



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 16, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 17 June 2025

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2:00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Neil Crabtree, Conflict Negotiator, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18001—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 June 2025—

(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 Parliament Corporate Body Questions

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliament 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

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2024-25.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Delivering Reform and Renewal for Health and Social Care.

**6. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-17968—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.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Scottish Languages Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 17, 18, 1, 2, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 3, 11, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 12, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 61 and 62.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

59 (For 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 15, Abstentions 0)

63 (For 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 13, Abstentions 0)

64 (For 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 12, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

13 (For 13, Against 91 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
15 (For 12, Against 93 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
22 (For 38, Against 68 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
23 (For 12, Against 94 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn:  
58.

The following amendments were not moved: 14, 16, 65, 29 and 60.

**8. Scottish Languages Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-17966—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Languages Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112 (including 2 proxies), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**9. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-18002— 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.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.17pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 8 and 9 as noted above.

**12. Ongoing Crisis in Gaza:** The Parliament debated S6M-17933 in the name of Bill Kidd—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.

**13. Motion without Notice:** Bill Kidd moved a motion without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 7.36 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
17 June 2025

**Appendix**  
**(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)**

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 17 June 2025—

Criminal Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Report on the  
Home Detention Curfew (Amendment of Specified Time Periods) (Scotland)  
Order 2025 [draft] (SP Paper 827)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 June 2025 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/179 (C. 19))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 16 June 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Report by Fife Valuation Joint Board on the number of assessors and availability of resources 2025 (FVJB/2025/01)** laid under Section 24 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 17 June 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Best Start, Bright Futures: Tackling Child Poverty Progress Report 2024-25 (SG/2025/129)** laid under Section 10 of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

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