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(Standing Orders and Parliamentary Publications) Order 1999

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**THE SCOTLAND ACT 1998 (TRANSITORY AND
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4. A nomination shall be valid only if it is seconded...
5. A member nominated as a candidate must take the oath...
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 6. Where a party or group representative ceases to hold office...
 7. A party or group representative may arrange for another member...
 1. Rule 5.3 Procedure of Parliamentary Bureau
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 3. The Parliamentary Bureau shall not consider any business if the...
 4. Matters to be decided by the Parliamentary Bureau shall, in...
 5. A party or group representative shall carry one vote for...
 6. A deputy Presiding Officer may attend any meeting of the...
 7. The Parliamentary Bureau may invite members who are not members...
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 3. The business programme shall be notified to members in the...
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 3. The Parliament may, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau,...
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 1. Rule 5.6 Special cases of Parliamentary business
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 1. Rule 5.7 Programme of the Scottish Executive
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 1. Rule 5.8 Financial business

2. “Consideration of financial proposals” means consideration by committees of documents...
3. “Consideration of draft budgets” means consideration by committees of documents...
4. “Financial year” means the year beginning on 1st April.
 1. Rule 5.9 Business Bulletin
 2. The Business Bulletin shall include— (a) the business programme;
 3. The Business Bulletin shall be issued to members by whatever...
 4. The Clerk shall keep the Business Bulletin under review and...

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3. The Parliamentary Bureau may, whether in response to such a...
4. A committee established by the Parliament to deal with a...
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 1. Rule 6.2 Functions of all committees
 2. In particular, each committee shall conduct such inquiries into such...
 1. Rule 6.3 Membership of committees
 2. Each committee shall have at least than 5 but not...
 3. A member may indicate to the Parliamentary Bureau his or...
 4. In proposing a member to be a committee member, the...
 5. A committee member shall serve as a member of a...
 6. A committee member may not be represented at a meeting...
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 2. Where the Committee considers it appropriate, it may by motion...
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 3. In these Rules, “public expenditure” means expenditure of the Scottish...
 1. Rule 6.7 Audit Committee
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 1. Rule 6.8 European Committee
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 3. The convener of the Committee shall not be the convener...
 4. The Parliamentary Bureau shall normally propose a person to be...
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3. The Presiding Officer may order a member to stop speaking...
4. A speaker may not be interrupted except by the Presiding...
1. Rule 7.3 Order in the chamber
2. Members shall at all times conduct themselves in an orderly...
3. Any member who is in breach of paragraph 2 may...
4. A motion under paragraph 3(b) may not be amended. If...
1. Rule 7.4 Disturbances
1. Rule 7.5 Sub judice
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3. Where any member refers to a matter in relation to...
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3. Where these Rules provide for a motion of a committee...
1. Rule 8.2 Notice of motions
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3. The Clerk may refuse to accept notice of a motion...
4. Any member may indicate his or her support for a...
5. The text of a motion and the name of the...
6. Normally, a motion shall not be taken before the sitting...
7. Where time has been allocated for a debate on a...
1. Rule 8.3 Motions taken by the Parliament
2. When a motion is taken by the Parliament the motion...
3. Before the member moves the motion, he or she may...
4. Immediately after the motion is moved, the Presiding Officer may...
5. All motions may be debated, except as provided in these...
6. After a motion is moved, it may be withdrawn by...
7. After the debate has been closed or, where there is...
1. Rule 8.4 Amendments to motions
2. A motion without notice may be amended without notice.
1. Rule 8.5 Notice of amendments
2. An amendment shall— (a) be in English;
3. The Clerk may refuse to accept notice of an amendment...
4. Any member may indicate his or her support for an...
5. The text of an amendment and the name of the...
6. The Presiding Officer shall examine all amendments of which notice...
1. Rule 8.6 Amendments taken by the Parliament
2. When an amendment is taken, it may be moved by...
3. Before the member moves the amendment, he or she may...
4. An amendment may be debated only if the motion may...
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3. A motion for a tax-varying resolution may be moved after...
 1. Rule 8.11 Business motions
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 3. Any debate on a business motion shall be restricted to...
 4. Members may propose amendments to a business motion. If, when...
 1. Rule 8.12 Motions of no confidence
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 3. Members shall normally be given at least 2 sitting days'...
 1. Rule 8.13 Procedural motions
 2. A motion referred to in paragraph 1 shall take precedence...
 1. Rule 8.14 Closure of a debate
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 3. Any member may, by motion without notice, propose that a...
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 3. A Bill may not be introduced unless it is in...
 4. A Bill must, before introduction, be signed by the member...
 5. The Clerk shall ensure that notice of the introduction of...
 6. No Bill, other than a Budget Bill, may be introduced...
 1. Rule 9.3 Accompanying documents
 2. A Bill shall on introduction be accompanied by a Financial...
 3. A Bill introduced by a member of the Scottish Executive...
 4. A Bill which contains any provision charging expenditure on the...
 5. The documents which must accompany a Bill under this Rule...
 6. A Bill may be introduced without one or more of...
 1. Rule 9.4 Printing and publishing of Bills and accompanying documents
 1. Rule 9.5 Stages of Bills
 2. A Bill which has been passed by the Parliament may...
 3. The business programme shall set out the time or times...
 4. If at any Stage a Bill falls or is rejected...
 5. A Bill introduced in any session of the Parliament falls...
 1. Rule 9.6 Stage 1
 2. The Parliamentary Bureau shall also refer any provision in the...
 3. In considering the general principles of the Bill and preparing...
 4. Once the lead committee has reported on the Bill, the...
 5. Any member may by motion propose that the Bill be...
 6. If the motion is agreed to, consideration of the Bill's...
 7. If the Parliament agrees to the Bill's general principles the...
 1. Rule 9.7 Stage 2
 2. The Presiding Officer shall be the convener of a Committee...
 3. At Stage 2, each section and schedule and the long...
 4. Unless the Parliament has decided, on a motion of the...

