



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 23, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 8 September 2022

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

The meeting opened at 11:40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Fair Tax Week:** The Parliament debated S6M-05082 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament notes that Fair Tax Week took place from 11 to 19 June 2022 and that the week celebrates companies and organisations that hold the Fair Tax Mark, which certifies that the company or organisation pays the correct level of tax in the correct jurisdiction at the correct time; understands that many companies and organisations in the Highlands and Islands, including the Co-op Party, the Co-operative Group, Scotmid Co-op, SSE and Scottish Water, have already received the Fair Tax Mark; acknowledges the results of recent polling, which reportedly found that 66% of people believe that governments and local authorities should at least consider a company's ethics and how it pays its tax; notes the calls on local authorities in Scotland to consider signing the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration, and further notes the calls on the UK Government, Scottish Government and local government to look at ways of incorporating the Fair Tax Mark into public procurement processes in order to ensure that public funds go to companies that pay their way.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Displaced People from Ukraine.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on National Mission on Drugs Update.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Future of Scottish Ferries.

8. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting Those Most at Risk – COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Winter 2022.

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05910—That the Parliament agrees that Edward Mountain be appointed as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05916—That the Parliament agrees that Sue Webber be appointed to replace Russell Findlay as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
8 September 2022

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 8 September 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 September 2022 (SP Paper 220)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 8 September 2022 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/266 (C. 13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Registration of Births, Still-births and Deaths (Prescription of Forms and Attestation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/267)
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 7 September 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner: Code of Practice on the acquisition, retention, use and destruction of biometric data for criminal justice and police purposes in Scotland (SG/2022/172) laid under section 13(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

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