



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 13, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 10 June 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pete Greig, Founder, 24-7 Prayer Movement and Senior Pastor, Emmaus Rd Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17606—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 10 June 2025—

after

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by* Oaths and Affirmations

delete

7.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Oaths and Affirmations:** David Russell took his oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

**4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. Stage 3 Timetable :** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17861—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Care Reform (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours

Groups 7 to 10: 2 hours 50 minutes

Groups 11 and 12: 3 hours 20 minutes

Groups 13 to 15: 3 hours 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Care Reform (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 57, 37, 38, 58, 59, 60, 61A, 62, 40, 41, 42, 43, 68, 69, 44, 71, 70, 72, 73, 45, 46, 76, 77, 78, 47, 48A, 48B, 48, 82, 49, 83, 84, 50 and 51.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

39 (For 92 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 24, Abstentions 0)

74 (For 92 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

75 (For 91 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)

80 (For 91 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)

85 (For 92 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 25, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

2B (For 50, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

2C (For 51, Against 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

52 (For 50, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

54 (For 33 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

56 (For 50, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

61 (For 51, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

63 (For 50, Against 65 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

66 (For 51, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

67 (For 52, Against 66 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)

81 (For 50, Against 60 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote))

87 (For 50, Against 68 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 65, 88.

The following amendments were not moved: 53, 55, 64, 79 and 86.

**7. Care Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-17858—That the Parliament agrees that the Care Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.53 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

**10. A720 Sheriffhall Roundabout:** The Parliament debated S6M-17754 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported ongoing delay to progress towards a new grade separated junction on the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass at Sheriffhall; understands that a public local inquiry was carried out in early 2023, with results reviewed by an independent reporter and delivered to the Scottish Government in early 2024; further understands that the report has been under active consideration by the Scottish Ministers for over a year; believes that motorists using the Edinburgh City Bypass have been subjected to hours of unnecessary congestion due to delays in delivering the A720 Sheriffhall roundabout, since funding was committed in 2018 as part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal; notes the calls for the Scottish Ministers to prioritise what it sees as this crucial infrastructure project, which, it understands, motorists in the south east of Scotland have been waiting seven years for; understands that the upgrade was originally priced at £120 million; notes the calls on ministers to urgently update the Parliament on the full details of any additional costs for the development of the junction due to the length of time that it has taken to progress it, and further notes the view that it is strategically important to make the improvements on the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass at Sheriffhall, to help deliver improvements to infrastructure that will support local and national economic growth.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
10 June 2025

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 6 June 2025—

Criminal Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the Restitution Fund (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 816)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 4th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 29 May 2025 (SP Paper 817)

The following reports were published on 9 June 2025—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 8th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 818)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 9th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2025 and the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland (Designation of Scheme Administrator) Order 2025 (SP Paper 819)

The following reports were published on 10 June 2025—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Employment Rights Bill (SP Paper 821)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Parliament (Recall and Removal of Members) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 822)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 June 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 6 June 2025—

Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 [draft]

laid under section 115(1) and paragraphs 1 and 2 of schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

### **Laid Only Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 6 June 2025 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Circular Economy (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/170 (C.17))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) (Amendment) 2025 (SSI 2025/171)

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 6 June 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security Recommendations on the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025 (SG/2025/123)** laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025: Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (SG/2025/124)** laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 10 June 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2024/25 year ended 31 March 2025 and independent auditor's report (SP Paper 820)** laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2023 (SG/2025/109)** laid under Section 34A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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