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5. A Bill may be amended at Stage 2. Notice of...
6. At Stage 2, amendments to any section or schedule or...
7. In addition to the provisions of Rule 12.2.2–
8. At the end of Stage 2, the Clerk shall, if...
9. If the Bill has been amended at Stage 2 so...
 1. Rule 9.8 Stage 3
 2. At Stage 3, the Parliament shall decide the question whether...
 3. A Bill may be amended at Stage 3. Notice of...
 4. The Presiding Officer may select, as he or she sees...
 5. Unless the Parliament has decided, on a motion of the...
 6. At the beginning of the debate on the question whether...
 7. This Rule, apart from paragraph 6, shall apply to the...
 8. At Stage 3 a Bill may be referred back to...
 9. If there is a division at Stage 3 on the...
10. If the result of such a division is not valid...
 1. Rule 9.9 Reconsideration of Bills passed
 2. The member in charge of a Bill may by motion...
 3. Proceedings on reconsideration shall be taken at a meeting of...
 4. A Bill may be amended on reconsideration of the Bill...
 5. After amendments have been disposed of, the Parliament shall consider...
1. Rule 9.10 Amendments to Bills
 2. Subject to paragraph 6, where a member intends to move...
 3. Notice of an amendment shall set out the text of...
 4. The convener or, as the case may be, the Presiding...
 5. An amendment is admissible unless– (a) it is not in...
 6. An amendment may be moved at Stage 2 with notice...
 7. An amendment may be made to an amendment and this...
 8. Where, at any Stage, notice of amendments to a Bill...
 9. An amendment to insert a new section or schedule shall...
10. An amendment to an amendment shall be disposed of before...
11. An amendment at any Stage which would be inconsistent with...
12. The convener or, as the case may be, the Presiding...
13. The member moving an amendment may speak in support of...
14. If a member who has given notice of an amendment...
15. An amendment may be withdrawn by the member who moved...
 1. Rule 9.11 Crown consent
 1. Rule 9.12 Financial Resolutions
 2. Where a Bill, or an amendment to a Bill, contains...
 3. Where a Bill, or an amendment to a Bill, contains...
 4. A motion for a resolution under this Rule may be...
 5. Any Bill which contains any provisions such as are mentioned...
 6. Unless the Parliament passes a resolution required in relation to...
 1. Rule 9.13 Withdrawal of Bills
 1. Rule 9.14 Member’s Bills
 2. Each member may introduce no more than 2 Member’s Bills...
 3. A member who is not a member of the Scottish...
 4. Any other member may notify the Clerk of his or...
 5. A Member’s Bill may be introduced by a member only...
 6. If the proposal has not by the end of that...
 1. Rule 9.15 Committee Bills
 2. A committee may make a proposal for a Bill in...
 3. For the purposes of deciding whether to make a proposal...
 4. Any member may submit to the Parliamentary Bureau a draft...

5. A proposal for a Bill under this Rule shall be...
 6. A time shall be appointed in the business programme for...
 7. If the Parliament agrees to the proposal, the convener of...
 8. At Stage 1 of a Committee Bill, the Bill shall...
 1. Rule 9.16 Budget Bills
 2. A Budget Bill may be introduced only by a member...
 3. At Stage 1 of a Budget Bill, the Bill shall...
 4. The requirement in Rule 9.5.3 that there be at least...
 5. Stage 3 shall begin no earlier than 20 days after...
 6. Amendments to a Budget Bill may be moved, and notice...
 7. If a Budget Bill is dependent upon the Parliament passing...
 8. If a Budget Bill falls or is rejected at any...
 1. Rule 9.17 Private Bills
 2. A Private Bill may be introduced in the Parliament only...
 3. A Private Bill introduced in the Parliament shall be signed...
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 5. If any requirement imposed by the committee is not complied...
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 3. Where a Consolidation Bill has been introduced in the Parliament,...
 4. In proposing the membership of a Consolidation Committee under Rule...
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 3. Stage 2 of an Emergency Bill shall be taken by...
 4. The requirement in Rule 9.5.3 that there be at least...
 5. Unless the Parliament decides otherwise on a motion of the...
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 3. Where any instrument or draft instrument is laid before the...
 1. Rule 10.2 Lead committee
 2. Where the subject matter of the instrument falls within the...
 1. Rule 10.3 Subordinate Legislation Committee
 2. The Committee shall report its decision with its reasons in...
 1. Rule 10.4 Motion for annulment
 2. In addition to the provisions of Rule 12.2.2, that member...
 3. The lead committee shall report to the Parliament on the...
 4. If the lead committee makes a recommendation as mentioned in...
 1. Rule 10.5 Motion that draft instrument be not made or submitted
 2. In addition to the provisions of Rule 12.2.2, that member...
 3. The lead committee shall report to the Parliament on the...
 4. If the lead committee recommends that the instrument be not...
 1. Rule 10.6 Motion for approval
 2. Any member of the Scottish Executive or junior Scottish Minister...
 3. In addition to the provisions of Rule 12.2.2, that member...

