



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 55, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 13 December 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Neil Gardner, Minister, Canongate Kirk, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and the Lord Advocate.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Medication Assisted Treatment and Workforce Update.
- 4. Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-07210—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-06641—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill, agrees—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Revised Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07236—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 15 December 2022—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.44 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

9. Free Rail Travel for Blind and Partially Sighted People and Companions: The Parliament debated S6M-06145 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament notes that there is no national entitlement to free rail travel for companions under the National (Scotland) Concessionary Travel for Blind Persons card; understands that this is in contrast to the provision afforded to bus travel; is concerned that cost was named by more disabled people than non-disabled people as a reason not to use the train in the 2021 Scottish Household Survey; believes that a national rail concession policy for companions would improve safety, access to employment and social connections for the estimated 180,000 people living with sight loss in Scotland, including in the Central Scotland region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to establish a national policy.

The meeting closed at 5.21 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
13 December 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 9 December 2022—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment
Regulations 2023 (SP Paper 279)

The following report was published on 13 December 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th Report, 2022 (Session
6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 13 December 2022 (SP Paper 280)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 12 December 2022—

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands: Legislative
Consent Memorandum on the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill
(UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-32)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2022 and
is subject to the affirmative procedure—

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for
Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2022 and
are subject to the affirmative procedure—

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Council Tax Reduction
Review Panel) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Valuation for Rating Appeal Functions of the
Lands Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Valuation Appeals
Committees) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 9 December 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/363)
laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries
(Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure)
Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/364)
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Local Taxation Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2022
(SSI 2022/365)
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/369)
laid under section 3ZA(10)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2022 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/368)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Valuation Roll and Valuation Notice (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/370)
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 9 December 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/35) laid under
Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended
31 March 2022 (SG/2022/235)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/289) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Public Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/290) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/298) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/297) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/291) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 12 December 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Transvaginal Mesh Removal Reimbursement Scheme (No.2) 2022 (SG/2022/292) laid under Section 2(2)(a) of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Act 2022

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