

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:10pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Resignation of junior Scottish Minister

In accordance with Rule 4.8.2 of Standing Orders, the Presiding Officer wishes to notify the Parliament of the resignation of Jamie Hepburn as a junior Scottish Minister.

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-19021, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Paul Rand, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

followed by Urgent Question: Murdo Fraser:
To ask the Scottish Government whether it will clarify its position regarding whether local authorities will be given powers to introduce a visitor levy on a flat charge basis, as an alternative to a percentage.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9:10 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

8:45am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport 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

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

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-19021, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Paul Rand, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-19021 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 23 September 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

delete

10.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 24 September 2025—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Provision and Access to Residential Outdoor Education for Children and Young People in Scotland

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Literacy in Scotland's Schools

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

8.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 25 September 2025—

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

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followed by Topical Questions

1. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that more than 1,000 Scottish charities are closing every year. ([S6T-02674](#))

2. Willie Rennie: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the recommendation made by the Commission on School Reform report, *Behaviour in Schools*, that teachers should be able to suspend or exclude pupils who exhibit persistent behaviour issues. ([S6T-02680](#))

followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

[S6M-19015](#) **John Swinney: Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister**—That the Parliament agrees that Ben Macpherson be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

followed by Urgent Question: Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will clarify its position regarding whether local authorities will be given powers to introduce a visitor levy on a flat charge basis, as an alternative to a percentage.

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-19014](#) **Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Housing (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: 2 hours

Groups 4 to 6: 3 hours 30 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 5 hours

Groups 10 to 11: 6 hours 30 minutes

Groups 12 to 14: 7 hours 50 minutes

Groups 15 to 17: 8 hours 45 minutes

Groups 18 to 20: 10 hours 35 minutes

Groups 21 to 24: 12 hours

Groups 25 to 27: 13 hours 45 minutes

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-19022 Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership—

That the Parliament agrees that Jamie Hepburn be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee.

9:10 pm Decision Time

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Committees Comataidhean				

Committee Meetings

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 28th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

- Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Ecocide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Jamie Whittle, Chair, Environmental Law Sub-committee, Law Society of Scotland;
 Valerie Fogleman, Professor of Law, Cardiff University School of Law and Politics;
 Consultant, Stevens & Bolton LLP;
 Sue Miller, Chief Networks Officer, Stop Ecocide International;
 Dr Shivali Fifield, Chief Officer, Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland;
 and then from—
 Catherine McWilliam, Nations Director - Scotland, Institute of Directors Scotland;
 Professor Simon Parsons, Director of Environment, Planning and Assurance, Scottish Water;
 Elspeth Macdonald, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Fishermen's Federation;
 Jonnie Hall, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Director of Policy, National Farmers Union Scotland.
- Ecocide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
- Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in private.
- Welfare and sustainability in Scottish youth football:** The Committee will take evidence from—
 Neil Doncaster, Chief Executive, Scottish Professional Football League;
 Ian Maxwell, Chief Executive, Scottish Football Association.
- Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum [LCM-S6-62](#) from—
 Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Ailsa Garland, Solicitor, and Susan Wilson, Assisted Dying Shadow Bill Team Manager, Scottish Government.
- Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Personal Injuries \(NHS Charges\) \(Amounts\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
- Welfare and sustainability in Scottish youth football:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.
- Proposed national Good Food Nation plan:** The Committee will consider a draft report.

8. **ASD and ADHD pathways and support inquiry: Background briefing from the National Autism Implementation Team (NAIT):** The Committee will receive a background briefing.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 24th 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 and 5 in private.
2. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Maureen Dickson, Regional Organiser, and John Mooney, Regional Organiser, UNISON Scotland.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
4. **Proposed National Good Food Nation Plan:** The Committee will consider a draft report.
5. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 26th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Carer's Assistance \(Miscellaneous and Consequential Amendments, Revocation, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Plant Health \(Export Certification\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/241)
[Motor Vehicles \(Competitions and Trials\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/245)
[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/249)
[Redemption of Heritable Securities \(Excluded Securities\) \(Scotland\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/251)
4. **Documents 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 2025/214)
[Draft statutory guidance on imprints for non-party campaigners at Scottish Parliamentary elections and council elections in Scotland](#) (SG 2025/215)
5. **Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider correspondence on the Legislative Consent Memorandum, the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum, the second supplementary 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 the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
8. **Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter from 13 May to 8 September 2025.
9. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its upcoming session with the Minister for Parliamentary Business.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

20th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **The Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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