



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 102, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 25 April 2024

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. The Need for New Railway Stations North of the Central Belt:** The Parliament debated S6M-12727 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament welcomes the recent Nestrans report that recommends that the potential new railway stations at Cove and Newtonhill should undergo a detailed appraisal; notes the view that there is a desperate need for these communities to be linked up with the rail network after, it considers, years of transport funding being directed to the Central Belt; understands that over 1,550 people have signed a petition calling on the stations to be opened, and thanks the Campaign for North East Rail and local residents for their tireless campaigning on this issue.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise (Natalie Don) moved S6M-12944—That the Parliament agrees that the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.01pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
25 April 2024

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 April 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Damages (Review of Rate of Return) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under paragraph 31(2) of schedule B1 of the Damages Act 1996

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 25 April 2024—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Victims and Prisoners Bill (UK
Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-45)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 April 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan 2024-28 (SG/2024/72) laid under Section 7 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2023 (SG/2024/70) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/67) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West Lothian College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/68) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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