



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 69, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 26 January 2023

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. Holocaust Memorial Day 2023:** The Parliament debated S6M-07477 in the name of Fergus Ewing— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of continuing to impart the lessons of the Holocaust to each generation; considers that the Holocaust was the systematic attempt by a genocidal regime in Europe to murder all Jewish people on the continent between the years 1941 and 1945, with six million men, women and children tragically losing their lives; notes that the annual Holocaust Memorial Day will be held on 27 January 2023, and that the chosen theme for this year's event is "ordinary people"; recognises that this particular theme has been chosen to highlight the ordinary people who were involved in all elements of, not just the Holocaust, but later genocides including in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur; acknowledges that, to better understand ordinary people, the theme has been subdivided into five categories: perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses and crucially, victims; further acknowledges that, according to the theme, particular groups of people do not always belong to just one of the categories, with railway workers cited as an example where some in this job at the time of the Holocaust are considered as perpetrators, for driving trains to concentration camps, and others as rescuers, for hiding Jewish people; understands that the theme can be widened to include ordinary locations and sites, including

schools and hospitals, as such buildings can be used to perpetrate genocide; notes that the theme also highlights that there are extraordinary individuals in all genocides, including those who were part of what it considers remarkable efforts to rescue and save the lives of people targeted by murderous regimes, and believes that underpinning the theme is the powerful narrative that everyone living today is an ordinary person, who is able to be extraordinary in their actions through making the choice to challenge prejudice, stand up against hatred, and speak out against identity-based persecution.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Ministers.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Strategic Transport Projects Review 2.

**6. Scottish Budget 2023-24:** Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-07602—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Appointment of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland:** Christine Grahame, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-07650—That the Parliament agrees to the appointment of Ian Bruce as the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07666—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 15.2.1 of Standing Orders be suspended on 1 February 2023.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 25, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.23 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
26 January 2023

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 26 January 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23 (SP Paper 308)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2023 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]  
laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989

Non-Domestic Rates (Miscellaneous Anti-Avoidance Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]  
laid under section 41(1) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Independent Child Trafficking Guardians) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/18)  
laid under section 41 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/19)  
laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/20)  
laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2023 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 5)  
Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/17)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Publication of Revised Strategic Police Priorities (SG/2023/019)** laid under Section 33 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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