



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 7, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 28 May 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mark Bitel, Co-Clerk, Central Edinburgh Quaker Meeting, led Time for Reflection.

2. Timetable for Consideration: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13384— That the Parliament agrees to consider the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences Bill as follows—

Stage 3 on Thursday 30 May

The motion was agreed to.

3. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13389— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(b) Wednesday 29 May 2024—

after

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

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6)

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 30 May 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Vision for Health and Social Care in Scotland

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Industrial Relations in the Further Education Sector

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Liam Kerr moved S6M-13389.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13389 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Revision to Business Programme), leave out from third “delete” to end and insert—

“followed by Ministerial Statement: LEZ Implementation

after

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members’ Business”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 29, Against 62, Abstentions 18 (including 1 proxy vote)).

The motion was then agreed to.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Stage 3 Timetable: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13356—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Visitor Levy (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:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours

Groups 7 and 8: 3 hours

Groups 9 and 10: 3 hours 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 3, 30, 31, 32, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 68, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 20.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

4 (For 99 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 12, Abstentions 0)

46 (For 104 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 8, Abstentions 0)

9 (For 104 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7, Abstentions 0)

10 (For 104 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 22 (For 25, Against 84 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 23 (For 27, Against 83 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 24 (For 27, Against 83 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 27, Against 84 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 27, Against 84 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
- 34 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 35 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 36 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 39 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 43 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 47 (For 7, Against 87, Abstentions 18 (including 1 proxy vote))
- 50 (For 7, Against 87, Abstentions 18 (including 1 proxy vote))
- 51 (For 44 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 21 and 67.

The following amendments were not moved: 1, 2, 27, 28, 29, 33, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 48, 49, 52, 65 and 66.

7. Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Employment and Investment (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-13349—That the Parliament agrees that the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 27, Abstentions 4).

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.39 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.43 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
28 May 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 28 May 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual report of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2023-24 (SP Paper 571)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 May 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Climate Change Plan : Waste and the Circular Economy Monitoring Report 2024 (SG/2024/104) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Climate Change Plan : Buildings Monitoring Report 2024 SG/2024/101 laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Climate Change Plan : Electricity Monitoring Report 2024 (SG/2024/100) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Climate Change Plan : Industry Monitoring Report 2024 (SG/2024/103) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Climate Change Plan : Negative Emissions Technology (NETs) Monitoring Report 2024 (SG/2024/107) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Climate Change Plan : Transport Monitoring Report 2024 (SG/2024/102) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Climate Change Plan : Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF) Monitoring Report 2024 (SG/2024/105) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Climate Change Plan : Agriculture Monitoring Report 2024 (SG/2024/106) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

Nitrogen use efficiency in Scotland: Annual Report 2024 (SG/2024/74)

laid under section 5(1)(c) of the Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022

Public Health Scotland: Analytics and Intelligence for people who access an NHS Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS) following a recent rape, sexual assault or child sexual abuse - Second report on the operation of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2024/97) laid under Section 15(1)(b)(i) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

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