



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 19, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 24 June 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Yekemi Otaru, Chancellor of University of West Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18099— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 24 June 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Initial Response to the Gillies Review of University of Dundee Finances

delete

10.0 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.50 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 June 2025—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Historical Policies Affecting Gypsy/Traveller Communities

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Scottish Government's Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Fiscal Sustainability Delivery Plan

insert

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Education (Scotland) Bill

delete

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Employments Rights Bill- UK Legislation and insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill- UK Legislation

delete

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill- UK Legislation

delete

5.50 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.40 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 26 May 2025

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ensuring the Right Support for Young People's Neurodivergence, Mental Health and Wellbeing

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill- UK Legislation

delete

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill- UK Legislation

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Employments Rights Bill- UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Initial Response to the Gillies Review of University of Dundee Finances.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Budget - Provisional Outturn 2024-2025.

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18070—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Education (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 2: 1 hour

Groups 3 to 6: 2 hours

Groups 7 to 10: 3 hours 10 minutes

Groups 11 to 13: 4 hours 10 minutes

Groups 14 to 16: 5 hours 10 minutes

Groups 17 to 19: 6 hours 5 minutes

Groups 20 to 21: 7 hours 10 minutes

Groups 22 to 23: 7 hours 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Education (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 111, 3, 4, 118, 119, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 130A, 130, 132, 133, 135, 136, 138, 139, 142, 144, 145, 5, 150, 155, 318, 165, 166, 167, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

121 (For 89 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
146 (For 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
148 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
156 (For 98 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 21)
169 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 22)
170 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
171 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
172 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
173 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
174 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
175 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
176 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
177 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)
178 (For 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 22, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

98 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
109 (For 46, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
128 (For 49, Against 65 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
134 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
140 (For 49, Against 66 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
141 (For 49, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
143 (For 47, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
147 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
152 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
160 (For 48, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
162 (For 47, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
164 (For 22, Against 96 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
179 (For 22, Against 95 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
6 (For 22, Against 94 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
193 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
11 (For 28, Against 90 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
197 (For 48, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
198 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
18 (For 49, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
19 (For 26, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
20 (For 26, Against 92 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
201 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
21 (For 49, Against 69 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
22 (For 27, Against 92 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
202 (For 48, Against 70 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
203 (For 49, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)
23 (For 27, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn:
204.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 131, 137 and 149.

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 110, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 129, 151, 153, 154, 157, 158, 159, 161, 163, 168, 7, 8, 9, 10, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 194, 195, 196, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 199 and 200.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised their power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the agreed time limit.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Presiding Officer exercised their power under Rule 9.8.4A(c) to allow the debate to continue beyond the agreed time limit.

The Presiding Officer accepted a motion without notice to suspend the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the fifth time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
24 June 2025

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 June 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 834)

The following report was published on 24 June 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 835)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 23 June 2025 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2025 [draft] laid under section 115 and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 June 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/187)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 June 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 - Towards a Better Place for Everyone 2024/25 Progress Report (SG/2025/132) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 23 June 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report to the Scottish Parliament on the number of Assessors and Availability of Resources 2025 (DGUA/2025/01) laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 June 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland - Annual report 2024-25 (SG/2025/114) laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Recommendations: The Social Security (Cross-border Provision, Case Transfer and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SG/2025/136) laid under Section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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