



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 28 September 2021 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 / MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- George Adam
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay

Apologies:

- Neil Bibby

Also attended:

- Rhoda Grant
- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Catherine Fergusson
- Gary Cocker
- Jason Nairn*
- Polly Davidson*
- Rebecca Carradice
- Mark Brough
- Jennifer Bell*
- Gail Grant*
- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 21 September 2021 were agreed.

Matters arising

2. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion nominating Colin Smyth as the Scottish Labour substitute for the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.

Business Programme

3. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 27 September, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 4 and 25 October 2021.
4. The Bureau noted the revised debate management framework which has been updated in light of the cooperation agreement between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Group.
5. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 5 October would be Motion S6M-00554: Gordon MacDonald: Big Noise Programme in Wester Hailes; on Wednesday 6 October, would be S6M-00989: Donald Cameron: A83 Rest and Be Thankful; and on Thursday 7 October, would be S6M-01009: Paul McLennan: World Mental Health Day 2021: Mental Health in an Unequal World.
6. Later in the meeting the Bureau also discussed—
 - the issue of background noise in the Chamber and the impact that this can have on the ability of Members who may have hearing loss to participate in proceedings.
 - the length of time taken for oral questions and answers in the Chamber.

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved:
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/301)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/307)

- Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/319)
- Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- European Union and European Atomic Energy Community (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)

Proposals for Member's Bills

8. The Bureau agreed to refer the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council (Scotland) Bill to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee; to refer the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee; and to refer the Terminally ill Adults (Scotland) Bill to the Health, Social Care, and Sport Committee.

Request for Committee adviser

8. The Bureau agreed to a request from the Covid-19 Recovery Committee to appoint up to two advisers.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
28 September 2021