



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 34, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 1 October 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Musharraf Hussain OBE, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14730— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 1 October 2024—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Delivering the Homes that Scotland Needs

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.10 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) made a statement and answered questions on Delivering the Homes that Scotland Needs.
5. **Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (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 and 7.

6. **Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Finance (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-14710—That the Parliament agrees that the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. **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 4.09 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

9. **Importance of Safe and Fair Sport for Women and Girls:** The Parliament debated S6M-14496 in the name of Tess White—That the Parliament recognises the importance of safe and fair sport for women and girls as it marks Scottish Women & Girls in Sport Week, which takes place between 30 September and 6 October 2024; acknowledges the reported concerns of some that emerged during the 2024 Paris Olympics regarding the gender eligibility of two athletes in the women’s boxing competition, as well as the participation of a transgender runner in the women’s T12 200m and 400m sprints at the Paralympics; highlights the action taken by some governing sports’ bodies, including World Athletics, Fina, World Rugby and World Netball, to prevent transgender women from competing in the female category while further research is carried out into physical performance and male advantage; recognises the findings of the report, Violence against women and girls in sports, by the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls, including that “males’ average punching power has been measured as 162% greater than females” and that “by 30 March 2024, over 600 female athletes in more than 400 competitions have lost more than 890 medals in 29 different sports” as a result of the introduction of a mixed-sex category; further recognises the findings of the BBC Elite British Sportswomen’s Study 2024, in which, it understands, more than 100 elite sportswomen said they would be “uncomfortable with transgender women competing in female categories in their sport”, but that they reportedly expressed fears over being seen as discriminatory if they went public with their opinions; understands that, across the north east and the rest of Scotland more widely, there is a persistent gender gap in participation rates in sport between females and males; believes that,

as society seeks to tackle the barriers that prevent female participation in sport, parliamentarians, public figures and the media should be able to discuss freely the implications of inclusion policies in sport for women and girls without recrimination or condemnation, and further believes that single-sex categories in sport, from grassroots to elite level, should be protected.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Tess White moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College:** The Parliament debated S6M-12165 in the name of David Torrance— That the Parliament celebrates the 125th anniversary of Fife College, the first ever college to be set up in Fife following the opening of the Lauder Technical College in 1899; understands that local politician and businessman, George Lauder, established the college with funding from his nephew, the famous industrialist, Andrew Carnegie; believes that, for 125 years, the provision of college education in Fife has offered opportunities for thousands of students and benefited the people, communities, and businesses of the area; further believes that the 125th anniversary will be celebrated through a series of special events and initiatives, each of which will pay tribute to what it sees as the incredible legacy of those who laid the groundwork for the success of Fife College all those years ago; notes the launch of a new 125th anniversary scholarship programme to “empower and support” students in their educational journey, while the college builds upon its relationships with institutions in the USA as it aims to explore mutually beneficial opportunities and continue the legacy of its founding benefactors; welcomes the series of events planned for across Fife, which will highlight its alumni programme to celebrate the achievements of former students who have since gone on to make their mark across the globe; further notes the planned revival of the annual Lauder Lecture, coinciding with the college’s birthday in October 2024; considers that the event will serve as a platform for thought leaders to share insights and knowledge, embodying the spirit of George Lauder’s commitment to education; understands that the aims of the college remain the same today as they did 125 years ago, and that they are to provide opportunity for all, to deliver outstanding education and training, to contribute to the economic prosperity of the region and its communities, and to help students, staff and the communities that it serves to be the best that they can be; commends what it sees as the hard work and dedication of all staff, past and present, and wishes everyone at Fife College a bright future.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
1 October 2024

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

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2024  
[draft]

laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

The following affirmative instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2024—

Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 30 September 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Wildlife Management (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024  
(SSI 2024/268)

laid under section 34(3)(b) of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn  
(Scotland) Act 2024

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 30 September 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/267 (C. 22))

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 30 September 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/213)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/215)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2023/2024 (SG/2024/217)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Grampian Health Board (Commonly known as NHS Grampian) Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/218)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**NHS Borders Annual Report & Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2024/214)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**NHS Fife Annual report and consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/216)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/205)** laid under Section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Highland Health Board (Known as NHS Highland) Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/220)** laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/219)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For Year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/221)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31st March 2024 (SG/2024/222)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/223)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**NHS Shetland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/224)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Housing Regulator Annual Performance Report and Accounts 2023/24**  
**(SG/2024/164)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24**  
**(SG/2024/200)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

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