



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 26, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 21 September 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and Veterans and then on Finance and the Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Delivering Economic Transformation - Scotland's Inward Investment and Export Growth Plans:** The Parliament debated Delivering Economic Transformation - Scotland's Inward Investment and Export Growth Plans.
- 4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05998—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Population - Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 28 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

*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 29 September 2022

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, Energy and Transport

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Excellence in Scottish Education

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 October 2022

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 5 October 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 6 October 2022

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: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

*followed by Scottish Government Business*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 September 2022, 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. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05999—That the Parliament agrees that the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Reports on Use of Places of Safety) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06000—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06001—That the Parliament agrees that James Dornan be appointed to replace Marie McNair as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06002—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06003—That

the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06004—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 as noted above.

**12. NHS Out-of-hours GP Services:** The Parliament debated S6M-03899 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the importance of NHS out-of-hours GP services; understands that, according to Healthcare Improvement Scotland, primary care out-of-hours services are a fundamental part of the healthcare service in Scotland; notes that the service provides support to those who require medical assistance outwith normal GP surgery hours; understands that this involves a number of healthcare professionals, agencies and support staff, such as drivers, working together to provide a high-quality and integrated service for patients, with many individuals going above and beyond their normal remit to ensure maximum quality of service; notes the view that Healthcare Improvement Scotland and many GPs have collectively acknowledged that the quality and safety of out-of-hours care, such as that available in Clackmannanshire, across the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and all over Scotland, is extremely important and that patients should have access to consistent, high-quality standards of care, and further notes the calls for all regions of NHS Scotland to do all that they can to maintain, sustain and retain their out-of-hours GP services.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
21 September 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 21 September 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 46th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 September 2022 (SP Paper 224)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Age of Criminal Responsibility (Reports on Use of Places of Safety) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 225)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2022 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the Climate Change Act 2008

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 September 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments) 2022 SSI (SSI 2022/277)  
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 21 September 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: compendium of investigation reports and report of discontinued investigations September 2022 (SPSO/2022/09)** laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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