



Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

12 March 2024

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Gillian Mackay
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Rhoda Grant

Apologies:

- Martin Whitfield

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Matthew Linden
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 6 March.



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Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau noted the programme of business for the week commencing 11 March and agreed to recommend a programme of business for the weeks commencing 18 and 25 March.
3. Alexander Burnett referred to his request for a Ministerial Statement on reports that the First Minister overruled advice relating to recipients of aid funding late last year. The Minister for Parliamentary Business indicated that the Government would respond in due course.
4. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 19 March, would be David Torrance: Celebrating 125 Years of Learning with Fife College; on Wednesday 20 March, Kate Forbes: The Economic Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland and on Thursday 21 March, Douglas Ross: Save Our Surgeries - Burghead and Hopeman.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to Friday 26 April 2024.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of a Draft Proposal for a Members' Bill

6. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal for Right to Palliative Care (Scotland) Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved—
 - Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2024
 - Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024
 - Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Expiry of Section 10: Extension) Regulations 2024
 - Rent Adjudication (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
 - Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024



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Agenda item 6 – Committee Remits

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that new remits for the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and Economy and Fair Work Committee be agreed.

Agenda item 7 – Removal of Members' Business Motions

9. Business Managers agreed to retain the following Motions—
 - S6M-11787, McKee, Ivan, Celebrating Scotland's Iconic Scotch Whisky Industry
 - S6M-11811, Greene, Jamie, Protecting Bank Branches for Rural and Island Communities
 - S6M-11864, Forbes, Kate, The Economic Contribution of the Third Sector in Scotland

Item 8 – Committee Membership

10. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing the appointment of a committee substitute, with the question on this motion to be taken at Decision Time on Wednesday 13 March and to take effect from that point forward

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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