

Tuesday 3 March 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:05pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20965, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Representative
Tsering Yangkey

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferries and
Ports

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson
Marine

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract
(Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings:
European Charter of Local Self-Government
(Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Jackie Baillie:
Recognising the Pressures Facing A&E
Departments

Committee Meetings

8:30am Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee

9:00am Finance and Public Administration
Committee

9:15am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:15am Local Government, Housing and Planning
Committee

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

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20965, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Representative Tsering Yangkey

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-20965](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 3 March 2026—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferries and Ports

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 5 March 2026—

after

followed by Appointment of Board Member to Environmental Standards Scotland

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Topical Questions

1. Jamie Greene: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture has had with the UK Government regarding any assistance that the Scottish Government could provide, within devolved competence, to support anyone resident in Scotland who might be affected by the escalating situation in Iran and the Gulf region. ([S6T-02931](#))

2. Mercedes Villalba: To ask the Scottish Government whether Scottish publicly owned infrastructure, such as Prestwick or Wick John O' Groats airports, has been used by the US Airforce for the recent strikes on Iran. ([S6T-02933](#))

3. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care's letter to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee regarding the funding

required for the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill on 26 February, what current NHS services would potentially be reduced to meet such costs. ([S6T-02930](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferries and Ports

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20943](#) Siobhian Brown: Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill—That the Parliament agrees that the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

[S6M-20934](#) Mark Ruskell: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (Reconsideration)—That the Parliament agrees that the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill be approved.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-20966](#) Graeme Dey: Suspension of Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, Rule 9.5.3A of Standing Orders is suspended.

[S6M-20967](#) Graeme Dey: Committee Meeting Times—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament after Portfolio Questions and before Decision Time and during Members' Business on Wednesday 4 March 2026.

[S6M-20968](#) Graeme Dey: Substitution on Committees—That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

5:15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Jackie Baillie: Recognising the Pressures Facing A&E Departments

[S6M-20795](#) Jackie Baillie: Recognising the Pressures Facing A&E Departments—That the Parliament recognises the reported pressures facing A&E departments; is concerned that recorded waiting times are persistently high, with the number of people waiting more than 8 hours and 12 hours reported in 2025 as 171,854 and 74,052 respectively; notes the consequent rise in corridor care adversely affecting people in the Dumbarton constituency and across Scotland; considers that using the metric of acute hospital bed occupancy as well as A&E waiting times can help to relieve these pressures, and notes calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that reductions in occupancy act as the mechanism by which the whole system is held to account.

Committee Meetings

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 11th 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 8 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, James Simpson, Unit Head, Head of Sponsorship and Investment, Water Industry Division, and Lucy Drummie, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-20592—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Public Services Reform (Scottish Water) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Madeleine Plater, Unit Head, Energy Markets and Strategy, and Matthew Lourie, Policy Manager, Energy Markets and Strategy, Scottish Government.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** Gillian Martin (Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy) to move—S6M-20600—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
6. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Emma Pinchbeck, Chief Executive and Dr Emily Nurse, Head of Net Zero, Climate Change Committee.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument— [Scottish Road Works Register \(Prescribed Fees\) Regulations 2026](#)
8. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Scottish Fiscal Commission's latest Fiscal Sustainability Perspectives report:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, John Ireland, Chief Executive, and Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

- 2. Infrastructure Delivery Pipeline 2026:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ian Hughes, Engagement Director (Scotland), Construction Industry Training Board;
Peter Reekie, Chief Executive, Scottish Futures Trust.
- 3. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 10th 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 8 in private and whether to consider a draft Legacy Report and draft annual report in private at future meetings.
- 2. Sport and physical activity:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kim Atkinson, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Sports Association;
Jon Doig OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Games Scotland;
Forbes Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer, sportscotland;
Dr David Meir, Lecturer in sport coaching and development, University of the West of Scotland.
- 3. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on [the Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026](#) from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Lucy Orren, Lawyer, and Alun Parry, Health Protection Team Leader, Scottish Government.
- 4. Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to move—

[S6M-20591](#)—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Amendment Order 2026 be approved.
- 5. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[National Health Service \(General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)

[National Assistance \(Assessment of Resources\) Amendment \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)

[National Assistance \(Sums for Personal Requirements\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#)

[National Health Service \(Common Staffing Method\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#)

[Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland \(Cancellation of Registration\) Order 2026](#)

6. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on [the Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing\) Amendment Order 2026](#).
7. **Draft Climate Change Plan (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
8. **Sport and physical activity:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 9th Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:15AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill at Stage 2.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—

[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)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 7th 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 4 in private.
2. **Sign Loud: Perspectives of Deaf mothers and signing practitioners on domestic abuse, communication issues and the impact on Deaf families:** The Committee will take evidence from —

Professor Jemina Napier, Heriot-Watt University;
Dr Claire Houghton, University of Edinburgh;
Lucy Clark, LCC Scotland.

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

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

[High Court of Justiciary 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); and

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

- 4. Sign Loud: Perspectives of Deaf mothers and signing practitioners on domestic abuse, communication issues and the impact on Deaf families:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 9th 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 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
- 2. Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Marine Licensing \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

[Regulation of Legal Services \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/96 (C.7))

[Charities \(Regulation and Administration\) \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/98 (C.8))

[Act of Adjournal \(Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment\) \(Affirmations and Oaths\) 2026](#) (SSI 2026/99)

- 4. Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider correspondence with the Scottish Government on this Bill. It will also consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

5. **Greyhound Racing (Offences) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
6. **Crofting and Scottish Land Court Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
7. **Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider correspondence on the Legislative Consent Memorandum. It will also consider the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum, both in relation to powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.
8. **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.
9. **Framework legislation and Henry VIII powers:** The Committee will consider an update on a draft guidance document.

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