



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 10 February 2022

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. Online Pimping:** The Parliament debated S6M-02911 in the name of Ruth Maguire— That the Parliament commends the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation for its inquiry into pimping websites and its report, *Online Pimping: An Inquiry into Sexual Exploitation Advertising Websites*; understands that pimping websites, which profit from advertising individuals for prostitution, operate with impunity in Scotland, including in the Cunninghame South constituency; considers that pimping websites facilitate demand for prostitution by enabling men who pay for sex to quickly and anonymously locate women to sexually exploit; believes that pimping websites facilitate and incentivise sex trafficking by centralising and concentrating demand online and making it quick and easy to advertise victims; understands that the Scottish Government recognises prostitution as a form of violence against women; notes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to develop a model for Scotland to challenge men's demand for prostitution, and notes the view that the new model for Scotland must outlaw online pimping in order to deter demand and prevent sex trafficking.

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

5. Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation): The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-03124—That the Parliament notes the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Professional Qualifications Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 28 January 2022, and the reports of both the Economy and Fair Work Committee and the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee of 22 November 2021 and 23 September 2021, and calls on the UK Government to amend clause 16 (formerly 14) of the Professional Qualifications Bill to require UK Ministers to secure the consent of Scottish Ministers before acting in areas of devolved competence.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

6. Budget (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Budget (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

7. Budget (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-03081—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

8. Health and Care Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-03054—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Health and Care Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 6 July 2021, relating to regulation of healthcare and associated professions; food information for consumers: power to amend retained EU law; international healthcare arrangements; Medicine Information Systems; virginity testing offences: Scotland; hymenoplasty offences: Scotland; Secretary of State’s power to transfer or delegate functions; and information about payments etc to persons in the health care sector, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive function of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
10 February 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 10 February 2022—

Education Children and Young People Committee, 2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Impact of Covid-19 on children and young people (SP Paper 101)

Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 February 2022 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/53)
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 10 February 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/47)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/48)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Relief for New and Improved Properties) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/49)
laid under section 14 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/51)
laid under section 24(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/52)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 10 February 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system February 2022 SG/2022/11 laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

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