

Tuesday 9 December 2025

Business Bulletin

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Revised at 12:52pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20066, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Tim Maguire, Humanist

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Statistics and the 2026 National Improvement Framework

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business: Sue Webber: Dealing With the Dangerous Use of E-bikes and E-scooters

Committee Meetings

9:00am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:00am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

10:00am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil

Justice Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20066, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Tim Maguire, Humanist

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-20066](#) Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 December 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Statistics and the 2026 National Improvement Framework

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Carol Mochan: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of NHS Ayrshire and Arran suspending routine hospital visits due to a sharp increase in flu cases, whether it will provide an update on the action that it is taking to support NHS boards in relation to increasing winter pressures. ([S6T-02794](#))

2. Edward Mountain: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking in response to the newly published October mortality figures for the salmon farming industry. ([S6T-02793](#)) **R**

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Statistics and the 2026 National Improvement Framework

followed by Public Audit Committee Debate: The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited

[S6M-20036](#) Richard Leonard: The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6), *The 2023/24 audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited* (SP Paper 846).

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

[S6M-20036.1](#) Daniel Johnson: The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited—As an amendment to motion S6M-20036 in the name of Richard Leonard (The 2023/24 Audit of Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited), insert at end ", and calls on the Scottish

Government to fulfil its commitment to invest all of the £14.2 million promised to modernise the yard to enable Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) to secure orders."

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland

S6M-20050 Graeme Dey: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland—That the Parliament acknowledges and recognises the importance of Scotland’s veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that it makes to society; recognises that the skills and experiences that it brings enrich communities; continues to support the Veterans Strategy Action Plan, which has a clear vision to ensure the best outcomes for veterans and their families; notes the progress made in delivering the action plan and the future work to develop an updated plan following the publication of the new UK-wide Veterans Strategy; welcomes the findings of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner's latest progress report and acknowledges both the successes she identifies and the areas where further work is needed, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work with partners across the public, private and third sectors to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the access to support **that** they need.

The Presiding Officer has selected the following amendment

S6M-20050.1 Edward Mountain: Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland—As an amendment to motion S6M-20050 in the name of Graeme Dey (Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland), insert at end “, and encourages the Scottish Government to work with the Ministry of Defence to facilitate access for retiring service personnel, who wish to move back to Scotland, to empty married quarters at a reduced rent for a period of up to one year from the end of their service."

followed by Motion on Legislative Consent: Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – UK Legislation

S6M-20037 Neil Gray: Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 October 2024, and subsequently amended, relating to the prohibition on advertising of the England and Wales Voluntary Assisted Dying Service, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

S6M-20067 Graeme Dey: Committee Meeting Times—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members’ Business on Wednesday 10 December 2025.

6:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: Sue Webber: Dealing With the Dangerous Use of E-bikes and E-scooters

S6M-19918 Sue Webber: Dealing With the Dangerous Use of E-bikes and E-scooters—That the Parliament notes with concern reports of the growing dangerous use of e-bikes and e-scooters across

Scotland, but particularly in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee and Glasgow, and across major towns; understands that some e-bike and e-scooter users are often observed showing no regard for the traffic laws, endanger other road users and pedestrians, appear to violate the legally mandated speed limit and often do not use high-visibility clothing; believes that many users often wear what can be seen as intimidating clothing, such as balaclavas and face coverings; is concerned at reports that e-bikes and e-scooters are increasingly used to commit organised crime and vehicle theft; notes calls on the Scottish Government to give Police Scotland the appropriate resources and vehicles to counter people who use e-bikes and e-scooters in these ways, such as by seizing the vehicles, and further notes the call for greater action to be taken against the antisocial use of e-bikes and e-scooters, to provide a safer environment for roads users and pedestrians.

Committee Meetings

All meetings take place in the Scottish Parliament, unless otherwise specified.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 34th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
 Jacqueline Cooney, Director, Scottish Medical Aesthetics Safety Group;
 Stefan Czerniawski, Executive Director of Strategy, General Dental Council;
 Amanda Demosthenous, Non-Executive Director, Board Member, British Association of Medical Aesthetic Nurses;
 Remmy Jones, Allied Health Professionals in Aesthetics.
 and then from—
 Laura Boyce, Chief Inspector of Regulation and Eddie Docherty, Director of Quality Assurance and Regulation, Healthcare Improvement Scotland;
 Brett Collins, Director, Save Face;
 Paula McLaren, Senior Advanced Practice Advisor, Nursing and Midwifery Council.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 from—
 Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Emma Luton, Lawyer, and Greig Walker, Project Lead, Constitutional Policy Unit, Scottish Government;
 Jennifer Howie, UK and International Relations Team Lead, Food Standards Scotland.
4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jenni Minto (Minister for Public Health and Women's Health) to move—

 S6M-19531 – That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026 [draft] be approved.
5. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instrument—

[National Health Service \(General Ophthalmic Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#)
6. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2 and at last week's meeting.
7. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Food Safety Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2026.

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 37th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00AM in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 from—
Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Ninian Christie, Lawyer, Scottish Government;
Lee Shedden, Head of Rail Sponsorship & Regulation, Transport Scotland.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** Fiona Hyslop (Cabinet Secretary for Transport) to move—S6M-20027—
That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.
4. **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will take evidence on legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-64 from—
Gillian Martin, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy, Eilidh Macdonald, Head of Marine Climate & Biodiversity, and Dr Joanna Dingwall, Branch Head Lawyer, Scottish Government.
5. **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—
Monica Lennon, Member in Charge of the Bill, Roz Thomson, Principal Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Ailidh Callander, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services Office, Scottish Parliament.
6. **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
7. **Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.
9. **Adviser on climate change and net zero targets:** The Committee will consider the adviser contract.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 34th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Budget Scrutiny 2026-27: Auditor General for Scotland's report on financial sustainability and taxes:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;
Richard Robinson, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland.
2. **Building Safety Levy (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

3. Work programme (In Private): The Committee will consider its work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 32nd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Garry Coutts, Chair and Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, Scottish Housing Regulator.
3. **Scrutiny of the Scottish Housing Regulator:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 35th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 6, 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Cross-border Placement of Children \(Requirements, Effect and Enforcement\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

3. **Instruments subject to negative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Burial and Cremation \(Applications and Registers\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/360)
[National Health Service \(General Dental Services\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/380)

4. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Social Security \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI/2025 377 (C.28))
[Children \(Care and Justice\) \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 3\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/379 (C.29))

5. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, Owen Griffiths, Legislation Team Leader, Rachel Coutts, Lawyer, and Alison McLeod, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
6. **Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier, and a draft report.
7. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.
8. **Contract (Formation and Remedies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 29th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 10:00AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **British Sign Language Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Kevin McGowan, Unit Head, Equality Division, Kit Wyeth, Interim Deputy Director, Inclusion, Attainment and Wellbeing Division, and Lucinda Fass, Additional Support for Learning Senior Policy Officer, Scottish Government.
3. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider a draft report on its Pre-Budget Scrutiny.
4. **British Sign Language Inquiry (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.

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