



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 14 December 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then Finance and the Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Tackling Health Inequalities in Scotland: Gillian Martin moved S6M-07198—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Tackling health inequalities in Scotland (SP Paper 230).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Lady Haldane's opinion on the petition of For Women Scotland Limited for Judicial Review, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07242—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—
Tuesday 20 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 December 2022

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 December 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-0742.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07242 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from "followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill" to "12.45 pm Decision Time" and insert—

“followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Planning Framework 4 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Agriculture Bill: Next Steps

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics

followed by Ministerial Statement: Biodiversity Strategy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) 2 Report

4.25 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 68 Abstentions 21).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 89, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07243—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 May 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07244—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07245—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Transforming Scotland's Vacant and Derelict Sites: The Parliament debated S6M-06302 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that Scotland has almost 9,500 hectares of vacant and derelict urban land, and that just over one quarter of Scotland's 5.4 million population is estimated to live within 500 metres of a derelict site, with this percentage increasing in communities on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD); believes that Scotland's stock of vacant and derelict land is a legacy of the nation's industrial past, with many of these sites, including across the South Scotland Region, such as the George Hotel in Stranraer, former Interfloor Factory in Dumfries, Central Hotel in Annan and N Peal Building in Hawick, being in their derelict condition for many years; notes research, including from the Scottish Land Commission, University of Glasgow and Green Space Scotland, which shows that vacant and derelict sites can harm the wellbeing of communities, with findings reportedly showing that these sites can contribute to poor mental health, feelings of a lack of safety, anxiety and a persistent low mood; further notes reported concerns from communities around the traceability of the ownership of vacant and derelict sites, which, it understands, are often owned by absentee landlords and corporations as part of property and financial portfolios; considers that Scotland has a huge potential to lead the UK in transforming these sites into useful community assets; notes the view that focussing on these sites as a vehicle for delivery could help to enhance policy coordination across civic Scotland by concentrating effort and resources where they are most needed to benefit communities; welcomes the Scottish Land Commissions report, Transforming Scotland's Approach to Vacant and Derelict Land, Recommendations from the Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce; notes calls on the Scottish Government to set

out its progress towards implementing these recommendations, and to outline its engagement with the Scottish Land Commission's joint Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce; further notes what it sees as the role of communities, as, it understands, has been seen in Heathhall, Dumfries and Galloway, in calling on Dumfries and Galloway Council to address the former Interfloor Factory, and notes the view that communities across Scotland should become involved in taking transformative action to ensure these sites dealt with as a priority.

10. Motion Without Notice: Emma Harper moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
14 December 2022

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 December 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Official Controls and Import Conditions (Transitional Periods) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/371)
laid under Article 144(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following supplementary memorandum was lodged on 13 December 2022—

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-25a)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 December 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/175) laid under Section 200(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/256) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/257) laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Environment Protection Agency: Annual Report and Accounts 2021/2022 (SG/2022/266) laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/243) laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/198) laid under section 5(7)(a) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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