



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

06 May 2025

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Gillian Mackay
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Rona Mackay
- Lorna Slater

Apologies:

- Liam McArthur

Officials present:

- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Joanna Kendall
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 29 April.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau confirmed the programme of business for the week beginning 5 May and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 12 and 19 May.
3. Business Managers noted that Members Business in the week beginning 12 May (subject to the attainment of cross-party support) would be—
 - Tuesday 13 May: Fulton MacGregor: The Plight of Albion Rovers and Preserving Scotland’s Historic Football Clubs.
 - Wednesday 14 May: Kenneth Gibson: Marine Conservation Society Publishes 2024 State of our Beaches Report.
 - Thursday 15 May: Ross Greer: Addressing the Impact of Second Home Ownership in Scotland.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 3 October 2025.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of a Bill

5. Business Managers agreed to consider this matter further at a future meeting.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of a Bill

6. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that it agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Agenda item 6 – Appointment of Patient Safety Commissioner

7. Business Managers agreed that a motion to appoint a Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland be scheduled for debate on 15 May 2025.

Agenda item 7 – Review of Motions for Member’ Business

8. Business Managers agreed to retain the following Members’ Business Motions on the Business Bulletin—

Reference	Member Name	Title
S6M-15136	Smyth, Colin	Justice for the Fornethy Survivors
S6M-15898	Whitham, Elena	No Rollback on Housing Rights
S6M-16094	Doris, Bob	Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston

S6M-16194	Whitham, Elena	Common Ground Forum on Deer
S6M-16452	Dowey, Sharon	Improving Access to Hearing Care for Scotland's Ageing Population
S6M-16503	Marra, Michael	Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs

Agenda item 8 – Committee Request to Meet at the Same Time as Parliament

9. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber following Decision Time on Wednesday 7 May 2025.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
May 2025