



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

18 March 2025

### Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Sharon Dowey
- Martin Whitfield
- Gillian Mackay

### Apologies:

- Alexander Burnett

### Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

### Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Joanne Kendall
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright

### Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 11 March.

## Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau confirmed the programme of business for the week beginning 17 March and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning and 24 and 31 March.
3. Business Managers noted that Members Business in the week beginning 24 March would be—
  - Tuesday 25 March: Elena Whitham: Shelter Scotland-commissioned Research Regarding Children’s Experiences in Temporary Accommodation.
  - Wednesday 26 March: Maggie Chapman: Ending Destitution in Scotland – a Road Map for Policymakers.
  - Thursday 27 March: Liz Smith: 300 Years of the Black Watch.

## Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that it agrees, under Rule 9.6.1, that the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

## Agenda item 4 – Consideration of a Bill at Stage 2

5. The Bureau agreed to refer the Education (Scotland) Bill back to the Education, Children and Young People Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 9 May 2025.

## Agenda item 5 – Approval of SSIs

6. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged—
  - The Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025.
  - The Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2025.
  - The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025.
  - The National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2025.

## Agenda item 6 – Correspondence from the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

7. Business Managers agreed a response to the Citizens Participation and Public Petitions Committee. Sharon Dowey dissented from one paragraph of the response.

## Agenda item 7 — Appointment of Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

8. Business Managers agreed to a motion being laid for debate during the week beginning 31 March 2025.

Katy Orr  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
March 2025