

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 24 March 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).
- World Tuberculosis Day 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-02874 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament notes that 24 March 2022 marks World Tuberculosis Day; understands that tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, killing 1.5 million people each year; believes that the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed decades of positive progress in tackling TB; understands that there has been uneven progress in the delivery of the commitments made at the UN High-Level Meeting on TB, including efforts to diagnose and treat 40 million people with TB by 2022 and to dramatically increase investments in research; considers that TB is a disease of poverty, with the most vulnerable and marginalised at greatest risk of both TB and drug-resistant TB, including in Scotland; believes that strong international health systems are vital for securing the UK's domestic health security; recognises what it sees as the importance of the upcoming seventh replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in tackling global TB, and notes what it sees as the vital work carried out by clinical staff, scientists and civil society organisations across Scotland and globally to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goal of ending TB by 2030.

- **4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- **5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on A Retail Strategy for Scotland.
- **6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Scotland Pandemic Pressures.
- **7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26.
- **8.** Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26: The Parliament debated Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26.
- **9. Building Safety Bill UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-03702—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Building Safety Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 July 2021, relating to the New Homes Ombudsman Scheme, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved S6M-02793—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Good Food Nation (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).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 24 March 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 24 March 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 21st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 145)

The following report will be published on 25 March 2022—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Investing in Scotland's Future: Resource Spending Review Framework (SP Paper 144)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 24 March 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Rural Support (Controls) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/107) laid under article 115C(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 and section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Traffic Signs Amendment (Scotland) Regulations and General Directions 2022 (SSI 2022/111)

laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/114)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 March 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan 2022/23 CMA/2022/01 laid under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, sch4 s13(2) (as amended by the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, s40(3))

Best Start, Bright Future: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-2026 SG/2022/69 laid under Section 9 of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

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