



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

27 May 2025

Present:

- Liam McArthur (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Lorna Slater
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Apologies:

- Alison Johnstone
- Annabelle Ewing

Officials present:

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

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 20 May.

2. The Bureau agreed to defer item 4 until its next meeting.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

3. The Bureau confirmed the programme of business for the week beginning 26 May and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 2 and 9 June.
4. Business Managers noted that Members' Business in the week beginning 26 May would be—
 - Tuesday 3 June - Rhoda Grant: Combatting Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
 - Wednesday 4 June - Bob Doris: Celebrating 50 Years of Summerston.
 - Thursday 5 June - Karen Adam: Thomas Blake Glover, Fraserburgh's International Legacy.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of Bills at Stage 1

5. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.
6. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Desecration of War Memorials (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.
7. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 2

8. Business Managers agreed under item 1 to defer this item until the Bureau's next meeting.

Agenda item 5 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

9. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be extended to Friday 6 June.

Agenda item 6 – Referral of an LCM

10. Business Managers agreed to refer the LCM on the Policing and Crime Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee.

Agenda item 7 – Committee Request to Extend Adviser Contract

11. Business Managers agreed to approve an extension of the contract for the adviser to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for its inquiry on Committee Effectiveness by up to 5 further days' work and an end date of 30 September 2025.

Additional Business agreed by correspondence

12. Business Managers considered an additional paper (PB.S6.25.82) by correspondence, which invited them to agree to recommend to the Parliament by motion that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be permitted to meet at the same time as plenary proceedings on—
 - a) Tuesday 27 May, between approximately 14:20 and close of business;
 - b) Wednesday 28 May, between 14:00 and close of business; and
 - c) Thursday 29 May, between 14:00 and close of business.
13. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that it agree that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee could meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on—
 - a) Tuesday 27 May 2025 between approximately 2.20 pm and close of business, and
 - b) Thursday 29 May 2025 between 1.00 pm and Decision Time, with the exception of during Portfolio Questions and the Ministerial Statement: Responding to RAAC in the Public Sector Across Scotland.
14. The motion was taken in the Chamber and agreed to on 22 May.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
May 2025