

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 88, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 12 March 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend David Watson, Minister, Cumbrae, Fairlie and Largs Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- **3.** Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved S6M-12450—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **4.** Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved S6M-12440—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—
- (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and
- (b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.47 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
- 7. Flood Management: The Parliament debated S6M-12335 in the name of Willie Rennie— That the Parliament understands that the changing climate of Scotland has meant that the frequency of severe storms has increased, with more and more areas facing a high risk of flooding; considers that communities like Cupar and Brechin have already been severely impacted by flooding events, with people reportedly forced to evacuate homes and close businesses due to the damage caused; notes the belief that river catchment plans should be developed to guide landowners on the steps that they should take to maintain burns and rivers; further notes the belief that grants should be available to farmers to help with the management of water on land; understands that there is the option of additional Scottish Government funding through the Bellwin scheme, and notes the calls for grants to be made available directly to flooded businesses and householders in weather events beyond those classified as Amber by the Met Office.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 12 March 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 12 March 2024—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 543)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/60) (SP Paper 544)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 18th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 12 March 2024 (SP Paper 545)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 547)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 March 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 March 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Scottish Social Services Council (Appointments, Procedure and Access to the Register) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/74)

laid under section 56(1)(b) & paragraph 7 of schedule 2 of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

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