

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 90, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 14 March 2024

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, a Minister and the Solicitor General.
- **2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Young Carers Action Day 2024: The Parliament debated S6M-12162 in the name of Karen Adam—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the importance of the Carers Trust annual Young Carers Action Day, which takes place on 13 March 2024; further notes that the Young Carers Action Day 2024 theme is "fair futures for young carers", which, it understands, will focus on why caring should not be a barrier to learning, earning or being able to get on in life, and thanks young carers for what it sees as the positive role that they play in providing kinship care and the positive role that they place in society.
- **4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Minister.
- **5.** Addressing Child Poverty through Parental Employment: Bob Doris, on behalf of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee, moved S6M-12468—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Addressing Child Poverty Through Parental Employment (SP Paper 476). The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-12479—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Investigatory Powers (Amendment) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023, relating to investigatory powers, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 14 March 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 14 March 2024—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 551)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 March 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/80) laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 March 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 13 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/79 (C.7))

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 March 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan consultation 2024/25 (CMA/2024/01) laid under Schedule 4 s13(2)(b) of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013

Fiscal Sustainability Perspectives: Climate Change - March 2024 (SFC/2024/2) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

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