



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 95, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 27 March 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-12640—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-12111—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 31).

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government for what reason the Chief Executive of Ferguson Marine had his contract of employment terminated yesterday, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Màiri McAllan).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12669—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's International Culture Strategy

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Automated Vehicles Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 April 2024

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 Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 April 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

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 25 April 2024

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 Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill

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 15 April 2024, 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.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12670—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 31 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12671—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament after Portfolio Questions on Thursday 28 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 7 as noted above.

9. The Economic Impact of Scotland’s Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update: The Parliament debated S6M-12237 in the name of Audrey Nicoll—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Fraser of Allander Institute report, *The Economic Impact of Scotland’s Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update*, commissioned by Scottish Renewables, which, it understands, provides the latest estimates of economic output and job figures for Scotland’s renewable energy industry; understands that the report demonstrates that Scotland’s renewable energy industry and its supply chain supported more than 42,000 full-time equivalent jobs in 2021, with offshore wind supporting the most employment across Scotland’s economy from the renewable energy sector for the first time, with 15,005 full-time equivalent roles, while onshore wind supported 12,030 full-time equivalent roles and renewable heat supported 7,220 full-time equivalent roles; recognises the report’s estimate that Scotland’s renewable energy industry supported over £10.1 billion of output in 2021, with offshore wind contributing, it understands, the largest estimated economic output of £4 billion, followed by onshore wind and hydropower, generating £3.4 billion and £1.2 billion respectively, and welcomes the continued growth of Scotland’s renewable energy industry, which, it believes, is critical not only for achieving Scotland’s energy security and net zero ambitions, but also for building a greener, growing economy that benefits communities across Scotland, including in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
27 March 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 27 March 2024—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary
Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Automated Vehicles Bill (UK
Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 561)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 March 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2022 (SG/2024/3) laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016

Consumer Scotland Work Programme 2024-2025 (CS/2024/01) laid under Consumer Scotland Act 2020 subsection (4) section 14

Laying of the Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner - Statement from the Prime Minister on 26 March 2024 (SG/2024/4) laid under section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Community Justice Scotland - Community Payback Order, Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2022-23 (SG/2024/10) laid under Section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Community Justice Outcome Activity Annual Report 2022-2023 (SG/2024/9) laid under Section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

HMICS Custody Inspection Report – Fife (HMICS/2024/01) laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

National Islands Plan: Annual Report 2023 (SG/2024/18) laid under section 5(3)(a) of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Information Commissioner – Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (SG/2024/44) laid under section 46A (1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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