

# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 91, Session 6

## **Meeting of the Parliament**

### Tuesday 19 March 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection: Ben Kane led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Revision to Business:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12565—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) to the following revision to the programme of business for—
- (i) Tuesday 19 March 2024—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

insert

- 8.45 pm Decision Time
- (ii) Wednesday 20 March 2024—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Crime Campus and Tackling Serious Organised Crime

insert

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(iii) Thursday 21 March 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill

insert

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.10 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on Thursday 21 March 2024, the words "of up to 15 minutes" in Rule 13.9.3 are suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12548—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

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Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 40 mins
Groups 4 to 6: 3 hours 15 mins
Groups 7 to 9: 4 hours 15 mins
Groups 10 to 12: 5 hours 10 mins
Groups 13 to 15: 6 hours 25 mins.
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The motion was agreed to.

5. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 52, 13, 63, 64, 15, 16, 73, 18, 19, 86, 88, 89, 21, 22, 23, 94, 95, 99, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 110 and 36.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

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40 (For 83, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 82, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
76 (For 78, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
78 (For 83, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
80 (For 84, Against 30, Abstentions 0)
87 (For 90, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
37 (For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 0)
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The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

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38 (For 18, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
39 (For 18, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
46 (For 46, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
47 (For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
48 (For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
49 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
51 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
53 (For 17, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
54 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
55 (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
56 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
57 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
58 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
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59 (For 29, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
60 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
62 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
66 (For 18, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
67A (For 48, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
68 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 48, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 17, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
72 (For 18, Against 97, Abstentions 0)
75 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
81 (For 33, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
82 (For 30, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
83 (For 30, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
84 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
85 (For 31, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
93 (For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
96 (For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
97 (For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
98 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
100 (For 47, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
27 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
101 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
102 (For 30, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
103 (For 33, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
104 (For 17, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
105 (For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
106 (For 17, Against 96, Abstentions 0).
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The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 67.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 74 and 90.

The following amendments were not moved: 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 77, 79, 17, 91, 92, 25, 26, 28, 107, 108 and 109.

**6. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 19 March 2024

## Appendix

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

### **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 15 March 2024—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 552)

The following reports were published on 18 March 2024—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 553)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 20th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 554)

The following report was published on 19 March 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 21st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 555)

## **Subordinate Legislation**

#### **Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 15 March 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/81)

laid under paragraph 10A(1) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

## **Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 18 March 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/82 (C.8))

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 15 March 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Animal Health Act 1981: Expenditure and Prosecutions – 2023 (SG/2024/17) laid under Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 18 March 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to March 2023 (SG/2024/46) laid under Section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995

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