



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 12, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 5 June 2025

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 11:40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).

3. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

4. Thomas Blake Glover, Fraserburgh's International Legacy: The Parliament debated S6M-17428 in the name of Karen Adam—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the extraordinary global contribution of Thomas Blake Glover, a pioneering Scottish merchant and industrialist, who was born on 6 June 1838 in Fraserburgh, at what is now known as Glover Garden on Commerce Street, and who was the son of the town's harbour master; acknowledges Thomas Blake Glover's key role in 19th century Japan, where he supported the Choshu Five, a group of young scholars whose work helped shape modern Japanese governance, industry and education, including the introduction of sign language; notes his pivotal contribution to the establishment of the Mitsubishi Corporation and his influence in the development of Japan's shipbuilding and industrial sectors; celebrates the enduring cultural and economic links between Scotland and Japan that it believes Thomas Blake Glover helped to foster, including the internationally renowned Glover Garden in Nagasaki; recognises the contemporary relevance of his legacy in Fraserburgh, where offshore wind turbines, visible from the coast and maintained at

the harbour where Thomas Blake Glover's father served, include parts manufactured by Mitsubishi; acknowledges what it sees as this powerful link between Fraserburgh's maritime heritage and its current role in the global energy transition; welcomes the development of Fraserburgh's own Glover Garden as a symbol of education, pride and international friendship, and wishes every success to the organisers and attendees of the inaugural Thomas Blake Glover Festival, taking place on 8 June 2025, in the hope that it will become a lasting annual celebration of Fraserburgh's unique contribution to global history.

The meeting closed at 1:22 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
5 June 2025

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 5 June 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 43rd Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 815)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 June 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/168 (C.16))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 June 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024: First Annual Report on the Review of its Operation 2024-25 (SG/2025/113) laid under Section 34 of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Act 2024

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Business Plan 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2028 (SG/2025/97) laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

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