



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 85, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 14 March 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Father Gregory E Umunna, Parish Priest, St. Stephen's Parish Blairgowrie, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-08205—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 13 June 2022; agrees not to give consent to the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Bill to confer the power in clause 1 solely on the Scottish Ministers in relation to devolved matters, or to otherwise make it a requirement for it to secure the consent of the Scottish Ministers when making provision within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, in order to properly respect devolved responsibilities.

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-08205.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08205 in the name of Ivan McKee (Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill - UK Legislation), leave out from “confer” to end and insert “ensure the referral of the use of powers in clause 1 to the Scottish Ministers when making provisions within the Scottish Parliament's devolved legislative competence, or to otherwise make it a requirement for UK ministers, when making provision within the legislative competence of the

Scottish Parliament, to be subject to the scrutiny and approval of the Scottish Parliament, in order to properly respect devolved responsibilities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

4. The Role of Local Government and its Cross-sectoral Partners in Financing and Delivering a Net-zero Scotland: Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, moved S6M-08209—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's 1st Report, 2023 (Session 6), The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland (SP Paper 302).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08228—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 16 March 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Update

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08229—That the Parliament –

(a) the following programme of—

Tuesday 21 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Care for People with Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Expansion of Vocational and Technical Qualifications in Scotland's Secondary Schools

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by First Minister's Statement: Historical Adoption Practices

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Transition to a Wellbeing Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Statement by the First Minister

followed by Response to the First Minister's Statement

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Employment Support for Veterans and their Families

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 20 March 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.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08230—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 15.2.1 of Standing Orders be suspended on 15 March 2023.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 7 as noted above.

9. International Long Covid Day: The Parliament debated S6M-07996 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament recognises that 15 March 2023 is International Long Covid Day; understands that, in Scotland, it is estimated that 187,000 people have long COVID; further understands that there is currently no simple cure and that long COVID can affect people of any age and background, including children, regardless of the severity of their original COVID-19 symptoms; considers, with regret, that the funding available for treatment, support and clinical research, remains too low; is concerned at reports that there is an increasing postcode lottery for specialist NHS services in Scotland for the diagnosis and treatment of the condition, potentially leading to inequalities in patient outcomes; notes the belief that key workers with occupational long COVID should receive compensation and pension entitlements; further notes the view that more should be done in respect of improving air quality through CO2 monitoring and HEPA filtration in schools and public buildings, and notes the view that more work is needed to understand and treat what it sees as an often debilitating illness.

10. Motion without Notice: Jackie Baillie moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.27 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
14 March 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 10 March 2023—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation: The Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower
Rate) Order 2023 (SP Paper 337)

The following report was published on 13 March 2023—

Education and Children and Young People Committee, 12th Report, 2023
(Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Provision of Early Learning and
Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SP Paper
330)

The following reports were published on 14 March 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Net Zero, Energy and Transport
Committee on 28 February 2023 (SP Paper 332)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security
Committee on 23 February 2023 (SP Paper 333)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security
Committee on 23 February 2023 (SP Paper 334)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 13 March 2023 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3) (Scotland) Regulations 2023
(SSI 2023/72 (C.6))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 March 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited, Annual Report and Financial Statements, 31 March 2022 (SG/2023/70) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2021/22 Audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited (SG/2023/71) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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