



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 17 March 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. Fair Trade Pledge: The Parliament debated S6M-02864 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Fair Trade Forum works closely with parliamentarians from all parties to support actions to improve the livelihoods of farmers and workers who consumers, including those in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, rely on to produce many every-day foods and products; recognises what it understands to be the Fair Trade Pledge, to ensure better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers; understands that the pledge also includes the selling and buying of Fairtrade products, from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, and encouraging consumers to look for the Fairtrade Mark; welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to further progress Scotland's potential to achieve inclusive growth through the delivery of increased sales and awareness of Fairtrade products, and notes the view that these actions, which were adopted in the International Development Strategy published in 2016 and are planned up to 2030, are key actions in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Subsidy Control Bill (UK Legislation): The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-03647—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 25 October 2021; agrees not to give consent to the Subsidy Control Bill, as recommended in the report by the Economy and Fair Work Committee of 9 February 2022, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Subsidy Control Bill to remove agriculture from its scope, to provide equivalent powers to ministers in devolved administrations to those proposed for UK ministers, and to make it a requirement for it to seek the consent of the Scottish Ministers if it plans legislation that would impinge on devolved areas, to properly respect devolved responsibilities.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

6. Delivering on Active Travel Commitments: The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) moved S6M-03650—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's record investment in active travel in 2022-23, which includes new funding for footpaths, significantly increased funding for local authorities and more than doubling the funding to the National Cycle Network; recognises the unprecedented ambition of the Co-operation Agreement commitment to invest at least £320 million, or 10% of the transport budget, for active travel by 2024-25 as a means of improving health and wellbeing, enhancing the quality of neighbourhoods, promoting social inclusion and tackling the climate emergency; further welcomes the commitment by Police Scotland to take forward the National Dashcam Safety Portal Initiative; agrees that prioritising walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport and reducing private car trips will be essential to cutting transport emissions and achieving Scotland's climate targets; acknowledges the leadership shown to date by local and community partners, and hopes that all future local authority administrations will recommit to this leadership and achieve rapid delivery of active travel schemes on the ground.

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-03650.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03650 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Delivering on Active Travel Commitments), leave out from "the Scottish" to end and insert "increased spending on active travel as called for by the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and others; believes that cycling, walking and wheeling can contribute to people's health and wellbeing; further believes that every schoolchild should have the opportunity to benefit from cycle training; welcomes moves to encourage people to travel, particularly short distances, without the use of a motor vehicle, but accepts that for many people the car is essential; believes that increasing rates of active travel can help to fight climate change, but calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that local authorities have the necessary resources to improve their active travel infrastructure, and further believes that failing to do so will run the risk that there will be a postcode lottery of exemplar projects in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-03650.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03650 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Delivering on Active Travel Commitments), insert at end “; notes the cross-party support for 10% of the transport budget being allocated to active travel; recognises that wider cuts to local authority budgets hamper active travel, including safety concerns from a lack of adequate lighting; notes the important link between public transport and active travel and recognises that cutting train services will not encourage a reduction in car use; considers that improvements to roads and pavements are necessary to improve levels of active and sustainable travel, and further considers that, if the Scottish Government is serious about promoting active travel, it should fulfil its commitment to provide access to bikes for every child who cannot afford one by the end of 2022.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

7. Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill - UK Legislation: Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) moved S6M-03612—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 18 June 2021, relating to culture and protection of cultural objects, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill: Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03677—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration at stage 1 of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the third sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Parliamentary Bureau Motions: Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03678—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/53) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
17 March 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 17 March 2022—

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 17 March 2022 (SP Paper 138)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 17 March 2022 (SP Paper 140)

The following report will be published on 18 March 2022—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2022 (SP Paper 133)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 March 2022 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 March 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Official Controls (Transitional Staging Period) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/90)

laid under paragraph 1(1) and (3) of schedule 2 and paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/97)

laid under sections 113B(2)(b) and 125(5) of the Police Act 1997

National Health Service Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/100)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Police Pensions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/101)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/102)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/103)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 March 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/99)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 17 March 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Statement of Reasons: The Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 SG/2022/47 laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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