



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 62, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 11 January 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. The Fourth National Planning Framework:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-07442—That the Parliament gives its approval, as required by section 3CA(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, to the draft revised National Planning Framework 4 laid in the Parliament by the Scottish Government on 8 November 2022, enabling the Scottish Ministers to proceed to adopt and publish the Framework in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 30, Abstentions 1).

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07457—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving the Education and Life Chances of all Children and Young People

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE:1865 Suspend all Surgical Mesh and Fixation Devices

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Carbon Neutral Islands Project - First Steps Towards Decarbonisation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)  
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill  
followed by Committee Announcements  
followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget  
2023-24

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 January 2023, 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.

**4. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07458—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 April 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07459—That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance (Low Income) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 52).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07460—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Debt Arrangement Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5 and 6 as noted above.

**8. Long and Short Term Improvements Required on A75:** The Parliament debated S6M-07301 in the name of Finlay Carson—That the Parliament notes the view that the Scottish Government needs to work with the UK Government to deliver what it considers much needed improvements on the A75, which were identified and recommended in the Sir Peter Hendy Union Connectivity Review and the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (STPR2); further notes the view that, given the recent accident in Crocketford village, average speed cameras should be installed in what it understands to be the only two communities still not served by a bypass on the whole length of this international European E-road E18, running from Craigavon in Northern Ireland, through Scotland, Norway, Sweden and Finland, before ending in St Peterburg, Russia, and notes that, according to figures from Transport Scotland in its report, Transporting Scotland's Trade, the A75, along with the A77, carry an estimated combined total of £67 million worth of goods on a daily basis which flow through the port of Cairnryan.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
11 January 2023

## **Appendix**

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

### **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 11 January 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6):  
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant  
to Scotland in the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (SP Paper 294)

### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 11 January 2023 and is  
not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**HM Revenue & Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2021-22  
(SG/2023/015)** laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the  
Finance Act 2014

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