

Thursday 14 May 2026

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:43pm



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.

Election of Presiding Officer

The Presiding Officer wishes to announce that the following Members have been nominated—

Nominee: Kenneth Gibson
Proposer: Paul McLennan
Secunder: Ivan McKee

Nominee: Clare Haughey
Proposer: Collette Stevenson
Secunder: Mark Ruskell

Nominee: Liam McArthur
Proposer: Daniel Johnson
Secunder: Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Nominee: Stuart McMillan
Proposer: Fulton MacGregor
Secunder: Kirsten Oswald

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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followed by Election of the Deputy Presiding Officers

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