

Tuesday 17 June 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 1:30pm



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18001, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Neil Crabtree, Conflict Negotiator

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2024-25

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering Reform and Renewal for Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Languages Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7:00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17933 Bill Kidd: Ongoing Crisis in Gaza

Committee Meetings

8:40am Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

8:45am Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

9:30am Finance and Public Administration Committee

9:30am Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

9:30am Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

10:00am Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18001, today's business will be as follows:

2:00 pm Time for Reflection: Neil Crabtree, Conflict Negotiator

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-18001](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 17 June 2025—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 June 2025—

delete

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Progressing NACWG Recommendations on Equality

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Alexander Dennis Limited

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Topical Questions

1. Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what action is being taken to reduce ambulance turnaround times at hospitals, in light of figures showing that so far in 2025 more than half of conveyances recorded a turnaround time of longer than 45 minutes. ([S6T-02591](#))

2. Meghan Gallacher: To ask the Scottish Government how many transgender prisoners have had their criminal records erased, following a self-identification process and changing of their birth name. ([S6T-02590](#))

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2024-25

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivering Reform and Renewal for Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Languages Bill

[S6M-17968](#) **Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Languages 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: 55 minutes

Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 50 minutes

Groups 8 to 10: 2 hours 25 minutes.

[S6M-17966](#) **Kate Forbes: Scottish Languages Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Languages Bill be passed.

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-18002](#) **Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Meeting Times**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between approximately 5.45 pm and close of business on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

7:00 pm Decision Time

**followed by Members' Business
Debate on the subject of—**

[S6M-17933](#) Bill Kidd: Ongoing Crisis in Gaza—That the Parliament echoes the "grave concerns" of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights regarding the reportedly catastrophic humanitarian situation in Gaza; notes the calls, including from constituents in Glasgow Anniesland, for an immediate ceasefire and the safe release of all hostages, alongside the immediate and unconditional lifting of all restrictions on the entry and distribution of humanitarian aid in Gaza, and further notes the belief that international recognition of a sovereign independent state of Palestine, as part of a two-state solution, is the fundamental pillar upon which a lasting peace in the Middle East depends.

Committee Meetings

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

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee 22nd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:40 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the Bill, up to Part 2, Chapter 2, at Stage 2 (Day 3).

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 16th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 to 8 in private.
2. **British Sign Language Inquiry:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Annelies Kusters, Professor of Sociolinguistics, and Dr Robert Adam, Associate Professor in Languages and Intercultural Studies, Heriot-Watt University;
Stacey Gourlay, Disability Liaison Officer, and Rachel Tardito, Equality, Diversity and Wellbeing Lead, NHS Forth Valley;
and then from—
Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic, Kevin McGowan, Unit Head, Equality Division, Andrew Godfrey-Meers, BSL and Social Isolation Policy Manager, Alison Taylor, Deputy Director for Improvement, Attainment and Wellbeing, and Robert Eckhart, Additional Support for Learning Policy Team Leader, Scottish Government.
3. **UK subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating in a devolved area as set out in the following UK statutory instrument proposal—
Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020.
4. **British Sign Language Inquiry (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 2.
5. **Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
6. **Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum lodged by Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (LCM-S6-54).
7. **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR):** The Committee will consider a draft letter to Kaukab Stewart MSP, Minister for Equalities.
8. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Finance and Public Administration Committee 21st Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Cost-effectiveness of Scottish public inquiries:** The Committee will take evidence from—
John Sturrock KC;

John Campbell KC.

2. **The Scottish budget process in practice (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee 19th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:30 am in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Welfare and sustainability in Scottish youth football:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Nick Hobbs, Head of Advice and Investigations, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland;
Mahesh Madlani, Associate, gunnercooke LLP;
Scott Robertson, Co-founder, RealGrassroots;
Alexander Waksman, Partner, gunnercooke LLP.
3. **Care Inspectorate (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its last meeting.
4. **Food Standards Scotland (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its last meeting.
5. **Welfare and sustainability in Scottish youth football:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.
6. **Work Programme:** The Committee will consider its future work programme.

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee 19th Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **National Planning Framework 4 Annual Review:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Pamela Clifford, Chair, Heads of Planning Scotland (HOPS);
Claire Symonds, Chair, Planning Democracy;
Neil Sutherland, Founding Director, MAKAR Limited;
Dr Caroline Brown, Director of Scotland and Ireland, Royal Town Planning Institute.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider the following negative instruments—
[Valuation \(Proposals Procedure\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2025](#) SSI (2025/146)
[Town and Country Planning \(Fees for Appeals\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) SSI (2025/166)
4. **National Planning Framework 4 Annual Review:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 21st Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 4 in private.
2. **Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Scottish Parliament \(Disqualification\) Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
[Winter Heating Assistance \(Pension Age\) \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/Draft)
3. **Instruments not subject to any parliamentary procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—
[Charities \(Regulation and Administration\) \(Scotland\) Act 2023 \(Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/168 (C. 16))
[Circular Economy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2025](#) (SSI 2025/170 (C. 17))
[Act of Sederunt \(Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment\) \(Miscellaneous\) \(Amendment\) 2025](#) (SSI 2025/171)
4. **Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

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