



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 31 January  
2023 at 12:00 pm  
Q1.03/MS Teams

**Present:**

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

**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 \*
- Gail Grant \*
- Samantha Currie\*

**Previous minutes**

1. The minutes of 24 January 2023 were agreed.

## Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered and agreed to propose to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 30 January and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 6 and 20 February 2023.
3. Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on the revised programme of Business for Tuesday 31 January on the basis that he had requested that ministerial statement on "Update on the Management of Transgender Individuals within Prison Custody" should be made by the First Minister. Alexander Burnett also dissented from the decision to put the business programme for future weeks to Parliament on Tuesday 31 January rather than Wednesday 1 February.
4. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 7 February would be Motion S6M-07485: Martin Whitfield: UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill, on Wednesday 8 February, Motion S6M-07546: Ruth Maguire: Cervical Cancer Prevention Week and on Thursday 9 February, Motion S6M-07249: Emma Roddick: UK Income Inequality.

## Committee Remits

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament changes to the remit of the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee and the name and remit of the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.

## Committee Substitutes

6. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament that Paul Sweeney be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Labour substitute on the Citizen Participation and Petitions Committee.

## Committee Travel

7. The Bureau approved the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee's request for approval for travel to Dublin and Paris in connection with its inquiry looking at the ways in which people's voices are heard in the work of Parliament.

## Membership of European Bodies

8. The Bureau agreed that nominations should be made for membership of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and the Committee of the Regions: UK Contact Group. The Bureau agreed that

officials would liaise with committee clerks to identify nominees for discussion at a future meeting.

## Office of the Clerk

9. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament by motion that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Monday 8 May 2023 and noted the deadlines for the lodging of questions and motions.

Catherine Fergusson  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
31 January 2023