

Tuesday 23 June 2026

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:10pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Portfolio Questions - Groupings

The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions at Portfolio Questions on Wednesday 24 June: Climate Action and Rural Affairs – Questions 5, 9 and 10.

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of motion S7M-00458, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: George Black CBE, Chair of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** General Questions

**followed by** First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Non-Domestic Rates Reform

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change

**followed by** Motion on Legislative Consent: Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill – UK Legislation

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**6:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Save STV North News

### Committee Meetings

**9:30am** Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

**10:00am** Education and Gaelic Committee

**10:30am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

**10:45am** Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee

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**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: George Black CBE, Chair of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S7M-00457](#) Jamie Hepburn: Suspension of Standing Orders**—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the National Security (State Threats) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

**[S7M-00458](#) Jamie Hepburn: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 23 June 2026—

after

Scottish Government Debate: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change

insert

*followed by* Motion on Legislative Consent: Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill – UK Legislation

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 24 June 2026—

after

Reform UK Debate: Scotland Needs Reform: Five Years to 2031

insert

*followed by* Motion on Legislative Consent: National Security (State Threats) Bill – UK Legislation

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 25 June 2026—

after

## Scottish Government Debate: Achieving a Sustainable Prison Population

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Capital Projects

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

**followed by** General Questions

**1. David Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the approval of licences for the Rosebank and Jackdaw developments, in light of their potential impact on North Sea jobs and oil and gas tax revenues. ([S7O-00098](#))

**2. Duncan Massey:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact on service users of delays of up to 28 weeks in the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman allocating complaints to a reviewer. ([S7O-00099](#))

**3. Kim Schmulian:** To ask the Scottish Government, following the recently closed public consultation into the future of the Woodside Viaducts, which support a section of the M8 in Glasgow, what further consultation has taken place with key stakeholders regarding preferred options and associated costs for the delivery of this major project. ([S7O-00100](#))

**4. Finlay Carson:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with stakeholders to support the maintenance of banking services in rural areas. ([S7O-00101](#))

**5. Joe Long:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the number of people with learning disabilities and complex needs who remain in inappropriate hospital placements, eight years on from its report, *Coming Home*. ([S7O-00102](#)) **R**

**6. Kate Campbell:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its approach to promoting the wellbeing of children and young people, what assessment it has made of the potential impact of a four-day school week on opportunities for activities outwith formal education. ([S7O-00103](#))

**7. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to improve openness, transparency and accountability across the public sector. ([S7O-00104](#))

**8. Jack Middleton:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its discussions with NHS Grampian regarding the status of the Baird Family Hospital and Anchor Cancer Centre. ([S7O-00105](#))

**followed by** First Minister's Questions (Backbench Members)

**followed by** Ministerial Statement: Non-Domestic Rates Reform

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change

**[S7M-00434 Gillian Martin: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change](#)**—That the Parliament recognises that climate change constitutes an emergency; supports the goal to limit global warming to

1.5 degrees Celsius; notes the consequences of climate change that are currently impacting populations and places around the world; condemns any spread of misinformation about and denial of the impacts of climate change that undermine the evidence base; reaffirms Scotland's commitment to delivering ambitious climate action and achieving net zero by 2045, in line with its statutory carbon budget targets; agrees on the need to enhance Scotland's climate resilience and adaptation efforts to safeguard people, communities, public services and ecosystems from the impacts of climate change; welcomes the transformative opportunities presented by climate action, including significant economic, social, environmental and public health benefits, and acknowledges that delivery of the transition must be fair and inclusive for all.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**S7M-00434.2 Claire Baker: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00434 in the name of Gillian Martin (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change), insert at end "; recognises that, in order to meet the 2030 targets and beyond, the pace of change has to accelerate, acknowledging that, if pace continues at the current rate, targets will be missed; calls on the Scottish Government to publish detailed plans on how it will meet interim targets, and further calls on the Scottish Government to move at pace to bring forward retrofitting and other measures to tackle fuel poverty and help Scotland reach its climate targets."

**S7M-00434.4 Duncan Massey: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change**—As an amendment to S7M-00434 in the name of Gillian Martin (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that there are significant risks to the economy from over-reacting and declaring an imminent emergency which is not underpinned by scientific data; notes that Scotland is facing an economic growth challenge and that current net zero policies are contributing to unsustainable cost increases and expensive energy, which are in turn contributing to deindustrialisation, the loss of jobs and an increase to the cost of living; agrees that Scotland needs pragmatic, sensible and proportionate policies that balance the economy and achieve cheap and abundant energy with long-term reduction of emissions, and resolves that Scotland must maximise its North Sea oil and gas resources in the short to medium term, whilst planning for the long term by investing in reliable, large-scale solutions such as nuclear power, with renewables continuing to play an important but complementary role."

