



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 103, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 30 April 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Murdo A N Macleod, Minister, Snizort Free Church (Continuing), Isle of Skye, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-13040—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 30 April 2024—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Abortion Services Safe Access Zones (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Victims and Prisoners Bill - UK Legislation

(b) Wednesday 1 May 2024—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality and Modern Positive Masculinity

insert

followed by Motion of No Confidence

followed by Scottish Government Debate: WASPI: Women Against State Pension Inequality

(c) Thursday 2 May 2024—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of the Mental Health and Capacity Reform Programme – Initial Delivery Plan

Douglas Ross moved S6M-13040.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13040 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: WASPI: Women Against State Pension Inequality” insert—

“*followed by* Statement by the Lord Advocate on Post Office Horizon Prosecutions

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 57, Against 68, Abstentions).

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill: Gillian Mackay moved S6M-13015—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 123 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 1, Abstentions 0).

5. Victims and Prisoners Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-13017—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant amendments to the Victims and Prisoners Bill tabled by the UK Government on 17 April 2024, relating to an infected blood compensation body and further interim compensation payments, so far as these matters fall within the

legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Appointment of the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator: The Minister for Small Business, Innovation, Tourism and Trade (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-13016— That the Parliament agrees that Sarah Havlin be appointed as the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator in line with part 5, paragraph 20 of schedule 2 of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021, and for a period of three years.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

9. 50th Anniversary of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974: The Parliament debated S6M-12605 in the name of Bill Kidd— That the Parliament marks the 50th anniversary of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, which, to this day, remains the umbrella legislation that underpins all legal health, safety and welfare requirements for both employers and employees in the UK, including in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency; acknowledges the effect that this legislation has had on workplace safety through the laying down of wide-ranging duties on employers to protect the health, safety and welfare at work of all of their employees, as well as others on their premises, including temporary or casual workers, self-employed workers, clients, visitors and the general public; understands that, despite remaining too high, fatal injuries to employees fell by 73%, while reported non-fatal injuries dropped by 70%, between 1974 and 2007, and notes the belief that, in light of this milestone, it is time for all relevant stakeholders to come together to examine what steps need to be taken now to ensure that employment law continues to deliver for Scotland's workers for the next 50 years.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
30 April 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 26 April 2024—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Poverty and Inequality Commission: Public Appointments (SP Paper 572)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 29th Report, 2024 (Session
6): Delegated powers in the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage
2) (SP Paper 575)

The following report was published on 29 April 2024—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 5th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Stage 1 report on the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration
(Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 574)

The following reports were published on 30 April 2024—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Victims and Prisoners Bill
(SP Paper 576)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report, 2024 (Session
6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers
exercisable within devolved competence in the Data Protection and Digital
Information Bill (SP Paper 578)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 26 April 2024 and are
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Inspections) Amendment Regulations 2024
[draft]

laid under section 105(3) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Health Care) Modification
Order 2024 [draft]

laid under section 105(3) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 29 April 2024 and is
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 26 April 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Fees) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/130)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Laid only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 26 April 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/131)

laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 April 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report by a Tribunal constituted under section 21 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 to report into the fitness for office of a judicial office holder- Sheriff John Albert Brown (SG/2024/77) laid by the First Minister under section 24 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended: 31st July 2023 (SG/2024/71) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Canals Annual Report & Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2024/42) laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 (SLCC/2024/01) laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 29 April 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment)

(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SG/2024/85) laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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