



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 1 September 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 3. Supporting Success in Food and Drink in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-00990—That the Parliament, in advance of Food and Drink Fortnight, acknowledges the significant contribution that food and drink make to Scotland’s economy, society and reputation; notes the resilience shown by all of Scotland’s food producers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and thanks everyone involved in food and drink in Scotland for helping to keep food on the table through these challenging times; laments that the sub-standard Brexit deal, secured by the UK Government, is harming food and drink businesses, slowing and making exports harder, has raised their costs and bureaucracy, is causing problems for businesses in recruiting and retaining staff, and is now resulting in concerns about food supplies; welcomes the economic and environmental opportunities for low-carbon, sustainable and organic food production, which can be created by encouraging public kitchens to source more local food; recognises that the Scottish Government is consulting on a draft Local Food Strategy and encourages everyone to take part, and resolves to continue supporting the sector with legislation to grow as a Good Food Nation, where people take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food that they produce, buy, cook, serve and eat each day,

and include a right to adequate food as part of wider work to give effect to international human rights law in Scots law.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00990.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00990 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Success in Food and Drink in Scotland), leave out from “laments” to end and insert “calls on the Scottish Government to launch a comprehensive ‘farm to fork’ review of Scotland’s food policy as a key part of Scotland’s economic recovery from COVID-19 to ensure a resilient UK-wide food supply chain; understands the importance of the UK internal market for Scottish food and drink, worth £4.5 billion; recognises that Scottish independence would irrevocably damage the food and drink industry; calls on the Scottish Government to implement a public procurement policy that increases the use of Scottish produce; urges the Scottish Government to publish, with urgency, the Farming and Food Production Future Policy Group’s findings and give clarity and direction on Scotland’s future farm policy, and asks the Scottish Government to recognise and support the calls in an open letter from Scotland’s food and drink sector to embed automation in Scottish Government funding programmes to support productivity and the development of higher quality jobs, and to work with the Scotland Food & Drink Partnership to continue to promote the industry as a career pathway through apprenticeships and other schemes.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-00990.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00990 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Success in Food and Drink in Scotland), insert at end “; condemns the unacceptable level of food poverty in Scotland and recognises that the ever-rising use of foodbanks in Scotland is morally unjustifiable in a country where fresh, quality food is plentiful; notes that the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated food insecurities and highlighted the urgency for a Good Food Nation Bill, and believes that enshrining the right to food in Scots law should be an early priority for the Scottish Government in the current parliamentary session.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00999—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 September 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2021-22

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government;
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation - Setting Out a New Vision
for Health and Social Care in Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 September 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 September 2021, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01000—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 24 September 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01001—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the

lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01002—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Environment Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6, and 7 as noted above.

9. 100 Years of Insulin: The Parliament debated S6M-00310 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament celebrates 100 years since the discovery of insulin; recognises that this is one of the greatest medical breakthroughs in history, which went on to save millions of lives around the world; further recognises that, following the discovery of insulin, Scotland played its part in developing the insulin pen, which has made it much easier for people to administer the lifesaving drug, and that Professor Sheila Reith, a type 1 diabetic, doctor and mother, led this work in Scotland; notes the further advances in the treatment and management of diabetes, including through digital technology; understands that there are more than 312,000 people living with diabetes in Scotland; further notes that the inequalities attached to diabetes are stark, with rates of type 2 diabetes 80% higher in the most deprived communities, and that people living in poverty are more than twice as likely to develop life-changing complications; understands that there is work to do to support further advancements in diabetes care and treatment, and supports Diabetes Scotland's vision of a world where diabetes can do no harm.

The meeting closed at 7.04 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
1 September 2021

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

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 31 August 2021—

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-5)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 September 2021 and is not subject to the any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Civil Online) 2021 (SSI 2021/295)
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 1 September 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Water Annual Report & Accounts 2020/21: Performance and Prospects SG/2021/198 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 01 September 2021 SG/2021/225 laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 29 August 2021 SG/2021/226 laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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