



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 36, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 5 October 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 (Humza Yousaf).

3. Welcoming the Impact of Climate Cafés: The Parliament debated S6M-10435 in the name of John Swinney— That the Parliament welcomes the growing number of community-led Climate Cafés emerging across Scotland and around the world; values the role of a Climate Café in creating what it sees as a welcoming, inclusive, safe space within a community that is open to everyone to chat and act on climate; believes that Climate Cafés benefit from being creative, intergenerational spaces, creating space for connections right across a community and leadership from children and young people; considers that local chat and climate action sparked by Climate Cafés has already had significant positive impacts, including, it understands, initiating engaging projects to reduce waste and energy costs, music events, fashion shows, swap shops, films, as well as international engagement, dialogue with local authorities and lots of collaboration across communities; understands that the home of the original Climate Café Dunkeld & Birnam, which was founded in 2015, hosts the Hub to support Climate Cafés to start up and to connect with other Climate Cafés to share ideas, support and learning; values the Climate Cafés across rural and urban Scotland, as more emerge in the Highlands, while established in Aberdeen, with vibrant new Climate Cafés in Inverness and Dundee, and notes that more communities, schools, workplaces and campuses are

encouraged to consider establishing pop-up Climate Café spaces to chat and act on climate.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community: The Minister for Higher and Further Education; and Minister for Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S6M-10743—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland’s veterans and Armed Forces community, and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make to society; further recognises that the contribution of veterans continues and grows as they move back into the communities that they served, with their experiences enriching society and providing a valuable and positive base for employers; supports the Scottish Government’s veterans strategy action plan, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes the progress made in delivering the plan, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work with partners across the public, private and third sectors to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Substitution on Committees: Gillian Mackay, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10767—That the Parliament agrees that Ross Greer be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion Without Notice: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.54 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
5 October 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 5 October 2023—

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 443)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill (SP Paper 448)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 449)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/281)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/199) laid under section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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