

**PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU**

**TIMETABLING OF A BILL AT STAGE 1**

**Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill**

1. The Parliament agreed on 18 April 2023 that Stage 1 consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 6 October 2023.

2. The Rural Affairs and Islands Committee has requested an extension to the Stage 1 deadline. The request is being made in anticipation of amendments being lodged at Stage 2 relating to the use of snares and powers of Scottish SPCA inspectors. The Committee wishes to take evidence on these issues before it takes a view on the general principles of the Bill.

**3. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 1 December 2023.**

**Parliamentary Business Team  
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