

Tuesday 20 January 2026

# Business Bulletin

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Revised at 1:00pm



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Today's Business

Subject to the Parliament's agreement of S6M-20495, today's business will be as follows:

### Meeting of the Parliament

**2:00 pm** Time for Reflection: Ian Houston, GlobalScot, writer, and Trustee at the Robert Burns Ellisland Farm and Museum

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**followed by** Topical Questions

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**9:05 pm** Decision Time

### Committee Meetings

**8:45am** Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

**8:45am** Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

**9:30am** Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

**9:30am** Finance and Public Administration Committee

**9:30am** Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

**10:00am** Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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**S6M-20495 Graeme Dey: Revision to Business Programme**—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 January 2026—

delete

9.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

and insert

9.05 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 22 January 2026—

after

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

*followed by* Members' Business

**followed by** Topical Questions

**1. Dr Sandesh Gulhane:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde's admission of a likely link between issues with the water supply at Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and patient infections. ([S6T-02845](#)) **R**

**2. Evelyn Tweed:** To ask the Scottish Government what assessment it has made of the potential impact of US tariffs on Scotland's economy, in light of the announcement this weekend of President Trump's decision to impose new tariffs on the UK. ([S6T-02839](#))

**3. Liam Kerr:** To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that grooming gangs are targeting children living in residential care homes in Scotland. ([S6T-02850](#))

**followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill

**S6M-20486 Graeme Dey: Stage 3 Timetable**—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) 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: 1 hour

Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 8 and 9: 3 hours

Groups 10 to 12: 4 hours 10 minutes

Groups 13 to 15: 5 hours 25 minutes

**[S6M-20484 Ben Macpherson: Tertiary Education and Training \(Funding and Governance\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

**followed by** Committee Announcements

**followed by** Business Motions

**followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions

**[S6M-20496 Graeme Dey: Committee Meeting Times](#)**—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Economy and Fair Work Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament during Members' Business on Wednesday 21 January 2026.

**9:05 pm** Decision Time

## Committee Meetings

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

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

#### 3rd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 8:45AM in TG.60-CR3 The Fleming Room

**1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 5 and 7 in private.

**2. Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Jane Miller, Programme Manager, Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE); Dr Joanna Teuton, Health Improvement Manager, Population Health and Climate Change, Public Health Scotland.

**3. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on [the Scotland Act 1998 \(Modification of Schedule 5\) Order 2026](#) from—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Gerald Byrne, Head of Constitutional Policy, Nicki Crossan, Assisted Dying Shadow Bill Team Leader, and Ailsa Garland, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.

**4. Subordinate legislation:** Neil Gray (Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care) to move—

[S6M-20226](#)—That the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee recommends that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026 be approved.

**5. Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2026.

**6. Non-surgical Procedures and Functions of Medical Reviewers (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will consider a draft Stage 1 report.

**7. Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2 and at last week's meeting.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

#### 3rd Meeting, 2026

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

**1. Sustainable Aviation Fuel Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft report on the legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61, supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61a and second supplementary legislative consent memorandum LCM-S6-61b.

**2. Decision on taking business in private:** (At approximately 9.00am) The Committee will decide whether to take item 6 in private.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee will take evidence on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 from—  
Jim Fairlie, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity and Kelly Minio-Paluello, Solicitor, Scottish Government;  
Carole Stewart, Bus Strategy and Funding Unit Head and Eilidh McCabe, Concessionary Travel Policy Manager, Transport Scotland.

4. **Subordinate legislation:** Jim Fairlie (Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity) to move—S6M-20054—That the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee recommends that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2026 [draft] be approved.

5. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Professor John Underhill, Director of the Centre for Energy Transition and Professor of Geoscience, University of Aberdeen;  
David Whitehouse, Chief Executive Officer, Offshore Energies UK (OEUK);  
Adam Berman, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Energy UK;  
Simon Coop, National Officer for Energy and Utilities, Unite the Union.

6. **Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence heard earlier in the meeting. The Committee will also consider the evidence heard at its past meetings on 16 December and 6 January.

