

Restricted – policy PB/S6/21/MINS/17

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 16 November 2021 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 / MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing*
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Neil Bibby
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Gary Cocker
- Polly Davidson*
- Catherine Fergusson
- Irene Fleming*
- Gail Grant*
- David McGill
- Callum Thomson*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 9 November 2021 were agreed.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Business Programme

- 3. The Bureau agreed a programme of business for the weeks commencing 15, 22 and 29 November 2021.
- 4. The Bureau discussed and noted the importance of ensuring clarity in the provision of titles and subjects for items of business and topics for debate. The Bureau also discussed the desirability of Scottish Government Ministers appearing in person to open and close debates wherever possible.
- 5. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 23 November would be Motion S6M-01310: Foysol Choudhury: Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26; on Wednesday 24 November, would be S6M-01700: David Torrance: Mouth Cancer Action Month 2021, and on Thursday 25 November would be S6M-01994: Gillian Martin: Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage as part of Scotland's Net Zero Ambitions.

Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau noted that the deadline for approving the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No.5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/359), due to be considered by the Covid-19 Recovery Committee on 18 November 2021, is Sunday 21 November 2021. The Bureau noted that, subject to the Committee recommending that the Regulations be approved, a motion to approve the SSI would be lodged and taken on Thursday 18 November 2021.

Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

- 7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Miner's Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 25 March 2022.
- The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 1 April 2022.

Catherine Fergusson Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau 16 November 2021