



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 43, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 7 November 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Norma Moore, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Vision for Scotland's Mental Health.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Education and Skills Reform.
- 5. A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland:** Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, moved S6M-11075— That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's 11th Report, 2023 (Session 6), A Modern and Sustainable Ferry Service for Scotland (SP Paper 417).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

7. Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy: The Parliament debated S6M-07793 in the name of Finlay Carson— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, The Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy, by Scottish Land and Estates; believes that this report, for which the research was carried out by BiGGAR Economics Ltd and Scottish Land and Estates, is an innovative example of a whole sector measuring its outputs against Scotland's National Performance Framework's National Outcomes rather than just through traditional economic metrics; considers that the report describes and quantifies how rural estates drive local economic development through agriculture, forestry, tourism, sporting, recreation and renewable energy generation, act as stewards of the natural environment, protect and enhance biodiversity, support the transition to net zero, provide homes and create sustainable new communities, provide a gateway to nature, and function as anchors of communities and support community-led projects; further considers that the report also identifies areas in which there is scope for estates to increase their contributions across the National Outcomes, and provides an improvement framework to complement the research; recognises Scotland's rural estates as, it considers, key delivery partners of the Scottish Government across a wide range of policy areas, including improving outcomes for people, jobs, and nature across the country, including in the Galloway and West Dumfries constituency, and commends the sector for what it sees as its commitment to this innovative work.

8. Motion Without Notice: Finlay Carson 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 6.33 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
7 November 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 6 November 2023—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2024-25: The Sustainability of Scotland's Finances (SP
Paper 460)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security
Committee on 26 October 2023 (SP Paper 466)

The following report was published on 7 November 2023—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Pre-budget 2024-25 (SP Paper 467)

The following report will be published on 8 November 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 16th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Report on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment)
(No. 2) Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 464)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 November 2023 and is
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 November 2023 and is
not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2023
(2023/333)
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 3 November 2023 and
are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/188) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/265) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2023 (SG/2023/266) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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