

Tuesday 16 September 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18918, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: David Jarvis,
Speaking SBC

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims,
Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8:35 pm Decision Time

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport
Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration
Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and
Planning Committee

9:30am Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

10:15am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil
Justice Committee

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Chamber Seòmar				

Meeting of the Parliament

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2:00 pm Time for Reflection: David Jarvis, Speaking SBC

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-18918](#) Jamie Hepburn 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 16 September 2025—

delete

10.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

8.35 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 17 September 2025—

delete

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Limited

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Topical Questions

1. Douglas Lumsden: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Nuclear Industry Association's reported view that Scotland will miss out on thousands of new jobs due to its stance on nuclear energy. ([S6T-02667](#))

2. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Royal College of Nursing's reported concerns regarding the decline in the number of nursing students, in light of recent UCAS figures showing that the number of accepted places on nursing courses beginning this autumn in Scotland is 5% lower than last year. ([S6T-02665](#))

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

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Chamber Seòmar				

S6M-18901 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice 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 4: 50 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 50 minutes

Groups 8 to 10: 2 hours 35 minutes

Groups 11 to 13: 3 hours 35 minutes

Groups 14 to 16: 4 hours 20 minutes

Groups 17 to 19: 5 hours 10 minutes

Groups 20 to 22: 6 hours

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8:35 pm Decision Time

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Committees Comataidhean				

Committee Meetings

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

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

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

- Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 3 and 4 in private.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Emma Congreve, co-lead of the Scottish Health Equity Research Unit, University of Strathclyde;
Calum MacLeod, Senior Policy & Public Affairs Officer, Mental Health Foundation;
Professor Colin McKay, Professor of Mental Health and Capacity Law, Edinburgh Napier University;
Craig Smith, Public Affairs & Policy Manager, Scottish Action for Mental Health;
and then from—
Duncan Black, Chief Officer, Finance and Resources, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership;
Hamish Hamilton, Chief Finance Officer, West Lothian Integration Joint Board.
- Pre-budget scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
- Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 25th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

- Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2026-27: Responding to long-term fiscal pressures:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Andy Witty, Director of Strategic Policy and Corporate Governance, Colleges Scotland;
Stacey Dingwall, Head of Policy and External Affairs (Scotland), Federation of Small Businesses;
Elaine Morrison, Director, Boosting Capital Investment, Scottish Enterprise;
Tom Ockendon, External Affairs Co-ordinator, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA);
Lesley Jackson, Deputy Director, Universities Scotland;
and then from—
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Ian Davidson, Deputy Director, Social Security Policy, and James Wallace, Deputy Director, Social Justice Finance Lead, Scottish Government;
David Wallace, Chief Executive, Social Security Scotland.
- Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

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

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1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Climate Change (Local Development Plan) (Repeals) (Scotland) Order 2025 from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, and Adam Henry, Senior Planner, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Minister for Public Finance to move—S6M-18057— That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Climate Change (Local Development Plan) (Repeals) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
4. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will take evidence as part of its Pre-Budget Scrutiny from—
Andrew Burns, Deputy Chair, Accounts Commission;
Blyth Deans, Audit Director, Performance Audit and Best Value, and Martin McLauchlan, Senior Manager, Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland;
Derek Yule, Commission Member, Accounts Commission.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Building Safety and Maintenance:** The Committee will consider a draft letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 27th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—
[Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes \(Amendment\) Order 2025](#)
3. **Public petitions: PE2123** The Committee will consider the following continued petition—
Update air quality standards in Scotland to align with 2021 World Health Organisation guidelines.
4. **Planning and Infrastructure Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-56a.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard on the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 25th 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 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Parliament \(Elections etc.\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Commons\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Members of the House of Lords\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)

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[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification of Councillors\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Free-Range Poultrymeat Marketing Standards \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/244)
4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/243)
5. **Instruments/documents laid for consultation:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Proposed Draft Regulations - The Hate Crime and Public Order \(Scotland\) Act 2021 \(Characteristic of Sex\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SG 2025/179)
6. **Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 19th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:15 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Rhoda Grant will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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