

Thursday 26 June 2025

Business Bulletin

Iris Ghnothaichean

Revised at 9:30am



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18148, today's business will be as follows:

Meeting of the Parliament

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17969 Douglas Ross: Action to Address the Impact of Gulls in Scotland

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions: Education and Skills – Questions 1 and 5

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

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

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill - UK Legislation

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

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4:55 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-17910 Patrick Harvie: The Future of Glasgow's Bus Services

Committee Meetings

8:30am Education, Children and Young People Committee

8:45am Social Justice and Social Security Committee

9:00am Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

9:15am Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

9:30am Economy and Fair Work Committee

Meeting of the Parliament

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-18148, today's business will be as follows:

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

- 1. Rachael Hamilton:** To ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with local stakeholders regarding the protection of wild goats in the Scottish Borders. ([S6O-04850](#))
- 2. Pauline McNeill:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it plans to review planning laws regarding the provision of private purpose-built student accommodation, in light of reported concerns over the concentration of student accommodation in certain localities and objections from local residents. ([S6O-04851](#))
- 3. Sue Webber:** To ask the Scottish Government when it plans to undertake a regulatory check of existing Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 powers to allow local authorities and regional transport partnerships to implement local road user charging schemes. ([S6O-04852](#))
- 4. Graham Simpson:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to reform the planning appeals process. ([S6O-04853](#))
- 5. Colin Beattie:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the aim under action 20 of the Housing to 2040 strategy to streamline and accelerate the adaptations system. ([S6O-04854](#))
- 6. Keith Brown:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with NHS Forth Valley regarding access to health services for communities that rely on local bus links. ([S6O-04855](#))
- 7. Mark Griffin:** To ask the Scottish Government what health policies it has in place to support the neurodevelopment of children born prematurely through their early years and adolescence. ([S6O-04856](#))
- 8. Marie McNair:** To ask the Scottish Government how it is working with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to meet the demand for ADHD and autism assessments. ([S6O-04857](#))

12:00 pm First Minister's Questions

- 1. Russell Findlay:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04213](#))
- 2. Anas Sarwar:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04214](#))
- 3. Alex Cole-Hamilton:** Question to be taken in Chamber. ([S6F-04215](#))
- 4. Joe FitzPatrick:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to the Sarcoma UK report, *Unique Among Cancers*. ([S6F-04237](#))
- 5. Tim Eagle:** To ask the First Minister what the Scottish Government's response is to reports that several local authorities are delaying the introduction of a visitor levy. ([S6F-04224](#))
- 6. Marie McNair:** To ask the First Minister what assessment the Scottish Government has made of the latest Office for National Statistics inflation statistics and any implications for its work to support low-income households. ([S6F-04230](#))

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

[S6M-17969](#) Douglas Ross: Action to Address the Impact of Gulls in Scotland—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported changes to the approach taken for granting licences to control gulls in recent years by NatureScot, which, it understands, has led to fewer licences being approved, as demonstrated by 2,041 licences being granted in 2023, but this figure falling to 505 in 2024; understands that communities and businesses in Moray, Nairn and Inverness have had significant problems with gulls in recent years, but that many communities across Scotland also experience similar problems; believes that Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) funding and Common Good Funds should not have to be spent on continually seeking licences to control gulls that display dangerous and aggressive behaviour that are a risk to all, but particularly the young and older people; is concerned that NatureScot reportedly does not fully acknowledge and respect the views of local people and businesses when considering applications to control gulls that are causing significant problems; notes the calls for more robust action from the Scottish Government and NatureScot to protect humans and businesses from what it sees as the menace of dangerous gulls, including the Scottish Ministers taking action through a section 11 order under the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991, and further notes the calls for a review by the Scottish Government, preceded by a public consultation on the grounds for legal control, with a view to permitting control to tackle significant nuisance caused by gulls, and on the separation of the licensing of control measures and the nature species conservancy functions of NatureScot, in light of reports of an inherent potential conflict between the two and widespread concerns of many constituents that NatureScot neglects the former while preferring the latter.

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-18148](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Revision to Business Programme—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 26 June 2025—

after

4.55 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members' Business

**2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: The Presiding Officer has grouped the following questions:
Education and Skills – Questions 1 and 5**

Education and Skills

1. Lorna Slater: To ask the Scottish Government, in light of the reported significant demand for apprenticeships from both employers and applicants, what it is doing to increase the number of apprenticeship places available. ([S6O-04858](#))

2. Alexander Stewart: To ask the Scottish Government how the new guidance on behaviour in schools addresses pupil-on-staff violence. ([S6O-04859](#))

3. Katy Clark: To ask the Scottish Government what it plans to do to ensure that children in care are not excluded from school, as set out in The Promise. ([S6O-04860](#))

4. **Monica Lennon:** [Not Lodged] ([S6O-04861](#))

5. **Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of any regional variability in the availability of apprenticeships. ([S6O-04862](#))

6. **Ben Macpherson:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the impact of holiday hub provision for children with disabilities and ASN in the City of Edinburgh and elsewhere in Scotland. ([S6O-04863](#))

7. **Michelle Thomson:** To ask the Scottish Government what consideration it has given to supporting schools to raise awareness of, and provide the required assistance to, people with hearing and sight difficulties. ([S6O-04864](#))

8. **Kevin Stewart:** To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tailor funding to colleges to ensure that they are providing courses to meet the needs of businesses in an ever changing world. ([S6O-04865](#))