**S7M-00434.3 Mark Ruskell: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00434 in the name of Gillian Martin (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change), insert at end "; recognises that, despite a media backlash, a majority of the public continues to back strong climate action, especially young people; further recognises that local communities and workers must have a meaningful participatory role in developing and implementing local climate action, with the costs spread fairly across society; recognises that the latest Scottish Greenhouse Gas statistics indicate that progress to reduce emissions has flatlined in key sectors including agriculture, buildings and transport; believes that there must be no drilling of new fossil fuels reserves, in line with advice from the International Energy Agency; considers the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan to be undermined by a significant reliance on as-yet unproven technological solutions, including carbon capture and storage, and that the Scottish Government must develop an alternative pathway to meeting its net zero targets."

**S7M-00434.5 Finlay Carson: Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00434 in the name of Gillian Martin (Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change), leave out from "that climate change" to end and insert "the reality and impacts of climate change and supports an affordable transition to net zero; understands that Scotland is committed to reaching net zero by 2045; raises significant concern over the findings of the Climate Change Committee that meeting this target will require significant and far-reaching changes across the economy, including major reductions in domestic oil and gas production, substantial changes in agriculture and livestock

numbers, rapid acceleration in the uptake of electric vehicles and the expensive mass installation of heat pumps in homes across the country; recognises that public confidence in climate policy depends on targets being credible, achievable and supported by clear delivery plans; calls on the Scottish Government to set out clearly, honestly and in full, how it plans to meet its 2045 targets, including the practical steps required, the trade-offs involved, and the real impact on jobs, households, businesses and communities; emphasises that Scotland's transition to net zero must be grounded in economic reality, protecting jobs, strengthening energy and food security and supporting sustainable economic growth; recognises the vital contribution of Scotland's farmers, crofters, land managers, gamekeepers, fishing industry and rural and island communities in protecting the natural environment; supports the continued responsible extraction of oil and gas from the North Sea as part of a managed transition, recognising its importance to Scotland's economy, energy security and skilled workforce, and rejects virtue signalling in favour of a practical, transparent and accountable approach to climate policy."

**followed by** Motion on Legislative Consent: Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill – UK Legislation

**[S7M-00454](#) Tom Arthur: Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill - UK Legislation**—That the Parliament, noting that the Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 14 May 2026, makes provision that falls within the legislative competence of the Parliament, agrees to give consent to such provision as is made by clauses 1-7, 9-23, 25-43, 45-59 and 61-64.

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**6:00 pm** Decision Time

**followed by** Members' Business: Save STV North News

**[S7M-00227](#) Jack Middleton: Save STV North News**—That the Parliament condemns Ofcom's reported decision to approve controversial plans to end STV's dedicated news coverage for the North of Scotland; acknowledges that the plans were strongly opposed by the Scottish Government, MSPs from five political parties, STV workers and the general public; notes reports that a survey of viewers across North Scotland found that only 4% were in favour of the plans, and further notes the calls on television regulator, Ofcom, to urgently reconsider this decision.

## Committee Meetings

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

### Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
4. **Membership of External Bodies:** The Committee will decide its representation for the next meeting of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (CLRAE) of the Council of Europe.
5. **Work programme:** Initial reflections from Members.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### Education and Gaelic Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

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

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Priorities:** The Committee will have an initial discussion on its priorities for Session 7.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:30AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 7 and 8 in private.

4. **Draft instrument subject to approval:** The Committee will consider the draft [Visitor Levy \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#).
5. **Instrument subject to annulment:** The Committee will consider the [Dangerous Dogs \(Compensation and Exemption Schemes\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/204).
6. **Instruments not subject to parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider—  
  
[the Digital Assets \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/197 (C.18))  
[the Visitor Levy \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement and Transitional Provisions\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/198 (C.19))  
[the Wildlife Management and Muirburn \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) and the Natural Environment \(Scotland\) Act 2026 \(Commencement No. 1\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/200 (C.20))
7. **Delegation of authority to ask questions in relation to subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider delegating authority to its legal advisers to raise questions with the Scottish Government and the Lord President's Private Office in relation to subordinate legislation.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

## Economy, Tourism and Energy Committee 1st Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 10:45AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Declaration of interests:** Members of the Committee will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
2. **Choice of Deputy Convener:** The Committee will choose a Deputy Convener.
3. **Steel Industry (Nationalisation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Tourism and Transport (LCM-S7-2).
4. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.
5. **Work programme:** Members will be invited to give their initial reflections.
6. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its approach to developing its work programme.

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