

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:10pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20312, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev'd David J.M. Coleman, Environmental Chaplain, United Reformed Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Emma Harper: Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Scotland's Net Zero Transition

Committee Meetings

8:30am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

11:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20312, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Rev'd David J.M. Coleman, Environmental Chaplain, United Reformed Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-20312 Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 6 January 2026—

after

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the Value of Swimming Pools and Provide Financial Relief to Help Keep Pools Open

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 8 January 2026—

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill

followed by Topical Questions

1. Dr Sandesh Gulhane: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the talks with BMA representatives regarding the planned resident doctors' strike due to begin next week. ([S6T-02820](#)) **R**

2. Jackie Dunbar: To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of the recent snow and cold weather in Scotland. ([S6T-02825](#))

3. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it plans to address CalMac's ferry repair and maintenance costs, in light of reports that these costs have doubled over the past two years. ([S6T-02824](#))

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland

[S6M-20208](#) Karen Adam: Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland—That the Parliament notes the findings and recommendations in the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6), *Report on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee inquiry into Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland* (SP Paper 858).

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open

[S6M-20185](#) Jackson Carlaw: Petition PE2018: Recognise the Value of Swimming Pools and Provide Financial Relief to Help Keep Pools Open—That the Parliament notes public petition PE2018 on helping to keep swimming pools and leisure centres open by providing financial investment for pools.

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)

[S6M-20269](#) Martin Whitfield: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6), *Complaint against Ash Regan MSP* (SP Paper 945), and agrees to impose the sanction recommended in the report that Ash Regan MSP be excluded from all meetings of the Parliament and its committees for two sitting days, with those sitting days being the next Wednesday and the next Thursday following the agreement of this motion.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-20269.1](#) Ash Regan: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)—As an amendment to motion S6M-20269 in the name of Martin Whitfield (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6)), leave out from "to impose" to end and insert "that no further action should be taken."

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Emma Harper: Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Scotland's Net Zero Transition

[S6M-19318](#) Emma Harper: Fuelling the Future: Recognising Anaerobic Digestion's Role in Scotland's Net Zero Transition—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the significant contribution of anaerobic digestion (AD) and biogas to Scotland's transition to net zero; welcomes the work of the Anaerobic Digestion and Bioresources Association (ADBA) to research, develop and promote the AD industry across Scotland, including the economically prominent dairy farming sector in the south west of Scotland; notes that AD technology supports the circular economy by converting organic and residue wastes and by-products into renewable energy and non-synthetic nutrient-rich digestate fertiliser; highlights what it sees as the role of biogas in diversifying energy sources and

enhancing energy security, including the potential for widening delivery for non-gas grid rural communities; understands that the AD sector provides direct support to farmers and rural communities through sustainable waste management, value for cover and break crops, additional income streams and skilled job creation; believes that further investment and policy support for AD and biogas will play a key role in meeting Scotland's climate targets, boosting the rural economy and reducing reliance on fossil fuels, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider creating a biogas champion position to oversee interdepartmental and cross-portfolio collaboration to ensure the success of the AD sector for the future.

Committee Meetings

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 1st 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 items 2 and 4 in private.

The Committee will also decide whether consideration of the draft report on the legislative consent memorandum (LCM-S6-61), supplementary legislative consent memorandum (LCM-S6-61a), and second supplementary legislative consent memorandum (LCM-S6-61b) on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.

The Committee will decide whether consideration of the draft report on stage 1 of the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill should be taken in private at future meetings.

2. **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-64 and supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-64a.
3. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** (At approximately 9.00am) The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Adrian Davis, Professor of Transport and Health, Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University;
Professor Rachel Aldred, Professor of Transport, Westminster University;
Lamech Solomon, Head of Decarbonisation policy, Logistics UK;
Sara Collier, Senior Public Affairs Manager, Confederation of Passenger Transport.
and then from—
Gary Walker, Head of Specialist Regulations, Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA);
Duncan Simpson, Member of the RMAS Management Committee, Resources Management Association Scotland;
Kim Pratt, Senior Circular Economy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland;
Dr Lucy Wishart, Lecturer in Circular Economy and Sustainable Transformations, University of Edinburgh;
Iain Gulland, Former Chief Executive (2014-2025), Zero Waste Scotland.

4. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will also consider the evidence heard at its meeting on 16 December.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Patrick Harvie will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jackson Carlaw, Member, Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body;
David McGill, Clerk/Chief Executive, Kerry Twyman, Director of Finance and Resilience, and
Andrew Munro, Head of Internal Audit, Scottish Parliament.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] from—
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Laura Parker, LBTT Policy Lead, Directorate for Tax and Revenues, Liam Farrow, Head of Regional Economic Policy, and Laura Wilkinson, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Ivan McKee (Minister for Public Finance) to move—

S6M-20212—That the Finance and Public Administration Committee recommends that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Investment Zones Relief) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in a virtual meeting

1. **Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 16 December 2025.
2. **Proposed visitor levy legislation (In Private):** The Committee will consider its approach to scrutiny of the proposed visitor levy bill.
3. **Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 1st 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 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

[Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/390)

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

[Scottish Parliament Elections \(Returning Officer Fees and Charges\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/394)

5. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
6. **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction 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.
7. **Quarterly report:** The Committee will consider a draft report for the parliamentary quarter from 9 September to 17 November 2025.

**Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
1st Meeting, 2026**

The Committee will meet at 11:00AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the [Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 1\) Regulations 2026](#) and on the [Hydrolysis \(Scotland\) \(No. 2\) Regulations 2026](#) from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Katrina McNeill, Team Leader - Burial and Cremation, and Marie Penman, Scottish Government Legal Directorate, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to move—

[S6M-20005](#)— That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 1) Regulations 2026 be approved.

[S6M-20006](#)— That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Hydrolysis (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2026 be approved.

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

[Burial and Cremation \(Applications and Registers\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

[Common Services Agency \(Membership and Procedure\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#)

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

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