



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 75, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 1 February 2024

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Lifting the £50 Million Charity Cap:** The Parliament debated S6M-11319 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament acknowledges the incredible amount of money raised by charity lotteries in the UK, including the Scotland-based People's Postcode Lottery, the players of which have raised what it sees as a phenomenal £1.2 billion for good causes across the country; understands that the demand for funding from charities has greatly increased amid the cost of living crisis and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that the current £50 million cap on annual charity lottery sales serves no purpose, and that it is impacting the ability of charity lotteries to increase the amount of funding that they can provide to charities and good causes; notes the view that charities, including those in the Cunninghame North constituency, will continue to miss out on millions of pounds of funding so long as the sales cap remains in place, and further notes the calls for the UK Government to remove the charity lottery annual sales limit as a matter of urgency so that charities across the country are not missing out on vital funding when they need it most.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Scottish Budget 2024-25: Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-12035—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
1 February 2024

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 February 2024 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023

Scottish Food Commission (Appointment) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 27(12) of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 February 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/30)
laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 February 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/29 (C.4))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 February 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Decarbonising heat in homes: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2024/1) laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2023-24 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/19) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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