

Thursday 14 May 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Meeting of the Parliament on Thursday 14th May

As previously announced, the Presiding Officer has decided that the Parliament will meet at 9.30 am on Thursday 14 May for Members to take the oath or make a solemn affirmation, and then at 2.30 pm for the purpose of electing the Presiding Officer and the two Deputy Presiding Officers.

Election of the Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers

Members will be able to submit nominations for the election of the Presiding Officer to the Clerks in the Parliamentary Business Team in T1.03 located in the office at the top of the Garden Lobby staircase between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm.

Nomination forms will be available from the Parliamentary Business Team during this period. Nominees should sign the nomination form which should also be signed by a nominator and seconder.

The Presiding Officer will briefly reconvene the meeting of the Parliament at 1.30 pm after the nomination period has ended in order to inform Members of the nominations received. The meeting will then be suspended until 2.30 pm when the election process will begin.

Nominations for Deputy Presiding Officers may only be submitted following the election of the Presiding Officer.

The period during which nominations may be submitted will be announced by the Presiding Officer and the meeting of the Parliament will be suspended for this purpose. Again, nomination forms may be obtained from, and require to be submitted to, the Parliamentary Business Team in T1.03.

Nominees should sign the nomination form which should also be signed by a nominator and seconder.

The nomination period lasts for one hour. Once this period has ended, the Presiding Officer will briefly reconvene the meeting of the Parliament to inform Members of the nominations received.

The meeting will then be suspended for a further hour at which point the election of the Deputy Presiding Officers will take place.

Members should note that all elections for Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers are held by secret ballot.

Parliamentary Questions and Motions

Members may lodge parliamentary questions and motions after they have taken the oath or made the solemn affirmation.

These should be lodged with the Chamber Desk either via the [Q&M](#) portal, or by emailing chamberdesk@parliament.scot

Royal Assent

The Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 12 May 2026.

The Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 13 May 2026.

Today's Business

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Progress of Legislation

A list of all Bills in progress can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills>

For each Bill, the date of the next (or most recent) event in the Bill's passage is given. Other relevant information, e.g. about lodging amendments, is given in italics.

As soon as a Public Bill (i.e. a Government, Committee or Member's Bill) has completed Stage 1, amendments for consideration at Stage 2 may be lodged; and as soon as Stage 2 is completed, amendments for Stage 3 consideration may be lodged. The last lodging day for amendments at Stage 2 is four sitting days before the meeting at which those amendments will be considered (e.g. Wednesday for a meeting on Tuesday); at Stage 3 it is five days before. Amendments may be lodged until 2.30 pm on any sitting day, except on the last lodging day for each Stage, when the deadline is 12 noon.

A Hybrid Bill is subject to the same rules except in the case of Stage 2 where amendments for consideration may be lodged no earlier than the completion of any consideration of evidence at Stage 2.

Amendments to Private Bills are subject to different deadlines. These are set out in Rule 9A.12 of Standing Orders.

Members are advised to lodge amendments in good time before the beginning of a Stage and as early as possible during the day.

(G) = Government Bill; (M) = Member's Bill; (C) = Committee Bill; (P) = Private Bill; (H) = Hybrid Bill.

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill (G)

Passed, 22 December 2022

Following an Order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 made by the Secretary of State for Scotland, this Bill cannot be submitted for Royal Assent in its current form.

Legislative Consent Memorandums

A list of all Legislative Consent Memorandums lodged with the Scottish Parliament can be accessed via the website at:

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/legislative-consent-memorandums>

Armed Forces Bill LCM-S6-73

Lodged on 26 February 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026

Report – Lead committee (Social Justice and Social Security) (5th Report, 2026)

Cyber Security and Resilience (Network and Information Systems) Bill LCM-S6-70

Lodged on 6 January 2026

Report – Lead committee (Economy and Fair Work) (3rd Report, 2026)

High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill LCM-S6-15

Lodged on 7 February 2022

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (9th Report, 2022)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (27th Report, 2022)

Northern Ireland Troubles Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-68a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Report – Lead committee (Criminal Justice) (14th Report, 2026)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (31st Report, 2026)

Public Office (Accountability) Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-66a

Lodged on 4 February 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 24 February 2026

Lead committee – Finance and Public Administration

Railways Bill Supplementary LCM-S6-69a

Lodged on 20 February 2026

Meeting of the Parliament, 24 March 2026

Report – Lead committee (Net Zero, Energy and Transport) (12th Report, 2026)

Report – Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (25th Report, 2026)

Representation of the People Bill LCM-S6-74

Lodged on 27 February 2026

Meeting (lead committee (Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments)), 12 March 2026

Meeting (Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee), 17 March 2026

Subordinate Legislation (date of laying) (lead committee)

Negative instruments

Subject to annulment by 16 May 2026

Lead Committee report due by 16 May 2026

[Sea Fish \(Prohibition on Fishing\)_\(Firth of Clyde\) Revocation Order 2026 \(SSI 2026/95\)](#) (17 February 2026) (Rural Affairs and Islands Committee)

The lead committee given is the lead committee which considered the instrument in Session 6. Parliamentary committees for Session 7 are yet to be established.

Subject to annulment by 6 June 2026

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[Non-Domestic Rates \(Miscellaneous Amendment\)_\(Scotland\) Regulations 2026 \(SSI 2026/135\)](#) (10 March 2026) (Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee)

The lead committee given is the lead committee which considered the instrument in Session 6. Parliamentary committees for Session 7 are yet to be established.

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Committee web sites at: <https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/committees>

MSP Details at: <https://www.parliament.scot/msps/current-and-previous-msps>

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