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The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

07 October 2025

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Graeme Dey
- Tim Eagle
- Martin Whitfield
- Lorna Slater
- Jamie Greene

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Apologies:

- Willie Rennie

Officials present:

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

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 30 September.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 6 October and a programme of business for the weeks beginning 27 October and 3 November.

3. Business Managers agreed to a proposal from the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans to schedule an hour-long break in Stage 3 proceedings of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill on Wednesday 29 October to allow Members to attend the launch of the Poppyscotland Appeal. It was agreed that this was an exceptional accommodation, reflecting the charity's unique status as the only charity officially endorsed by the Scottish Parliament.

4. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 6 October would be—

- Tuesday 28 October: Marie McNair: Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness and Brian Whittle: Securing the Long-term Sustainability of Scotland's Health Service
- Wednesday 29 October: Emma Harper: Supporting People Living with Secondary Breast Cancer in Scotland
- Thursday 30 October: Craig Hoy: Regretting Bank Closures

Agenda item 3 – Referral of Bills

5. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament—

- that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Digital Assets (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.
- that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

6. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged—

- The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025.
- The Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025.
- The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025.

Tim Eagle and Lorna Slater reserved their parties' positions on The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Scottish Carbon Budgets) Amendment Regulations 2025.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of LCMs

7. Business Managers agreed to refer the supplementary LCM on the Pension Schemes Bill to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee as lead committee.

8. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of consideration of the supplementary LCM on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill.

Tim Eagle reserved his party's position on the motion to suspend Standing Orders.

Lorna Slater reserved her party's position on the LCM on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
October 2025