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4. The lead committee shall report to the Parliament on the...
 5. If the lead committee recommends that the draft instrument be...
 1. Rule 10.7 Instruments considered by the Parliament
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 1. Rule 10.11 Calculation of days
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 2. A matter requiring a decision of the Parliament shall be...
 3. Where any question requires to be put to the Parliament,...
 1. Rule 11.2 Decision Time
 2. Decision Time is the period which normally begins at 17:00...
 3. Normally, Decision Time shall end not later than 30 minutes...
 4. The Parliament may, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau,...
 5. The Parliament may, on a motion of any member moved...
 6. Where— (a) a motion is listed on the daily business...
 1. Rule 11.3 Decisions at times other than Decision Time
 2. The Presiding Officer shall put the question on an amendment...
 3. Decisions may, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, be...
 1. Rule 11.4 Order in which questions are put
 2. Questions on amendments to a motion shall be put in...
 3. If any member disagrees with the question put under paragraph...
 4. The provisions of this Rule shall apply to amendments to...
 1. Rule 11.5 Right to vote
 2. A member shall vote only in person and shall not...
 3. A member may vote although he or she did not...
 4. A member shall vote only once on any question.
 5. Except in the case of a vote of an election...
 1. Rule 11.6 Divisions
 2. The Presiding Officer shall repeat the question. The Presiding Officer...
 3. Once the Presiding Officer has repeated the question, no-one except...
 4. Points of order concerning the validity of the division may...
 5. The Presiding Officer shall establish the numerical result of the...
 6. In the event of a tie, the Presiding Officer shall...
 1. Rule 11.7 Manner of voting
 2. If it appears to the Presiding Officer that the electronic...
 3. In a roll call vote, the roll shall be called...
 1. Rule 11.8 Committees
 2. The convener shall put the question on an amendment to...
 3. Except as provided in any direction given to a committee...
 4. Rule 11.5 applies where members vote in a committee or...
 5. Rules 11.4 and 11.11 shall apply to the taking of...
 1. Rule 11.9 Election of Presiding Officer and deputy Presiding Officers
 2. The vote at an election shall be by secret ballot...
 3. The result of any vote under this Rule is valid...
 4. Each candidate may appoint a member to act as a...
 5. Any member may, at the beginning of a round of...
 6. Where there is only one candidate in a round of...
 7. Where there is more than one candidate in a round...
 8. Where there are two candidates in a round of voting,...
 9. Where there are more than 2 candidates in a round...
 10. Where there are more than 2 candidates in a round...

11. Where in any round of voting the candidates all receive...
12. A candidate may withdraw his or her candidature at any...
13. In counting the votes, the Clerk may disregard any ballot...
14. When a candidate has been elected in accordance with this...
15. Where no candidate is elected at an election held in...
16. Following a declaration that a candidate has been elected or...
 1. Rule 11.10 Election of members of Parliamentary corporation and selection of First Minister
 2. Voting under this Rule shall be held using the electronic...
 3. A member may only vote once in a round of...
 4. The result of any vote under this Rule is valid...
 5. Where there is only one candidate in a round of...
 6. Where there is more than one candidate in a round...
 7. Where there are 2 candidates in a round of voting,...
 8. Where there are more than 2 candidates in a round...
 9. Where there are more than 2 candidates in any round...
10. Where in any round of voting the candidates all receive...
11. A candidate may withdraw his or her candidature at any...
12. When a candidate has been elected or selected in accordance...
13. Where no candidate is elected at an election or selected...
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 2. A simple majority means that the number of members voting...
 3. An absolute majority means that the number of members voting...

CHAPTER 12: — COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

1. Rule 12.1 Conveners of committees
2. The Parliament shall decide, for each committee, on a motion...
3. In making a proposal under paragraph 2, the Parliamentary Bureau...
4. At the first meeting of a committee after it is...
5. The convener of a committee shall be a member of...
6. The convener of a committee shall hold office for the...
7. Where the convener of a committee ceases to hold office,...
8. Each committee shall have a deputy convener who shall be...
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