

# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 72, Session 6

## Meeting of the Parliament

### Thursday 20 January 2022

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2.** First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. NPT Review Conference and Anniversary of TPNW Entry into Force: The Parliament debated S6M-02639 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises that the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force on 22 January 2021; notes that the first meeting of state parties (1st MSP) will take place in Vienna from 22 to 24 March 2022; further notes that the 1st MSP will determine the rules of procedure for observers and state participators. deadlines for disarmament, verification and removal of nuclear weapons, and victim remediation with an emphasis on the disproportionate impact on indigenous communities and women and girls; recognises that the Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will take place from 4 to 28 January 2022; understands that the UK is a state party to this treaty, and is accordingly bound by Article 6, which is to "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament"; believes that civil society groups in Scotland, including in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency, consider that the decision to increase the UK's nuclear stockpile creates a higher risk of an accident on Scottish roads, as warheads are transported to and from Faslane, Coulport, and notes the reported calls from civil society groups for the UK Government to uphold its commitment to Article 6 of the NPT and to engage with the 1st MSP on the TPNW in Vienna next year.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Publication of the Second Strategic Transport Projects Review.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Prestwick Airport.

7. Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-02792—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02771—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. 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 4.58 pm.

**10.** Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.59 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 20 January 2022

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

#### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 20 January 2022-

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Complaint against Alison Harris (SP Paper 84)

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 20 January 2022 (SP Paper 85)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 20 January 2022 (SP Paper 86)

The following report will be published on 21 January 2022—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Budget Scrutiny 2022-23 (SP Paper 82)

#### Subordinate Legislation

#### **Made Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 20 January 2022 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/13)

laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

#### **Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 20 January 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Parole Board (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/10)

laid under section 45 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/11)

laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

#### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Water: Interim Report and Accounts: Performance and Prospects for the six months to 30 September 2021 SG/2022/8 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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