



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 24, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 8 September 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 3. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22:** The Parliament debated Programme for Government 2021-22.
- 4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01143—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 September 2021—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Deaths of John Yuill and Lamara Bell

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01111—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 September 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and the Economy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Cervical Screening

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 September 2021

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 Scottish Government Debate: A Land of Opportunity - Supporting a Fairer and More Equal Society

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 September 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

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 22 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 September 2021

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: Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 September 2021, 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 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01112—That the Parliament

agrees that consideration of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 26 November 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01113—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 29) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/252) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01114—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 30) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/255) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01115—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 31) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/262) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01117—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 32) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/263) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01118—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/277) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01119—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 27) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/238) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01120—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 28) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/242) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 25, Abstentions 24).

14. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01121—That the Parliament agrees that—

Maggie Chapman be appointed to replace Lorna Slater as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Ross Greer be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01122—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jenni Minto be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Kaukab Stewart be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Alasdair Allan be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Marie McNair be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Emma Roddick be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Marie McNair be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Jackie Dunbar be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

John Mason be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Natalie Don be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Emma Harper be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee;

Fergus Ewing be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

James Dornan be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee;

Bill Kidd be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Rona Mackay be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Tess White be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Jeremy Balfour be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Murdo Fraser be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Sue Webber be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Brian Whittle be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Sharon Dowey be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Meghan Gallacher be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Donald Cameron be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

Edward Mountain be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee;

Liz Smith be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Alexander Burnett be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Graham Simpson be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Rachael Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Dr Sandesh Gulhane be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 as noted above.

17. Team GB Success: The Parliament debated S6M-00838 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the incredible achievements of Team GB at the Tokyo Olympic Games in winning a total of 65 medals, the same number that Team GB won in the home Olympics at London 2012; recognises the Team GB administration and coaching staff who help to make the athletes' experience the best it can be; considers that, behind every performance, there is the hard work of personal coaches, medical support, administrators and other support staff, many of whom are volunteers; believes that these performances would not be possible without the support of the National Lottery, UK Sport, sportscotland, national governing bodies, local authority facilities and many local clubs and volunteers, including in the South Scotland region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work towards greater opportunity for all to participate in sport, irrespective of background or personal circumstance, with a recognition that sport can be such a force for good.

The meeting closed at 6.19 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
8 September 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 8 September 2021—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6):
Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 8)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 7 September 2021 (SP Paper 3)

New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Forestry (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]
laid under section 76(2)(a) of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland)
Act 2018

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021
(Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/304 (C. 18))
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 8 September 2021 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 5
September 2021 SG/2021/235** laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services
Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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