



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 06 December
2022 at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Annabelle Ewing (Chair)
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Gillian Mackay*
- Neil Bibby

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jo Hardy
- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Bell
- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming *
- Samantha Currie*

Apologies:

- Alison Johnstone

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 29 November 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a programme of business for the weeks commencing 5, 12 and 19 December 2022.
3. Alexander Burnett noted his concerns about the scheduling of Stage 3 of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill. Neil Bibby requested that two hours be allocated to the debate on the motion to pass the Bill at Stage 3. This request was supported by Alexander Burnett and agreed to by the Minister for Parliamentary Business.
4. The Bureau agreed to revisit timings for the week commencing 19 December at its next meeting.
5. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 13 December would be S6M – 06145: Graham Simpson: Free Rail Travel for Blind and Partially Sighted People and Companions, on Wednesday 14 December would be S6M – 06302: Emma Harper: Transforming Scotland's Vacant and Derelict Sites, and on Thursday 15 December would be S6M-06755: Pam Duncan-Glancy: UNISON Year of Disabled Workers 2022.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 17 March 2023.

Referral of an LCM

7. The Bureau agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM on the Shark Fins Bill to the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following would be lodged—
 - International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
 - Police Act 1997 (Offences in Schedules 8A and 8B) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft).

- Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)]

Date of next meeting

9. The Deputy Presiding Officer confirmed the next meeting of the Bureau would be held on Tuesday 13 December.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
6 December 2022