 minutes

Groups 25 to 27: 14 hours

Groups 28 to 29: 15 hours.

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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Committee Meetings

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

Finance and Public Administration Committee 28th 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—
Professor Carl Dahlström, Professor of Political Science, University of Gothenburg;
Dr Scott Prasser, Public Policy Consultant and Commentator.
and then from—
Wendy McGuinness, Chief Executive, the McGuinness Institute.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2026-27: Responding to long-term fiscal pressures (In Private):** The Committee will consider draft reports on its pre-budget scrutiny 2026-27 and its fact-finding visit to Lithuania.
3. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 28th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **ADHD and autism pathways and support:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Tom Arthur, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing, Gavin Gray, Deputy Director, Mental Health, Stephen Mcleod, Professional Adviser, Mental Health, and Lynne Taylor, Professional Adviser, Mental Health, Scottish Government.

3. Subordinate legislation:

The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

[Sports Grounds and Sporting Events \(Designation\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#)

4. **ADHD and autism pathways and support:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
5. **Pre-budget scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 31st 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 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61 and wider issues around the production and use of SAF in Scotland from—
Simon McNamara, Head of Government & Corporate Affairs, Loganair;
Doug McKiernan, Co-Founder and Chief Technical Officer, Zero;
Ralph Lavery, Net Zero Applications Engineer, CATAGEN.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 and the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2025 from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Andrew Mackie, Head of Environment & Forestry Sponsorship Hub, Carolyn Boyd, Lawyer, and Russell Bain, Deputy Director, International Futures and Brand Scotland policy, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-18943—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-18944—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
6. **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Councillor Katie Hagmann, Resources Spokesperson and Councillor Steven Heddle, Vice President, COSLA;
Jonathan Belford, Chief Finance Officer, Aberdeen City Council and Chair, Directors of Finance Section, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA);
Alan Russell, Chief Executive of Renfrewshire Council, Solace.
and then from—
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Andrew Connal, Local Government Pay and Workforce Lead, and Ellen Leaver, Acting Director for Local Government,

Scottish Government.

3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/Draft).

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 29th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM 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, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in private.

2. Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:

The Committee will consider the following—

[Sexual Offences Act 2003 \(Notification Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)

3. Instruments subject to negative procedure:

The Committee will consider the following—

[Qualifications Scotland \(Appointment of Initial Members\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/278)
[National Health Service \(Charges to Overseas Visitors\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/280)

4. Instruments/documents laid for consultation:

The Committee will consider the following—

Proposed Draft Order: Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 (SG/2025/238)

5. **Evidence session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Graeme Dey, Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans, Steven MacGregor, Head of Parliament and Legislation Unit, Claire Trail, SSI and UK Legislation Team Leader, and Douglas Kerr, Deputy Legislation Co-ordinator, Scottish Government Legal Department, Scottish Government.

6. **Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

7. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

8. Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

9. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

10. Prostitution (Offences and Support) (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.

11. Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation):

The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

12. Pension Schemes Bill (UK Parliament legislation):

The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

13. Contracts (Formation and Remedies) Bill: The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

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

15. Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the Member-charge's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 23rd 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 4 in private.

2. Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Jenny Gilruth, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Lewis Hedge, Deputy Director, Curriculum and Qualifications Division, Joe Smith, Children's Rights Reporting and Monitoring Team Leader, Denise McKay, Deputy Director, Children, Education, Rights Incorporation and Disclosure, Legal Directorate, and Sarah Booth, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

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.

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