



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 107, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 8 May 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. Wraparound Care for Children with Additional Support Needs:** The Parliament debated S6M-16503 in the name of Michael Marra—That the Parliament understands that local authorities have a statutory duty to provide out-of-school and holiday care for children classified as “in need”, which includes those who are disabled; is concerned by reports that many families of children with additional support needs are unable to find out-of-school care during holiday periods, including in Dundee and its surrounding areas; believes that the struggle to balance care-giving with employment can lead to routines being disrupted and is a cause of significant distress to families; further believes that reductions to local authority and third-sector organisations' budgets have contributed to these issues, and notes the view that the Scottish Government and local authorities should take action to ensure that families of children with additional support needs do not face another summer of uncertainty and disruption.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Relationships and Behaviour in Schools.

**6. Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day:** The First Minister (John Swinney) moved S6M-17457—That the Parliament marks the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, which took place on 8 May 1945; remembers the 380,000 UK Armed Forces personnel, including 57,000 Scots, and over 67,000 civilians who lost their lives during the conflict; commemorates the service and pays tribute to the sacrifices of those individuals from across Scotland and the UK, the Commonwealth and the Allied Nations, which ensured the peace and freedoms that are enjoyed today; appreciates the efforts of Legion Scotland and Poppyscotland to mark the occasion, including a national commemorative concert held in Edinburgh on 6 May 2025, Scotland's Salute to VE Day, which was supported by the Scottish Government, and commends the work of both organisations and of veterans charities across Scotland in supporting the veterans of this conflict and their families, many of whom continue to be affected by the tragedy of war to this day.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.58pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.58 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
8 May 2025

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 7 May 2025—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6):  
Subordinate Legislation: The Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Group  
Relief and Sub-sale Development Relief Modifications) (Scotland) Order 2025  
[draft] (SP Paper 778)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 8 May 2025 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Lands Valuation Appeal Court) 2025 (SSI 2025/140)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2025 (SSI 2025/141)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 8 May 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Discretionary Housing Payments guidance manual Updated April 2025 (SG/2025/43)** laid under Part 5, Section 91 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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