

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

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**11:40 am** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**11:40 am** General Questions

**12:00 pm** First Minister's Questions

**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-18709 Paul Sweeney: Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation Frigate

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: One Scotland, Many Voices: A Shared Future

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

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

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**followed by** Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

**followed by** Business Motions

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**followed by** Members' Business — S6M-18544 Christine Grahame: Organ Donation Week 22 to 28 September 2025

### Committee Meetings

**8:30am** Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

**9:00am** Social Justice and Social Security Committee

**9:30am** Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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1. **Roz McCall:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest *Homelessness in Scotland* statistics. ([S6O-04978](#))
2. **Ben Macpherson:** [Withdrawn] ([S6O-04979](#))
3. **Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government how many free personal care hours were assessed by local authorities to be needed, but were subsequently not delivered, in 2024-25. ([S6O-04980](#))
4. **Liam McArthur:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Orkney regarding reported delays in ophthalmology appointments for patients. ([S6O-04981](#))
5. **Maggie Chapman:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on any discussions that it has had with Police Scotland about the policing of protests outside hotels and other accommodation for people seeking asylum. ([S6O-04982](#))
6. **Jackie Dunbar:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the steps that it is taking to increase service capacity in GP practices within NHS Grampian. ([S6O-04983](#))
7. **Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government how it supports youth employment in the Rutherglen constituency, including through employability services. ([S6O-04984](#)) R
8. **Emma Roddick:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Distress Brief Intervention programme. ([S6O-04985](#))

### 12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

1. **Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04318](#))
2. **Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04319](#))
3. **Ross Greer:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04320](#))
4. **Elena Whitham:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of any implications for its work to address poverty amongst older people of recent findings by the Living Wage Foundation that a majority of people on a low-income pension in the UK are unable to cover basic living costs. ([S6F-04335](#))
5. **Brian Whittle:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that proposed changes to the counting method for NHS waiting lists will result in numbers falling despite no more patients being seen. ([S6F-04327](#))
6. **Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the First Minister what urgent action the Scottish Government is taking in light of Public Health Scotland's estimate that dementia in Scotland is set to rise by more than 50% by 2044. ([S6F-04336](#))

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## followed by Members' Business Debate on the subject of—

**[S6M-18709](#) Paul Sweeney: Norway Selects a Glasgow-built Type 26 as its Next Generation Frigate**—That the Parliament welcomes the reported £10 billion deal for the UK to supply at least five Type 26 class frigates to Norway, which will be built by the Govan and Scotstoun shipyards on the River Clyde in Glasgow; notes with optimism the potential for the largest shipbuilding export deal in Scottish history to secure and create a significant number of highly skilled jobs in the shipbuilding industry and associated advanced manufacturing supply chain; understands that Scotland's shipyards now hold an orderbook for an expected 18 frigates and 13 Type 26 vessels for the Royal Navy and Royal Norwegian Navy, and five Type 31 vessels for the Royal Navy; further understands that that is the largest surface naval shipbuilding programme in Europe, and that it is rivalled only by those in the United States and China; recognises what it sees as the vital role of this industry to Scotland's economy; notes calls for the Scottish and UK governments to work collaboratively to aim to ensure that Scotland's firms and workers are at the forefront of this project, and to maximise the economic benefit and long-term security for communities across Scotland, and further notes the calls on them to consider ways of building on this with a comprehensive national shipbuilding strategy for Scotland that will secure further naval and commercial shipbuilding contracts for the country's shipyards.

## 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S6M-19081](#) Graeme Dey on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 25 September 2025—

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

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*followed by* Financial Resolution: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill

## 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

### Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

**1. Michael Matheson:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is supporting current, and developing future, supply chain opportunities in the renewable energy sector. ([S6O-04986](#))

**2. Foyso Choudhury:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with stakeholders regarding the development and scaling up of sustainable aviation fuel production, in light of the need to support the infrastructure, skills, and supply chains required to make Scotland a leader in the sector. ([S6O-04987](#))

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**3. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with community groups that have raised concerns regarding the proliferation of energy infrastructure, including pylons, battery energy storage systems and wind farms. ([S6O-04988](#))

**4. Karen Adam:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the UK Government's energy policy, including licensing decisions and investment priorities, on jobs in Scotland's offshore energy sector and on progress towards a just transition. ([S6O-04989](#))

**5. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the *Scottish Biodiversity Strategy to 2045*, including in relation to riparian woodland planting. ([S6O-04990](#))

**6. Annie Wells:** To ask the Scottish Government what measures it is taking to improve night-time public transport connections between city centres and suburban areas, including support for late-night bus and rail services to improve affordability, safety and service reliability. ([S6O-04991](#))

**7. Sarah Boyack:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its progress on the development and expansion of heat networks across Scotland, including any plans it has to accelerate deployment to meet heat network decarbonisation targets. ([S6O-04992](#))

**8. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to ensure that Scotland is ready to recycle and repurpose textile waste when the landfill ban comes into force at the end of this year. ([S6O-04993](#))

**followed by Ministerial Statement: One Scotland, Many Voices: A Shared Future**

**followed by Stage 1 Debate: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill**

[S6M-19027](#) **Ben Macpherson: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill.

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

[S6M-18687](#) **Shona Robison: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

**followed by Financial Resolution: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**

[S6M-19067](#) **Shona Robison: Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase in expenditure payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund in consequence of the Act.

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**followed by Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission**

**[S6M-19035](#) Shona Robison: Appointment of Commissioners to the Scottish Fiscal Commission**—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Dr Eleanor Ryan and Justine Riccomini be appointed to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

**followed by Business Motions**

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**5:00 pm Decision Time**

**followed by Members' Business  
Debate on the subject of—**

**[S6M-18544](#) Christine Grahame: Organ Donation Week 22 to 28 September 2025**—That the Parliament recognises Organ Donation Week, which runs from 22 to 28 September 2025, as what it sees as a vital moment to highlight the life-saving power of organ and tissue donation; understands that the opt-out system for organ and tissue donation in Scotland, which was implemented in 2021, still relies on family agreement; considers that many refusals happen because wishes are not discussed in advance; understands that in 2024-25, 274 people in Scotland benefitted from a transplant compared with 390 in 2023-24, which, it believes, is a worrying trend; welcomes the Scottish Government's "Don't Leave Your Loved Ones in Doubt" campaign, which urges registration and open talks; notes the support for engaging young people and the view that colleges and universities should help educate through the use of QR codes; values the reported role of faith leaders in confirming that there are no religious barriers to donation and clearing up myths; understands that nearly 8,000 people in the UK, including people in Scotland, await transplants, and notes the encouragement for all eligible individuals to register, share their wishes and help to save lives.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Pre-Budget scrutiny 2026-27: funding for culture:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Iain Munro, Chief Executive, and Alastair Evans, Director of Strategy and Planning, Creative Scotland;  
and then from—  
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Lisa Baird, Deputy Director, Culture and Historic Environment, and Alison Byrne, Chief Executive, National Records of Scotland, Scottish Government.
2. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Social Justice and Social Security Committee 24th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decisions 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—  
Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Julie Humphreys, Director Tackling Child Poverty & Social Justice, James Wallace, Deputy Director, Social Justice Finance Lead, and Ian Davidson, Deputy Director, Social Security Policy, Scottish Government.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 2.
4. **Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will receive a briefing on the Bill at Stage 1.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of its approach to developing its work programme.

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 16th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Committee effectiveness (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft report.

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