



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

24 February 2026

Present:

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Graeme Dey
- Martin Whitfield
- Tim Eagle
- Lorna Slater
- Willie Rennie

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Rona Mackay

Apologies

- Liam McArthur

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Judith Morrison
- Irene Fleming
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Lucy Scharbert
- Katrina Venters
- David Millett
- Ailidh Callander
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie
- Olivia Hynd
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 17 February 2026.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 23 February and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 2 March and 9 March 2026. Tim Eagle reserved his party's position on the motion setting out the future business programme.
3. Business Managers noted that Members' Business for the week commencing 23 February would be —
 - Tuesday 24 February: Marie McNair: 85th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz.
 - Wednesday 25 February: Gillian Mackay: Recognising the Contribution that Football Clubs and their Fans make to Society.
 - Thursday 26 February: Roz McCall: Improved Childcare Support for Parents.

Agenda item 3 – Consideration of Bills at Stage 2

4. Business Managers agreed to refer the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill back to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
5. Business Managers agreed to refer the Visitor Levy (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill back to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
6. Business Managers considered correspondence received from the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and from Monica Lennon, Member in Charge, in relation to the Ecocide (Scotland) Bill and agreed to write to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

7. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged —
 - The Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026
 - The Absent Voting (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2026
 - The Digital Waste Tracking (Scotland) Regulations 2026

Agenda item 5 – Progress of Legislation

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

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
February 2026