



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

9 December 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
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Katrina Venters
- 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 2 December.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 8 December and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 15 December and 5 January 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 15 December would be—
 - Tuesday 16 December: Rona Mackay: Awareness of Aphasia.
 - Wednesday 17 December: Rachael Hamilton: Recognising Small Business Saturday 2025
 - Thursday 18 December: Alasdair Allan: Fairer Funding Allocation for Scotland's Fishing and Coastal Communities.

Agenda item 3 – Consideration of Bills at Stage 2

4. Business Managers agreed—
 - to refer the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill back to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 12 December 2025.
 - to refer the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill back to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
 - to refer the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill back to the Economy and Fair Work Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
 - to refer the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill back to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
 - to refer the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill back to the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee for consideration at Stage 2.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

5. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged—
 - The Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025.

- The Sheep Carcase (Classification and Price Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2025.
6. Tim Eagle reserved his party's position on the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2025.

Agenda item 5 – Committee request to meet at the same time as the Parliament

7. Business Managers agreed—
- to recommend to the Parliament that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber after 6.00 on Wednesday 10 December, and
 - that the motion be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 9 December.

Agenda item 6 pm - Committee Membership

8. Business Managers agreed to lodge a motion proposing committee membership changes.

Agenda Item 7 – Progress of Legislation

9. Business Managers noted the current status of Bills progressing through Parliament.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
December 2025