



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 61, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 16 December 2021

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Edington Hospital: The Parliament debated S6M-01177 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament notes that the decision has been taken to close six inpatient beds at Edington Hospital, North Berwick, which is NHS Lothian's last cottage hospital, and relocate them from 13 September to the East Lothian Community Hospital on a temporary basis due to workforce pressures; understands that this move has taken place without any community consultation and has raised concerns about the long-term future of the Edington in the community; notes that an online petition, Save the Edington Hospital, has already received over 5,000 signatures; believes that this acts as a demonstration of the level of concern about the move; recognises the hospital's long history in North Berwick and that the construction of it was made possible by a bequest from Miss Elizabeth Edington of Ethandune, Dirleton Court, North Berwick; notes that building work commenced in 1912 and that the hospital was officially opened in 1913; believes that it has been providing good patient care for the population of East Lothian for almost 111 years and that it has been a well-valued and supported service in the town, with its closure leaving many upset and feeling disadvantaged; further believes that the service provided by the Edington Hospital is important, and notes the view that services for communities in East Lothian must be retained, in light of the growing population in the area.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Shaping Parliamentary Procedures and Practices for the Future: The Parliament debated Shaping Parliamentary Procedures and Practices for the Future on behalf of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee.

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02563—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 December 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A New Deal for Tenants

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting and Improving the Water Environment

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

3.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 December

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 11 January 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 12 January 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 13 January 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 December 2021, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02565—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02566—That the Parliament agrees that the Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on items 7 and 8 as noted above and then, under Standing Orders Rule 11.2.5, took a decision on items 3 and 4 debated on 15 December 2021.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
16 December 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 16 December 2021—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 22nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 December 2021 (SP Paper 68)

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 10th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 16 December 2021 (SP Paper 69)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Complaint against Adam Tomkins (SP Paper 70)

Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/475)
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2021 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(j) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012
and section 9E(4) of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995

Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]
laid under section 1(3) of the Court of Session Act 1988

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022 [draft]
laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI 2021/1455)

laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/472 (C. 34))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2021 SG/2021/382 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Government Response to Scotland's Climate Assembly: Recommendations for Action SG/2021/379 laid under Section 9 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/378 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 SG/2021/386 laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 SG/2021/385 laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/264 laid under section 43 (5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

The 2020/21 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts SG/2021/349 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Non-Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/347 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/346 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/345 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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