



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting  
1 March 2022 at 12.00 pm  
Q1.03 and MS Teams

**Present:**

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

**Also attended:**

- Gordon MacDonald

**Officials present:**

- Jennifer Bell\*
- Mark Brough
- Polly Davidson\*
- Catherine Fergusson\*
- Gary Cocker
- Irene Fleming\*
- Gail Grant\*
- Matthew Linden\*
- David McGill
- Rebecca Carradice\*
- Connor Duffy
- Jason Nairn\*
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White

## Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 22 February 2022 were agreed.

## Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a programme of business for the weeks commencing 28 February 2022, 7 March and 14 March 2022.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 8 March would be S6M-03226: Pam Gosal: Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2022, on Wednesday 9 March would be S6M-03048: Jenni Minto: Recognition of Dr Elsie Inglis, and on Thursday 10 March would be S6M-02777: Alex Rowley: Longstanding Underpayment of Social Care Staff.
4. The Minister gave advance notice to the Bureau that no business would be proposed on the date of the local government elections (Thursday 5 May 2022).
5. Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby requested a Ministerial Statement on the National Economic Strategy, which had been announced by a Government Initiated Question. The Minister said he would discuss the request with colleagues.
6. Stephen Kerr noted the Minister's responses to his written requests for Ministerial Statements, and asked the Minister to reconsider a Ministerial Statement on Moray maternity services. The Minister said he would look again at the request.

## Timetabling of Bill at Stage 1

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a Stage 1 deadline of Friday 1 April 2022 for the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) (Scotland) Bill.

## Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following SSIs would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 2 March:
  - Aquaculture and Fisheries etc. (Scheme for Financial Assistance) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
  - Community Care (Personal Regulations 2022 (SSI 2021/Draft)

9. Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby reserved their party's positions on the Aquaculture and Fisheries etc. (Scheme for Financial Assistance) (Scotland) Regulations 2022.

## **LCM Referral**

10. The Bureau agreed to recommend designating the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee as the lead committee for the LCM on the High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester) Bill (UK Legislation).
11. The Bureau also agreed to recommend suspending Rule 9B.3.5 in relation to the second supplementary LCM on the Professional Qualifications Bill.

## **Officeholder appointment**

12. The Bureau noted that Joe FitzPatrick MSP would lodge a motion on behalf of the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body to nominate the successful candidate to Her Majesty for appointment as the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the motion would be taken in the Chamber next week.

Catherine Fergusson  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
1 March 2022