



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 15, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 21 June 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Angela Johnson, Celebrant of the Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05127—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 June 2022—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. World Refugee Day – Welcoming and Supporting Refugees in Scotland's Communities:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and

Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) moved S6M-05098—That the Parliament uses the opportunity of World Refugee Day to welcome people who have sought refuge in Scotland from war and persecution, including refugees, people seeking asylum, people relocated from Afghanistan and displaced people from Ukraine; recognises the contribution that refugees, people seeking asylum, people who have arrived under refugee resettlement and relocation schemes, people granted discretionary leave or humanitarian protection and displaced people arriving under specific visa routes have made to Scotland over many years; thanks local authorities, communities, individuals, the third sector and faith organisations that have supported, and are supporting, refugees, people seeking asylum and displaced people to settle in the country; commends the key principle of the New Scots refugee integration strategy that integration begins from day one of arrival, and celebrates the opportunity to connect and share stories through Refugee Festival Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports from the Scottish Police Authority that 386 cases of potential drug driving cannot be prosecuted because of major delays in forensic testing, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown).

**6. Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-05095—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**7. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05141—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 22 June 2022—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Deaths in Custody

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Retained EU Law

delete

5.40 pm Decision Time

insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 23 June 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Skills

insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Skills

delete

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Stage 3 Amendments: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

delete

6.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** George Adam, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 5.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.

**10. MND Scotland Report, No Time to Lose: Addressing the Housing Needs of People with MND:** The Parliament debated S6M-03777 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament welcomes the MND Scotland report, No time to lose: Addressing the housing needs of people with MND, which outlines the challenges that people with MND, including those in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn

constituency, face when trying to obtain the accessible home that they need through adaptations or an alternative accessible property; understands that MND is a rapidly progressing terminal neurological disease, which can cause those with the illness to lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, drink or breathe unaided, with the average life expectancy being just 18 months from diagnosis; acknowledges that many waiting lists for adaptations and alternative accessible homes are reportedly too long for people with MND with, it understands, some longer than the average life expectancy with the illness; believes that this can leave people with MND unable to spend the precious time that they have left safely and with the dignity that everyone is entitled to, and that, for some, support never comes in time; understands that speed in service provision is critical for people with MND, and notes the expectation that the Scottish Government and local authorities will give meaningful and early consideration to implementing the report's various recommendations, which include fast-tracking people with MND for adaptations and accessible homes, a proactive, not reactive, approach to adaptations, establishing a national definition of accessible housing, and building more wheelchair accessible housing across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
21 June 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 21 June 2022—

Criminal Justice Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report for the Criminal Justice Committee (13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022) (SP Paper 205)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 June 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Building (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/209)  
laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Prescribed Documents) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/210)  
laid under section 68(3) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 June 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/214)  
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 June 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/208 (C.12))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

**Legislative Consent Memorandum**

The following memorandum was lodged on 21 June 2022—

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-22)

## **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 June 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 SG/2022/85** laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

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