

Tuesday 24 February 2026

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 12:54pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20897, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Rev. Alasdair Macleod, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**6:35 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Marie McNair: 85th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz

### Committee Meetings

**8:30am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:00am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**9:30am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:00am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

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**[S6M-20897](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 24 February 2026—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.35 pm Decision Time

**followed by** Topical Questions

**1. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with SEPA and Scottish Water regarding the serious diesel pollution incident that has taken place in the River Dochart and the environmental risk to the wider River Tay system following reports that diesel spread to Loch Tay over the weekend. ([S6T-02909](#))

**2. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported disclosure that £96.2 million has been spent by NHS Scotland on damages, legal expenses and associated costs linked to maternity and obstetric care. ([S6T-02910](#))

**3. Jamie Greene:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Audit Scotland will investigate investment arrangements at ScotWind. ([S6T-02917](#))

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

**[S6M-20879](#) Graeme Dey: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) 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 and 2: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 3 to 5: 2 hours 10 minutes

Groups 6 and 7: 3 hours.

**[S6M-20865](#) Graham Simpson: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill be passed.

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**6:35 pm** Decision Time

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**[S6M-20595](#) Marie McNair: 85th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz**—That the Parliament commemorates the 85th anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz on 13 and 14 March 2026; understands that on these days in 1941, 439 Luftwaffe bombers dropped more than 1,000 bombs in their raid over the Clydeside, which killed 528 people from Clydebank and seriously injured 617, with Second Avenue having the highest number of deaths; notes that the bombings resulted in Clydebank experiencing a massive loss of housing, with 12,000 houses in the town damaged and 4,300 completely destroyed; further notes that the main targets were the armaments factory in the Singer Sewing Machine works, John Brown & Company's shipyard and Beardmore's engine works; acknowledges what it sees as the huge impact the Blitz had on Clydebank, causing incomprehensible hardship, anger and sadness; commends the people of Clydebank for their resilience and celebrates the heroes who saved victims on these dark days and helped with the rebuilding efforts; pays tribute to those who lost their lives, and promises to never forget.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:30AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
3. **The Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider its approach to the legislative consent memorandum ([LCM-S6-69](#)) and supplementary legislative consent memorandum ([LCM-S6-69a](#)) lodged by Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport.

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2 (Day 1).

### Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 6th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 10 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—  
Siobhian Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety, Ciaran McDonald, Legal Aid Reform Team Leader, and Emma Thomson, Lawyer, Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Siobhian Brown (Minister for Victims and Community Safety) to move—  
S6M-20605—That the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee recommends that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/33);

[First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Procedure Rules\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/34); and

[Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland \(Practice and Procedure\) \(No. 2\) Amendment Rules 2026](#) (SSI 2026/35).

5. **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR):** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Kaukab Stewart, Minister for Equalities, Elli Kontoravdis, Head of Human Rights Implementation and International Policy, and Kevin McGowan, Unit Head, Equality Division, Scottish Government.
6. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Tom Arthur, Minister for Social Care and Mental Wellbeing, Georgia de Courcy Wheeler, CAMHS and ND Improvement Team Leader, Mental Health Directorate, and Robby Steel, Principal Medical Officer for Mental Health, Mental Health Directorate, Scottish Government.
7. **Subordinate legislation (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
8. **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 5.
9. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 6.
10. **Post-legislative scrutiny and the non-implementation of specific Acts of the Scottish Parliament:** The Committee will consider its approach.

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 8th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 9 and 10 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Council Tax \(Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#) from—  
Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, James Messis, Local Taxation Policy Team Leader, Fiona Hepburn, Empty Homes Policy Manager, and Susan Robb, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:**

Shona Robison (Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government) to move—

S6M-20608 - That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the

Council Tax (Variation for Unoccupied Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Private Housing Rent Control \(Exempt Property\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#) from—

Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Shaun Cassidy, Rent Control Team Leader, and Craig McGuffie, Solicitor, Scottish Government.

5. **Subordinate legislation:**

Màiri McAllan (Cabinet Secretary for Housing) to move—

S6M-20617- That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the Private Housing Rent Control (Exempt Property) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

6. **Subordinate legislation:**

The Committee will take evidence on—

[The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland \(Composition and Rules of Procedure\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#)

[The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland \(Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber\) Regulations 2026 \[draft\]](#)

from—

Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, David Storrie, Head of Local Taxation Policy, Susan Robb, Solicitor, and Rachel Currie, Local Taxation Policy Manager, Scottish Government.

7. **Subordinate legislation:**

Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20735-That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

S6M-20734-That the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommends that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the Local Taxation Chamber) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

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

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Local Reviews\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)

[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Applications\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)

9. **Legacy report:** The Committee will consider its approach to its Legacy Report.

10. **European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider correspondence received on the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

### **Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 8th Meeting, 2026**

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 7, 8, 9 and 10 in private.

2. **Instruments subject to made affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following

[Scottish Landfill Tax \(Standard Rate and Lower Rate\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/97)

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

[Prisoners \(Early Release\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

[Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/55)

[Human Trafficking and Exploitation \(Duty to Notify\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/60)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/68)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/69)

[Non-Domestic Rates \(Transitional Relief\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/70)

[Council Tax \(Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/72)

[Sheriff Court Fees Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/74)

[Environmental Protection \(Wet Wipes Containing Plastic\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/75)

[High Court of Judiciary Fees Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/77)

[Justice of the Peace Court Fees \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/78)

[Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/79)

[Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/80)

[Adults with Incapacity \(Public Guardian's Fees\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/81)

[Parole Board \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules 2026](#) (SSI 2026/82)

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\) \(Firth of Clyde\) Revocation Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/95)

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

[Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/66 (C.3))

[Act of Sederunt \(Registration Appeal Court\) 2026](#) (SSI 2026/73)

[Act of Sederunt \(Lands Valuation Appeal Court\) 2026](#) (SSI 2026/76)

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/83 (C.4))

[Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 4\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/84 (C.5))

[Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/85 (C.6))

6. **Document subject to parliamentary control:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Environmental Standards Scotland - Strategy 2026-2031](#) (ESS/2026/01)

7. **Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
9. **Legacy paper:** The Committee will consider themes arising for a report reflecting on its work during the current session and suggesting priorities for Session 7.
10. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider an update on a draft guidance document.

## Finance and Public Administration Committee 8th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] from—

Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Jonathan Waite, Aggregates Tax Bill Team Leader, Cara Woods, Senior Policy Advisor, Aggregates and Landfill Taxes, and Emma Phillips, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

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

S6M-20639—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Scottish Aggregates Tax (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General) Amendment Regulations 2026 (SSI 2026/17) and the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Involved Third Party) Amendment Order 2026 (SSI 2026/18) from—

Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Jonathan Waite, Aggregates Tax Bill Team Leader, Cara Woods, Senior Policy Advisor, Aggregates and Landfill Taxes, and Emma Phillips, Lawyer, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.

4. **Scottish Spending Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Mirren Kelly, Chief Officer, Local Government Finance, COSLA;  
Jack Gillespie, Interim Deputy Director of Finance, NHS Scotland;  
Sarah Roughead, Chief Financial Officer, Police Scotland;  
Tiffany Ritchie, Acting Director of Finance, Scottish Funding Council.

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