



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

10 February 2026

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Rona Mackay

Apologies

- Liam McArthur
- Willie Rennie

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Lucy Scharbert
- 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 3 February 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 9 February and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 16 February and 23 February 2026.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 9 February would be —
 - Tuesday 10 February: Finlay Carson: Essential Role of Renewable Energy to Meet Net Zero Targets.
 - Wednesday 11 February: John Mason: Nature Champions Initiative.
 - Thursday 12 February: Daniel Johnson: Securing a long-term home for Edinburgh South FC and recognising the important role of grassroots football.

Agenda item 3 – Consideration of Bills at Stage 2

4. Business Managers agreed to refer the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill back to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
5. Business Managers agreed to refer the Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill back to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee for consideration at Stage 2.

Agenda item 4 – Reconsideration of a Bill

6. Business Managers noted information about the Reconsideration Stage of the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

Agenda item 5 – Approval of SSIs

7. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - The Food Supplements (Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate) Regulations 2026
 - The Criminal Legal Aid and Assistance by Way of Representation (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026
 - The Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026
 - The First-Tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure and Composition) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2026
 - The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures) Order 2026

8. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026 be considered by the Parliament.
9. Business Managers noted that the motion to agree the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2026 would be lodged by the Scottish Government. Martin Whitfield, Lorna Slater and Tim Eagle reserved their parties' position on the motion.

Agenda item 6 – Referral of an LCM

10. Business Managers agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the supplementary LCM on the Public Office (Accountability) Bill (UK Legislation) to the Finance and Public Administration Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 7 – Committee request to meet at the same time as the parliament

11. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Parliament between 14.00 and 14.50 on Wednesday 25 February.

Agenda item 8 – Committee substitute change

12. Business Managers agreed to lodge a motion proposing a Committee Substitute change and noted that the motion would be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 10 February, to take effect from that point forward.

Agenda item 9 – Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme

13. Business Managers agreed to parliamentary time being made available for the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion proposing amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme and noted that the motion is scheduled to be taken on Thursday 12 February.

Agenda item 10 – Final weeks of business

14. Business Managers considered options for the management of Chamber business during the final two weeks of the parliamentary session and agreed to revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Agenda item 11– Scheduling of Members' business

15. Business Managers considered options for the scheduling of Members' business during the final weeks of the parliamentary session and agreed to reschedule it where necessary on a Thursday afternoon.

Agenda item 12 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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