



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 10, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 6 June 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Pastor Oli Higham, Rock Community Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Active Travel Transformation:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) moved S6M-09328—That the Parliament believes that active travel can bring significant benefits for people's health, the economy and the cost of living, and is critical for tackling the climate emergency and delivering on the commitment to reduce car kilometres by 20%; welcomes the Scottish Government's record budget for active travel in 2023-24; recognises that this is by far the highest investment in active travel per head across the UK; welcomes the new and additional £20 million Transformation Fund going directly to delivery partners to deliver new infrastructure at pace; commends the work of local authorities, regional transport partnerships and active travel delivery partners in turning that record level of investment into changes on the ground; notes the publication of the new Cycling Framework in supporting the wider 2030 Active Travel Vision, where walking, wheeling and cycling are the most popular modes of transport for shorter everyday journeys, and looks forward to the opportunity presented by the UCI Cycling World Championships coming to Scotland in August 2023 to encourage more people to choose active travel.

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-09328.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09328 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Active Travel Transformation), leave out from “; recognises” to “ground” and insert “but calls on the Scottish Government to set out a detailed delivery plan that addresses how it will help local authorities that do not have the capacity to achieve the targets; calls on the Scottish Government to set out in detail how it plans to achieve a 20% reduction in car mileage by 2030”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Mercedes Villalba moved amendment S6M-09328.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09328 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Active Travel Transformation), insert at end “; recognises the importance of local authority transport and planning funding in allowing all new and existing developments to include active travel infrastructure, tackling potholes, cycle parking, and ensuring safe pavements and travel for all; believes that active travel policies should be more conscious of protected characteristics, including women, disabled people and BME people, and notes the recent report highlighting the decrease in children travelling to school in an active way.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**4. Appointment of Board Members to Environmental Standards Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-09329—That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's consideration of the appointment of two additional board members to the board of Environmental Standards Scotland at its meeting on 21 March 2023; welcomes the committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Professor Christopher Spray and Morag Sheppard as additional board members to the board of Environmental Standards Scotland, for a period not exceeding four years in accordance with schedule 1, paragraph 2(4) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, and approves the appointments as required by schedule 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

**6. Tercentenary of Adam Smith:** The Parliament debated S6M-08819 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament celebrates the tercentenary of Adam Smith's birth; commends his work in a breadth of areas including engineering, economics, chemistry, political economy, philosophy, literature and medicine; considers that Smith's ideas were of global importance and continue to have a huge

impact on society today; notes the role that Scottish universities played in exchanging the ideas across many disciplines; believes that Smith was a leading figure in the Scottish Enlightenment during the 18th century; understands that the Scottish Enlightenment was an outpouring of intellectual and scientific principles by Scottish theorists, with their work gaining global recognition in asserting the importance of human reasoning, including empirical methods of enquiry; commends the ideas of Smith and believes that their impact on a breadth of areas continues to be globally significant 300 years after his birth; recognises the works of Adam Smith and what it sees as their continued significance to date, and notes the view that it is important to continue to celebrate the life and works of influential Scottish figures.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Michelle Thomson 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 6.04 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
6 June 2023

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 2 June 2023—

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: Annual Report 2022 – 2023 (SP Paper 384)

The following report was published on 5 June 2023—

Criminal Justice Committee, 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report for the Criminal Justice Committee (13 May 2022 to 12 May 2023) (SP Paper 383)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 June 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Lews Castle College (Transfer and Closure) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/171)  
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/172)  
laid under section 54(2) of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/173)  
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 June 2023 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Attendance at Hearings) 2023 (SSI 2023/168)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020) 2023 (SSI 2023/169)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

## **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 June 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended: 31st July 2022 (SG/2023/67)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2022 (SG/2023/66)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The 2021/22 audit of South Lanarkshire College (SG/2023/113)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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