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

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

[S6M-18076](#) Kaukab Stewart: Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 30 January 2025, relating to the provision and sharing of trailer registration information (amended clauses 30 to 33), the provision of biometric information at ports in Scotland (clause 36), the repeal of certain provisions of the Illegal Migration Act 2023 (clause 38), the detention and exercise of functions pending deportation (clause 41), powers to take biometric information at detention centres (clause 44), offences relating to articles for use in serious crime (clauses 49 and 50), applicants for making of orders and interim orders (clause 54), and the validation of fees charged in relation to qualifications (clause 57), 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: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill - UK Legislation

[S6M-18080](#) Richard Lochhead: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that all relevant provisions of the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 4 September 2024, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

[S6M-18075](#) Richard Lochhead: Employment Rights Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Employment Rights Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 October 2024, and subsequently amended, relating to the protection of

workers in relation to relevant outsourcing contracts (amended clause 30), and the establishment of the Social Care Negotiating Body for Scotland (amended clauses 36 to 46 and 48 to 52, alongside related amended clauses 153 and 155), so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - UK Legislation

[S6M-18081](#) Natalie Don-Innes: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - UK Legislation—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 17 December 2024, and subsequently amended, affecting child employment and community-based and secure accommodation, 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

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

[S6M-18141](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership

—That the Parliament agrees that—

Paul McLennan be appointed to replace Joe FitzPatrick as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

[S6M-18142](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Committee Membership

—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Jamie Halcro Johnston as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee; and

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Liz Smith as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

[S6M-18143](#) Jamie Hepburn on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau: Substitution on Committees

—That the Parliament agrees that—

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Stephen Kerr as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee; and

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Brian Whittle as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

4:55 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Debate on the subject of—

[S6M-17910](#) Patrick Harvie: The Future of Glasgow's Bus Services—That the Parliament notes Strathclyde Partnership for Transport's (SPT) proposals to develop bus franchising arrangements for the region and its recent consultation on how to create more affordable, reliable and environmentally sustainable bus services in Strathclyde; further notes the calls for SPT to proceed with the most ambitious approach to franchising, and for the Scottish Government to work constructively with SPT to make this possible; welcomes the report from Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC), *The Next Stop: The Case for Publicly Owned Buses in Scotland*; notes that it argues that moving local buses into public ownership would have a positive impact for local communities, allow local authorities to plan routes and cap fares, and return revenues to the public sector; understands that Scotland's only publicly owned bus company, Lothian Buses, has returned a dividend of £36 million to its local authority shareholders over the last decade; congratulates Get Glasgow Moving on its continued campaigning work on this issue, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to further commit to support the expansion of publicly owned bus services and deliver high quality, affordable and reliable bus services, integrated ticketing and higher standards of service across the SPT region and beyond.

Committee Meetings

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

Education, Children and Young People Committee 23rd Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:30 am in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **University of Dundee:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Professor Iain Gillespie, Former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Dundee.
2. **Evidence Session (in private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 1.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee 20th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 8:45 am in T4.40-CR2 The Fairfax Somerville Room

1. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee will consider its approach to Pre-Budget Scrutiny.
2. **Declaration of interests:** Elena Whitham will be invited to declare any relevant interests.
3. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 7 in private.
4. **Scottish Commission on Social Security:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Ed Pybus, Chair,, and Judith Paterson, Board Member, Scottish Commission on Social Security.
5. **Scottish Commission on Social Security:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard under item 4.
6. **Financial considerations when leaving an abusive relationship (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft report.
7. **Temporary and tied visa holders:** The Committee will consider a briefing received from the Worker Support Centre.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee 12th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:00 am in T4.60-CR6 The Livingstone Room

1. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 from—
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Ailsa Kemp, Parliament and Legislation Unit Team Leader, Jordan McGrory, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, and Kenneth Pentland, Elections Team, Scottish Government.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Parliamentary Business to move—S6M-17706—
That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025 from—
Jamie Hepburn, Minister for Parliamentary Business, Ailsa Kemp, Parliament and Legislation Unit Team Leader, Jordan McGrory, Solicitor, Legal Directorate, and Kenneth Pentland, Elections Team, Scottish Government.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jamie Hepburn MSP (Minister for Parliamentary Business) to move—S6M-17707—
That the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee recommends that the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2025 [draft] be approved.
5. **Cross-Party Group - approval of change of purpose:** The Committee will decide whether to approve a change of purpose request for the Cross-Party Group on Deafness.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee 20th Meeting, 2025

The Committee will meet at 9:15 am in TG.40-CR1 The Burns Room

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether its consideration of the Report at stage 1 of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) should be taken in private at future meetings.
2. **Gaza:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, Joanna Keating, Head of International Development, Alice Guinan, Humanitarian and Conflict Lead, and Stuart Adam, Head of Asia Team, International Relations, Scottish Government.
3. **UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Richard Lochhead, Minister for Business and Employment, Lucy Carmichael, Head of Events Strategy and Delivery, and Ninian Christie, Lawyer, Scottish Government.
4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.

Economy and Fair Work Committee 22nd 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 item 3 in private.
2. **Alexander Dennis:** The Committee will take evidence from—
Paul Davies, President and Managing Director, and Debbie McCreath, External Affairs and Marketing Director, Alexander Dennis.
3. **Alexander Dennis:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

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