



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 73, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 25 January 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Sarah Bateman and Andrei Martin, Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02933—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 25 January 2022—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

(b) Wednesday 26 January 2022—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and the Economy

insert

*followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting the Transition to Zero Emission Vehicles: The Scottish Government's Vision for the Future Public Electric Vehicle Charging Network*

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister and a Cabinet Secretary.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-02926—That the Parliament agrees that Neil Gray be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**6. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 49, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

2 (For 49, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-02895—That the Parliament agrees that the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02934—That the Parliament agrees that—

Elena Whitham be appointed to replace Neil Gray as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Graeme Dey be appointed to replace Elena Whitham as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Collette Stevenson be appointed to replace Elena Whitham as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**10. My Breath is My Life:** The Parliament debated S6M-02730 in the name of Jackie Dunbar—That the Parliament notes the conclusion of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation project, My Breath is My Life; understands that the project was launched in September 2018 for a three-year period and was funded by a £136,560 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; recognises that the project involved the delivery of asthma training to children, parents and teachers across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, including within the Aberdeen Donside constituency, to help people understand asthma, identify symptoms and triggers, and learn how to manage the condition; welcomes that the project delivered workshops to 14,962 pupils, with training provided to 572 teachers and 228 pupil support assistants; understands that the project further supported 1,301 children and young people with asthma, and 396 parents of children with asthma; notes the feedback received for the project, which included calls for it to be made available nationally; acknowledges the calls for greater understanding of asthma among GPs, frontline health professionals and education staff, and wishes the charity every success in its continued efforts to improve awareness and understanding of asthma as a condition.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
25 January 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 21 January 2022—

Scottish Commission for Public Audit, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Audit Scotland Budget Proposal for 2022-23 (SP Paper 87)

The following report was published on 24 January 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill (SP Paper 89)

The following reports were published on 25 January 2022—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on Petition PE1817: End Conversion Therapy (SP Paper 88)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 January 2022 (SP Paper 90)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]  
laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 January 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/18)  
laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 25 January 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Law Commission - Automated Vehicles: joint report SG/2022/15** laid  
under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

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