



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 64, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 17 January 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Tom Kisitu, Minister, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Improving the Education and Life Chances of all Children and Young People.
- 4. PE1865 Suspend all Surgical Mesh and Fixation Devices:** Jackson Carlaw moved S6M-07487—That the Parliament notes public petition PE1865 on suspending the use of all surgical mesh and fixation devices while a review of all surgical procedures which use polyester, polypropylene or titanium is carried out, and guidelines for the surgical use of mesh are established.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Secretary of State for Scotland making an order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998, preventing the Scottish Parliament's Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill from proceeding to Royal Assent, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison).

**6. Committee Announcement:** Siobhian Brown, on behalf of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee, made an announcement on its Inquiry into Long COVID.

**7. Revised Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07545—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 18 January 2023—

after

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Debate: Addressing the Crisis in the NHS and Social Care

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish and UK Government Selection of Green Freeports

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

**9. Ferrier Family Raises £30,280.90 for Cardiomyopathy UK:** The Parliament debated S6M-06325 in the name of Evelyn Tweed—That the Parliament congratulates the Ferrier family from Doune and Deanston on their incredible efforts raising £30,280.90 for Cardiomyopathy UK, which will assist the charity in providing support advice and nursing support; understands that the Ferrier family began fundraising following the death of Callum Ferrier on 12 February 2008, and that Callum, a 6-foot-tall rugby player, aged 16, went to bed complaining of a headache and was found the next day by his dad, having died from cardiomyopathy, something the family had never heard of; further understands that, since Callum's death, the family has focused on fundraising for Cardiomyopathy UK through arranging ceilidhs, treks of the Sahara, Machu Picchu and the Great Wall of China, coffee mornings, Tough Mudder competitions, running the Stirling and London marathons and the Great British 10k Run, kids treasure hunts, a skydive, funeral collections, online collections, a Gargunnoch songster concert and supper, selling wristbands, raffles, a fashion show and dinner, barn dance and many more fundraising efforts; understands that the family has had assistance from a number of individuals and businesses to help in their fundraising including Craig Johnstone, Craig Mair of Skelpit Lug Ceilidh Band, St. Modans High School, Souters, Gargunnoch Songsters choir, Graeme Morgan of Natural Choice, Doune, Woodlane of Doune and McLaren

Rugby Club; notes that cardiomyopathy is a disease of the heart muscle, with “cardio” meaning heart, “myo” muscle and “pathy” disease, and that it is not a single condition, but a group of conditions that affect the structure of the heart and reduce its ability to pump blood around the body, and understands that it affects around 1 in 250 people in the UK.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

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

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

### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 16 January 2023—

Criminal Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Public Order Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 295)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (SP Paper 296)

The following reports were published on 17 January 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 10 January 2023 (SP Paper 297)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations Order 2022 [Draft] (SP Paper 298)

### **Subordinate Legislation**

#### **Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 January 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/6)  
laid under paragraph 5 of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

#### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 13 January 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 Section 142 Guidance for Licensing Boards (SG/2023/020)** laid under section 142(6) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 16 January 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2023/021)** laid under paragraph 15(1) of Schedule 1 to the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000



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