



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

30 January 2024

### Present:

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

### Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

### Officials present:

- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Matthew Linden
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

## Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 23 January.

## Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered the programme of business for the week commencing 29 January and agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 5 and 19 February.



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3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 6 February would be Donald Cameron: Celebrating the Work of Dunoon Grammar School; on Wednesday 7 February Rona Mackay: Definition of Deafblindness and on Thursday 8 February Stephen Kerr: The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery.
4. Alexander Burnett proposed that the Stage 1 deadline for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill be extended from 1 March 2024 to 28 June 2024. The proposal was disagreed to by division (For: 53, Against: 70; Abstentions: 0).

### Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as lead committee for consideration of Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill at Stage 1.

### Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged to recommend to the Parliament that—

the following SSIs be approved—

- Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)
- Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

the following SI be approved—

- Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024 (SI 2024/Draft);

Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on this SI.

the following laid documents be approved—

- Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2023 (SG/2023/304)
- Draft Funeral Director Code of Practice (SG/2023/300).

### Agenda item 5 – Correspondence



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7. The Bureau noted correspondence from Murdo Fraser MSP and agreed to return to the matter at its meeting on 6 February.

## Agenda item 6 – Committee Membership

8. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing that Foysof Choudhury replace Colin Smyth on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, to be taken at Decision Time on 31 January, to take effect from that point forward.

Katy Orr  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
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