

Tuesday 26 May 2026

# Business Bulletin

*Iris Ghnothaichean*

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The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Draw for General Questions

Subject to Parliament agreeing a future business programme next week, General Question time sessions will take place on Tuesday 2 June and Thursday 4 June. The arrangements for the submission of names to the random draw for these questions are set out below.

Members are advised that the deadline for submitting names for the General Questions sessions on Tuesday 2 June and Thursday 4 June is 10.00 am on Tuesday 26 May. Members who are selected will be advised by email on that day and will have until noon on Wednesday 27 May to submit their questions.

## Membership of the Bureau nominations

The Presiding Officer wishes to inform Members that the following Members have been nominated by their party leaders to the Parliamentary Bureau: Jamie Hepburn, Max Bannerman, Neil Bibby, Lorna Slater, Tim Eagle, Willie Rennie.

## Royal Assent

The Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2026 received Royal Assent on 21 May 2026.

## Today's Business

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** First Minister's Statement: Ambitious for Scotland

**followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Ambitious for Scotland

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**5:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

There are no meetings today.

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**[S7M-00105](#) John Swinney: Ambitious for Scotland**—That the Parliament welcomes the emphatic democratic mandate for bold and ambitious reform backed by the people of Scotland at the Scottish General Election; further welcomes the Scottish Government's clear commitment to eradicate child poverty, deliver a stronger NHS and public services, build a more prosperous economy and help people in the cost of living crisis and tackle climate change; recognises that the people of Scotland have returned the largest pro-independence majority ever elected to the Scottish Parliament; believes this majority affirms a clear mandate that decisions about Scotland's future are best taken in Scotland and that mandate must be respected; calls on the UK Government to make a Section 30 order under the Scotland Act 1998 to devolve the powers to the Scottish Parliament to hold a referendum on Scottish independence, and agrees that the Parliament is at its best when it works together in pursuit of a country that can be confident in its future.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendments

**[S7M-00105.4](#) Anas Sarwar: Ambitious for Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00105 in the name John Swinney (Ambitious for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "recognises the need for bold and ambitious reform in Scotland following the Scottish General Election; acknowledges that the majority of people in Scotland want the Scottish Government to focus on the issues that impact their day-to-day lives; considers that the priority of the Scottish Government should therefore be to improve the NHS and public services, make life more affordable, support communities and high streets, grow a fair and prosperous economy, which tackles inequality, and ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed; believes that this ambitious future can and should be achieved through the devolved powers of the Parliament and rejects any attempt by the Scottish Government to delay this work by dedicating resources towards returning to divisive arguments of the past."

**[S7M-00105.3](#) Ross Greer: Ambitious for Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00105 in the name of John Swinney (Ambitious for Scotland), insert at end "; believes that the most effective way in which to grow public support for Scottish independence and to meet the scale of the challenges currently facing Scotland is through more effective use of existing devolved powers; recognises that meeting the Scottish Government's stated ambitions will require a significant escalation in action and ambition; notes that no one party holds a majority in the current parliamentary session, but that there is a clear majority for progressive values, and agrees that, if all progressive parties work constructively and collaboratively, Scotland can be a fairer, greener and kinder country where household costs are reduced, where wealth is distributed more equally and where climate and natural environment are protected."

**[S7M-00105.2](#) Russell Findlay: Ambitious for Scotland**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00105 in the name John Swinney (Ambitious for Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "believes that its seventh session should be focused exclusively on resolving the issues that matter to most people in Scotland, such as dealing with NHS waiting times, reversing Scotland's falling educational standards, tackling the growing benefits bill and delivering value-for-money for Scotland's

taxpayers; urges the Scottish Government to drop its demands to hold a second independence referendum, and calls for the Scottish Government to drop its position of a presumption against new oil and gas licences, as outlined in its Draft Energy Strategy published in the last session of the Parliament."

**[S7M-00105.1 Alex Cole-Hamilton: Ambitious for Scotland](#)**—As an amendment to motion S7M-00105 in the name of John Swinney (Ambitious for Scotland), leave out from first "welcomes" to end and insert, "notes that the Scottish National Party's stated objective prior to 7 May 2026 was to secure an overall majority in the Scottish Parliament elections in order to pursue independence, but that the party achieved fewer votes and seats than in the previous elections, whereas the Scottish Liberal Democrats achieved gains across Scotland from the Borders to the Highlands, and believes that the Scottish Government must now focus on fixing the NHS and care, helping people with the cost of living crisis, fixing the roads and the ferries and getting Scottish education back to its best, in order to deliver the change that Scotland deserves."

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