

Tuesday 19 May 2026

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

Revised at 1:34pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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## Selection of the Parliament's Nominee for First Minister

As announced by the Presiding Officer, the selection of the Parliament's nominee for First Minister will take place at 2.00pm today.

The nomination period will open at 9.30am and close at 1.30pm. Nominations must be submitted on official nomination forms. These will be available to collect from the Parliamentary Business Team in T1.03, from 9.30am. Completed forms must be returned there by 1.30pm.

The process for selection of the nominee for First Minister will take place at 2.00 pm. At the start of proceedings, each of the nominees will be called in alphabetical order to address the Chamber for up to five minutes.

Where more than one Member is nominated, Members will be given the opportunity to vote "yes" for one candidate, using the digital voting system. The votes for each candidate will be taken in alphabetical order and Members may vote only once. Only "yes" votes will be counted.

Once the voting for candidates is completed, Members who have not voted for a candidate will then have an opportunity to vote to abstain by pressing "yes". If any Member records a vote more than once, all of that Member's votes will be treated as spoiled.

Where only one nomination is received, that candidate will be invited to address the Chamber. Members will then be invited to vote for or against that candidate or to abstain.

Members are reminded that the digital voting system will be used in this process.

## Office of the clerk dates to end of May 2026

For the purposes of Rule 2.1.3 of the Standing Orders, the Presiding Officer has appointed the following days as days when the Office of the Clerk will be open – 14 May 2026 to 31 May 2026, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, Friday 22 and Monday 25 May. It will be a matter for the Parliament to decide when the Office of the Clerk is to be open beyond May 2026.

## Royal Assent

The Crofting and Scottish Land Court Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 18 May 2026.

## Today's Business

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**followed by** Urgent Question: Adam Harley: To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland, local authorities and

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**[S7M-00074](#) Tom Arthur: Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business for Thursday 21 May 2026—

2.30pm Parliamentary Bureau Motion (if required)

*followed by* Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

*followed by* Election of Members to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

*followed by* Presiding Officer's Proposals for the Parliamentary Week

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions (if required)

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**[S7M-00075](#) Tom Arthur: Membership of the Parliamentary Corporation**—That the Parliament agrees, with effect from 21 May 2026, that under Rule 3.6.2, the number of appointed Members of the Parliamentary Corporation for this session shall be six.

**followed by** Decision Time

## Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

## Contacts for Further Information

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

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