

Tuesday 3 February 2026

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:22pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20663 and S6M-20664, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Susan Macleod, Humanist Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Motion of Condolence

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Prison Population

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Hospitals Inquiry

**followed by** Motion on Legislative Consent: Motion on Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – UK Legislation

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**6:20 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Michael Marra: Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector

### Committee Meetings

**8:45am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:00am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:15am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**9:30am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**9:45am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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

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after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by* Motion of Condolence

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Motion of Condolence

**S6M-20640 John Swinney: Motion of Condolence** —That the Parliament expresses its sadness at the sudden death of Lord Jim Wallace; appreciates his many years of outstanding public service and the high regard in which he was held as a Queen's Counsel, MP for Shetland and Orkney and the first ever MSP for Orkney, his seven years as the first Deputy First Minister of Scotland, and latterly as member of the House of Lords; acknowledges his long service to the Church of Scotland as an elder at St Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall and as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland from 2021 to 2022, and expresses deepest condolences to his wife, family and many friends.

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**S6M-20664 Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 3 February 2026—

delete

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Prison Population

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*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Hospitals Inquiry

delete

5.55 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.20 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 5 February 2026—

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Topical Questions

**1. Edward Mountain:** To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the recent announcement that the total projected cost of MV Glen Rosa has risen by £12.5 million to £197.5million, whether it will confirm how much further public funding will be required before the vessel enters service. ([S6T-02875](#))

**2. Martin Whitfield:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported concerns that pupils, parents and teachers may have to wait until 2031 for meaningful reform of the qualifications system, and that Qualifications Scotland will only be a rebrand of the Scottish Qualifications Authority, with many of the same structures and staff remaining in place. ([S6T-02879](#))

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Prison Population

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20628](#) **Meghan Gallacher: Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill.

**followed by** Stage 1 Debate: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20627](#) **Ash Regan: Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill.

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Scottish Hospitals Inquiry

**followed by** Motion on Legislative Consent: Motion on Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill – UK Legislation

[S6M-20645](#) **Jenny Gilruth: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 17 December 2024, and subsequently amended, relating to the new

clause to be inserted after clause 64, which grants powers to the Scottish Ministers to make provision that is consequential on devolved aspects of clause 11 (Use of accommodation for deprivation of liberty), so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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**followed by** Members’ Business: Michael Marra: Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector

**[S6M-20521](#) Michael Marra: Publication of Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector** —That the Parliament notes the publication of *Level Up Scotland: A National Action Plan for the Scottish Games Sector*, by the Scottish Games Network; recognises what it considers is the growing importance of the games sector to Scotland’s economy, international reputation and high-skilled employment; notes the action plan’s ambition to scale the sector to £1 billion gross value added (GVA) by 2030, and the reported productivity of the sector, including an estimated £151,382 GVA per head; further notes what it sees as Dundee’s longstanding reputation as Scotland’s games capital and the contribution of its studios, talent pipeline and creative ecosystem; notes the view that there should be a parliamentary debate about the action plan and the steps required to support sustainable growth in the sector, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will engage with the recommendations in the plan, including on skills, investment and support for innovation, to help secure jobs and economic growth across Scotland.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Philip Raines, Deputy Director for Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government;  
Morna Cannon, Director of Environment, Climate and Sustainability and Heather Cowan, Head of Climate Change and Just Transition for Transport, Transport Scotland.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Government's Budget 2026-27 from—  
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scottish Government;  
Alison Irvine, Chief Executive, Catherine Jess-Gibson, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, and Lawrence Shackman, Director of Infrastructure Projects, Transport Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 from—  
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Haydn Thomas, Producer Responsibility Unit Head, and Ailsa Heine, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-20458—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 from—  
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Kay White, Team Lead, Lauchlan Hall, Senior Policy Adviser, and Julia Burgham Pearson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-20456—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (Extension to Maritime Activities) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
8. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
9. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

## 5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Laura Parker, LBTT Policy Lead, Directorate for Tax and Revenues, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20588—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Co-ownership Authorised Contractual Schemes) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Cara Woods, Senior Policy Advisor, Aggregates and Landfill Taxes, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20364—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Applicable Rate of Tax) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/8) from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Jonathan Waite, Aggregates Tax Bill Team Leader, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.

6. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27 (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
7. **Interparliamentary Finance Committee Forum (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft legacy report.
8. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

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 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Karen Titchener, Patient Safety Commissioner.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on [the Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) from—  
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health and Ian Vickerstaff, Solicitor, Food, Health and Social Care Division, Scottish Government;  
Stephen Hendry, Head of Labelling and Standards, Food Standards Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto MSP (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to move—  
  
[S6M-20368](#)—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 from—  
Matt Crilly, Policy Manager and Councillor Paul Kelly, Spokesperson for Health and Social Care, COSLA;  
Stephen Smellie, Chair of Social Work Issues Group, UNISON Scotland.  
and then from—  
Sandra Auld, Service User Member - Perth & Kinross Integration Joint Board;  
Rob Gowans, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE);  
Natalie Masterson, Chief Executive Officer for Stirling, Third Sector Interface Network Scotland.  
and then from—  
Tom Arthur, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing, Imogen Lambert, Team Leader for National Care Service Participation Policy, John Paul Liddle, Deputy Director for the National Care Service, and Lucy McMichael, Head of Branch, Social Care Legal Services Unit, Scottish Government.
6. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) (Scotland) Regulations 2026.
7. **Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
2. **Decisions on taking business in private:** (At approximately 10.00am) The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.
3. **Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1, followed by evidence on the—

[Visitor Levy \(Local Authority Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Visitor Levy \(Reviews and Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

from—

Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Fiona Campbell, Visitor Levy and Cruise Ship Levy Team Leader, David Storrie, Head of Local Taxation Policy, Kayleigh Blair, Solicitor, Michal Polaski, Solicitor, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

**4. Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20366—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Local Authority Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20365—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Reviews and Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20509—That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

**5. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[Visitor Levy \(Interest on Unpaid Levy and Penalties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/9)

**6. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/1)

[Building \(Fees\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/7)

**7. Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

**8. Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3, and at its meeting on 27 January 2026.

**9. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27 (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 27 January 2026.

## Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 5th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:45AM 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—

[Community Care \(Personal Care and Nursing Care\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Budget \(Scotland\) Act 2025 Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Absent Voting \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Public Services Reform \(Scottish Water\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Renewables Obligation \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/17)  
[Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act \(Involved Third Party\) Amendment Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/18)  
[Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/19)  
[NHS Education for Scotland and Common Services Agency \(Transfer of Staff\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/23)

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Bail and Release from Custody \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/24 (C.2))

5. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).
6. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Medical Training (Prioritisation) 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 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Rob Priestley, Head of Mainstreaming Unit, and Simon Fuller, Deputy Director, Fiscal Strategy and Analysis, Scottish Government.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on—

The Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]; and

The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft]

from—

Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Ciaran McDonald, Legal Aid Reform Team Leader, Connor Duffy, Legal Aid Reform Manager, and Martin Brown, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—

S6M-20270—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved; and

S6M-20216—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—  
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Mandy Williams, Unit Head of Tribunals and Judicial Policy, and Rachel Nicholson, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—  
S6M-20225—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

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>
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6. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27 (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.
7. **Subordinate Legislation (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda items 2 and 4.
8. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 20 January 2026.

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