7. **Ecocide (Scotland) Bill (In Private):** The Committee will continue its consideration of a draft Stage 1 report.

## Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee 2nd Meeting, 2026

The Committee will meet at 9:30AM in T1.60-CR4 The Clerk Maxwell Room

1. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland:** The Committee will take evidence from—  
Dr Jim Crabb, Policy Lead and Dr Leonie Boeing, CAMHS psychiatrist and Vice Chair of the Child and Adolescent Faculty, Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland.  
and then from—  
Debbie Best, Director, DIFFERabled Scotland;  
Kabie Brook, Chairperson, ARGH Scotland;  
Sofia Farzana, Director and Co-founder, Scottish Ethnic Minority Autistics (SEMA);  
Marion McLaughlin, Managing Director and Founder, Aurora Autistic Consulting;  
Rachel Parker, Founding Trustee, Autistic Voices Advocating Together for Autonomous Rights (AVATAR);  
Carolyn Scott, Founder and Researcher, ADHD Right Now;  
Leo Starrs-Cunningham, Treasurer, Autistic Mutual Aid Society Edinburgh (AMASE).

2. **Operation of the Public Sector Equality Duty in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard at its meeting on 13 January.

3. **Inquiry into Neurodivergence in Scotland (In Private):** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard under agenda item 1.

**Finance and Public Administration Committee****3rd Meeting, 2026**

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

**1. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Professor Graeme Roy, Chair, Dr Eleanor Ryan, Commissioner, Justine Riccomini, Commissioner, Claire Murdoch, Head of Fiscal Sustainability and Public Funding, and Michael Davidson, Head of Social Security and Devolved Taxes, Scottish Fiscal Commission.

and then from—

Professor Mairi Spowage, Professor of Practice and Director, Fraser of Allander Institute, University of Strathclyde;

Professor David Heald, Emeritus Professor, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow;

Professor David Bell, Professor of Economics, University of Stirling.

**2. Work programme (In Private):** The Committee will consider its work programme.**Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee****3rd Meeting, 2026**

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

**1. Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee will decide whether to take items 4 and 5 in private.**2. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government, Gareth Fenney, Interim Deputy Director, Heat in Buildings Delivery, Daniel Hinze, Deputy Director, Infrastructure and Investment, and Philip Raines, Joint Deputy Director, Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government.

**3. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will take evidence from—

Màiri McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Sean Neill, Director for Housing, Kirsty Henderson, Acting Head of Performance and Finance, More Homes Division, Kersti Berge, Director of Energy and Climate Change, Gareth Fenney, Interim Deputy Director, Heat in Buildings Delivery, and Stephen Lea-Ross, Director, Cladding Remediation, Scottish Government.

**4. Draft Climate Change Plan:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 2.**5. Budget Scrutiny 2026-27:** The Committee will consider the evidence it heard earlier under agenda item 3.**Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee****3rd Meeting, 2026**

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 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in private.

**2. Instruments subject to affirmative procedure:** The Committee will consider the following—

[Food Supplements \(Magnesium L-threonate monohydrate\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Scottish Aggregates Tax \(Applicable Rate of Tax\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Animal Health \(Fixed Penalty Notices\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Visitor Levy \(Scotland\) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982 \(Licensing of Non-surgical Procedures\) Order 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)  
[Social Security \(Residence and Presence Requirements\) \(Miscellaneous Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/Draft)

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

[Firefighters' Pension Scheme \(Scotland\) Amendment Order 2025](#) (SSI 2025/406)  
[Local Governance \(Scotland\) Act 2004 \(Remuneration\) Amendment Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/1)

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

[Education \(Scotland\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Transitory Provisions\) Regulations 2026](#) (SSI 2026/2 (C.1))

**5. Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1.

**6. Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee will consider the delegated powers provisions in this Bill after Stage 2.

**7. Railways Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

**8. Crime and Policing Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the third supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum and powers to make subordinate legislation within devolved competence in the Bill.

**9. Finance (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee will consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the delegated power within devolved competence in the Bill.

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