



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 104, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 10 May 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill:** The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-08869—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: Financial Resolution:** Michael Matheson moved S6M-06897—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Patient Safety Commissioner for 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).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08894—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating the Success of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Labour 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 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delivery of the Agreed Recommendations of the Barclay Review of Non-domestic Rates

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Securing a Sustainable Food Supply for Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 May 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 24 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy;  
Finance and Parliamentary Business

*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 25 May 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 Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

*followed by* Rural Affairs and Islands Committee Debate: Future Agriculture  
Policy in Scotland

*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 May 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.

**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 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 3 as noted above.

**7. The Future of St Michael’s Hospital in Linlithgow, West Lothian:** The Parliament debated S6M-08317 in the name of Fiona Hyslop—That the Parliament understands that the land for the St Michael’s Hospital facility in Linlithgow was originally gifted by St Michael’s Church in the 19th century for the purpose of providing a hospital and garden for the community, and that, due to temporary demands to move staff elsewhere in the NHS due to illness absences, it is currently closed; recognises what it sees as the long history of St Michael’s in providing hospital services to the people of West Lothian, the Friends of St Michael’s Group’s hard work and dedication in supporting families with loved ones cared for at St Michael’s Hospital, and the invaluable local support and spirit of solidarity that the local community provides to all who use the hospital; notes the view that there will be an ongoing need for a health facility providing end-of-life and step-down intermediary care and, potentially, new support services to match increasing home-based care in the north of West Lothian; recognises what it sees as the strong community support for the retention of the hospital and the campaign to maintain hospital and health services there, including, it understands, the large number of people who attended the information evening on 7 February 2023 organised by the Friends of St Michael’s Group and addressed by West Lothian Health and Care Partnership, which, it considers, saw a willingness from all to identify the best future needs for patients and families and the role that the hospital could play; understands that West Lothian has a growing population that is already well in excess of that of the City of Dundee, and also has one of the highest proportions of older populations; acknowledges what it considers the continuing challenges in securing and resourcing staffing for any expansion of care at home, and the ongoing pressure on caring families; notes the West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership’s consultation on the current closure of St Michael’s Hospital and its community bed review, and further notes the calls on the partnership to take a strategic view in favour of using the physical, social and community assets of St Michael’s for the benefit of the growing population in the north of the county.

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
10 May 2023

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 10 May 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 May 2023 (SP Paper 362)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 9 May 2023 (SP Paper 365)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 10 May 2023 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Sudan) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Animal By-Products and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union Withdrawal Act 2018 (as applied by paragraph 12(3) of that schedule of that Act)

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 10 May 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**The Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Sudan) (Scotland) Regulations 2023: Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: SG/2023/93** laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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