



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 27 June 2023
at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Gillian Mackay
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Mark Brough
- Jo Hardy
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Bell
- Callum Thomson
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Apologies

- Anabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 20 June.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a revised programme of business for the week commencing 26 June and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 4 and 11 September 2023.

Referral of Bills at Stage 1

3. The Bureau agreed to—
 - recommend to the Parliament that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee for consideration of the Scottish Employment Injuries Advisory Council Bill at Stage 1.
 - refer the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee for consideration at Stage 1.

Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—
 - consideration of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 29 March 2024.
 - consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 26 January 2024.

Approval of SSIs

5. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged to recommend to Parliament that the following instruments be approved—
 - Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)
 - First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023

The Bureau also noted that the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2003 (draft) would be considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on Wednesday 28 June. The Bureau agreed that, should the Committee recommend approval, a Bureau Motion be lodged and taken that afternoon.

Martin Whitfield and Alexander Burnett reserved their parties' position on the Deposit and Return Scheme Regulations.

Referral of a Members' Bill Proposal

6. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal on the prevention of the use of restraint and seclusion in Scottish schools to the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Referral of supplementary LCMs

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend that the Parliament designate the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee on the supplementary LCMs on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill and the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill.

Committee Membership Changes

8. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing SNP Committee membership changes to take effect from close of Business on Thursday 29 June, with the motion taken on Wednesday 28 June. The Bureau also agreed to consider changes to Conservative Committee membership by correspondence.

Correspondence from the SPCB: Late Sittings

9. The Bureau considered and agreed a draft response to the SPCB in relation to late sittings.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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