

Wednesday 25 June 2025

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:05pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18135, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**2:00 pm** Portfolio Questions  
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and  
Parliamentary Business  
Justice and Home Affairs

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

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

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Education  
(Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Stage 3 Debate: Education  
(Scotland) Bill

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

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion:  
Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and  
Ferrets) Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Legislative Consent Motion:  
Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and  
Wales) Bill - UK Legislation

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Approval of SSIs (if required)

**9:00 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**9:00am** Economy and Fair Work Committee

**9:15am** Citizen Participation and Public  
Petitions Committee

**9:30am** Criminal Justice Committee

**9:30am** Education, Children and Young  
People Committee

**9:30am** Public Audit Committee

**10:00am** Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

## Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18135, today's business will be as follows:

### 2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S6M-18135](#) 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 Wednesday 25 June 2025—

delete

7.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

and insert

9.00 pm Decision Time

**[S6M-18133](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Suspension of Standing Orders**—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

### 2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions : Justice and Home Affairs – Questions 4 and 6

#### Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business

**1. Ash Regan:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its work to further the case for Scottish independence, what specific actions it is taking to strengthen Scotland's democratic infrastructure, authority and state-building preparations to ensure that the Scottish Parliament could become the legislature of an independent Scotland. ([S6O-04834](#))

**2. Elena Whitham:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the latest births and deaths figures published by National Records of Scotland. ([S6O-04835](#))

**3. Stephen Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason medical supplies were sent to Ukraine with a condition that they be used for civilian purposes only. ([S6O-04836](#))

**4. Stephanie Callaghan:** To ask the Scottish Government, regarding its provision of funding for humanitarian aid, when it last engaged with the UK Government in relation to the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. ([S6O-04837](#))

**5. Tim Eagle:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on how it supports rural museums. ([S6O-04838](#))

**6. Jamie Halcro Johnston:** To ask the Scottish Government what restrictions it places on the use of its overseas aid. ([S6O-04839](#))

**7. Stuart McMillan:** To ask the Scottish Government, as part of its work to further the case for Scottish independence, what discussions it has had with the UK Government in relation to the Prime Minister's reported comments that he does not believe that there will be another independence referendum during his administration and that nobody is raising this with him as their first priority, in light of reports that recent polling shows support for independence at over 50%. ([S6O-04840](#))

**8. Humza Yousaf:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on what support it is providing for humanitarian assistance in Gaza. ([S6O-04841](#))

### Justice and Home Affairs

**1. Liz Smith:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further details of any plans to introduce continuous alcohol monitoring technology for offenders across Scotland. ([S6O-04842](#))

**2. Rhoda Grant:** To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle violence against women. ([S6O-04843](#))

**3. Douglas Ross:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding the decision to euthanise police dog Zara in December last year and the subsequent review by the force. ([S6O-04844](#))

**4. Clare Adamson:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with North Lanarkshire Council on addressing antisocial behaviour involving the use of off-road vehicles in Motherwell and Wishaw. ([S6O-04845](#))

**5. David Torrance:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of its engagement with stakeholders on violence prevention during its youth violence summit on 12 June. ([S6O-04846](#))

**6. Bob Doris:** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether Police Scotland and other public bodies have appropriate powers to tackle the misuse of off-road vehicles and promote community safety. ([S6O-04847](#))

**7. Annabelle Ewing:** To ask the Scottish Government when the Scottish Prison Service will conclude any work required to ensure that it fully complies with the judgment of the UK Supreme Court handed down on 16 April 2025 in the case, For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers. ([S6O-04848](#))

**8. Clare Haughey:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the findings of the latest Scottish Crime and Justice Survey, which included for the first time new questions around crimes of fraud and computer misuse. ([S6O-04849](#))

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

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

**followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Education (Scotland) Bill**

**followed by Stage 3 Debate: Education (Scotland) Bill**

[S6M-18059](#) **Jenny Gilruth: Education (Scotland) Bill**—That the Parliament agrees that the Education (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**[S6M-18079 Shirley-Anne Somerville: Public Authorities \(Fraud, Error and Recovery\) Bill - UK Legislation](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that clauses 72, 73, 74, 75, 77 to 81, 83 to 87 and 98, and schedules 3-4 of the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error And Recovery) Bill 2025, introduced in the House of Commons on 22 January 2025, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

**followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill - UK Legislation**

**[S6M-18077 Jim Fairlie: Animal Welfare \(Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets\) Bill - UK Legislation](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Animal Welfare (Import of Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 October 2024, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

**followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill - UK Legislation**

**[S6M-18078 Jamie Hepburn: Absent Voting \(Elections in Scotland and Wales\) Bill - UK Legislation](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Absent Voting (Elections in Scotland and Wales) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 October 2024, relating to local government elections (clause 1), elections to the Scottish Parliament (clause 2) and commencement and transitional provision (clause 4), so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

**followed by Business Motions**

**[S6M-18100 Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Business Programme](#)**—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 3 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic; Finance and Local Government

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 4 September 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Climate Action and Energy, and Transport

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 September 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 10 September 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 11 September 2025

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice and Housing

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 1 September 2025, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

**followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions**

**[S6M-18101](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Approval of SSI**—That the Parliament agrees that the Home Detention Curfew (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

**[S6M-18102](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Designation of Lead Committee**—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Children (Care, Care Experience and Services Planning) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

**followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)**

**9:00 pm Decision Time**

## Committee Meetings

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

### Economy and Fair Work Committee 21st Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 5, and any future consideration of evidence in private.
2. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Ivan McKee, Minister for Public Finance, Stephen White, Head of Community Wealth Building, Laura Moffat, Community Wealth Building Policy and Legislation Manager, and Caterina Capaldi, Solicitor, Scottish Government.
3. **Alexander Dennis:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Robert Deavy, Senior Organiser for Manufacturing, GMB Scotland;  
Derek Thomson, Unite Scotland Regional Secretary, Unite the Union.
4. **Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
5. **Alexander Dennis:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.
6. **Product Regulation and Metrology Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-50a and on the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-50b.

### Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in T1.40-CR5 The Smith Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take item 3 in private.
2. **Evidence session:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
The Right Honourable Dorothy Bain KC, Lord Advocate  
Alistair Hogg, Head of Practice and Policy, Scottish Children's Reporter Administration  
Stephanie Ross, Principal Procurator Fiscal Depute in the Policy Unit, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service  
and then from—  
Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs  
Clare Collin, Violence Reduction Team Leader  
Tom McNamara, Head of Youth Justice & Children's Hearings  
The Committee will be taking evidence on the themes raised by the following petitions—  
PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence; and  
PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal justice system.  
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3. **Consideration of Evidence:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.

## Criminal Justice Committee 20th 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 items 7 and 8 in private.
2. **Prevention of Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Pam Gosal, Member in Charge of the Bill, Scottish Parliament;  
Charlie Pound, Head of Policy and Research, Scottish Conservative MSP Group;  
Roz Thomson, Principal Clerk, Head of Non-Government Bills Unit, Agata Maslowska, Senior Clerk, Non-Government Bills Unit, and Ailidh Callander, Senior Solicitor, Legal Services Office, Scottish Parliament.
3. **Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
Ash Regan, Member in Charge of the Bill, Scottish Parliament;  
Maren Schroeder, Senior Researcher, and Anna MacLeod, Parliamentary Assistant, Office of Ash Regan MSP.
4. **FAIs/Deaths in custody:** The Committee will consider correspondence from the Scottish Government.
5. **Member's Bills (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda items 2 and 3.
6. **Member's Bills (in private):** The Committee will consider draft calls for views for the Member's Bills considered earlier under agenda items 2 and 3.
7. **Challenges facing businesses and vulnerable individuals in Scotland from the risks of cybercrime:** The Committee will consider its approach following the oral evidence session of 14 May 2025.
8. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny:** The Committee will consider its approach to Pre-Budget Scrutiny for 2026/27.

## Education, Children and Young People Committee 22nd Meeting, 2025

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

1. **University of Dundee:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Peter Fotheringham, Former Director of Finance, Dr Jim McGeorge, Former Chief Operating Officer, and Amanda Millar, Former Chair of Court, University of Dundee.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

## Public Audit Committee 21st Meeting, 2025

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

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take agenda items 3, 4 and 5 in private.
2. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Al Denholm, Chief Executive, and Willie Watt, Chair, Scottish National Investment Bank.

3. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and take further evidence from—  
Stephen Boyle, Auditor General for Scotland;  
Cornilius Chikwama, Audit Director, Catherine Young, Senior Manager, and Kirsty Ridd, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland.
4. **Scottish National Investment Bank:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard at agenda items 2 and 3 and agree any further action it wishes to take.
5. **Work programme:** The Committee will consider its work programme.

### **Rural Affairs and Islands Committee 22nd Meeting, 2025**

The Committee will meet at 10:00 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft report.
2. **Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

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