

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 94, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 22 March 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Antoni Pia, Youth Development Worker, Tullochan, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03732—That the Parliament agrees—
- (a) the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 22 March 2022—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Complex Care - Out-of-area Placements and Delayed Discharge

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Approval of SSIs

- (b) that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be considered by the Parliament
- (c) the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 23 March 2022—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Update

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(d) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 24 March 2022—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: A Retail Strategy for Scotland

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Building Safety Bill (UK Legislation)

The motion was agreed to.

- **3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- **4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on Complex Care Outof-area Placements and Delayed Discharge.
- **5. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-03704—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-03722—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Children and Young People (Clare Haughey) moved S6M-03688—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03736—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alteration of Expiry Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/40) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03737—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03738—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03741—That the Parliament agrees

that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/74) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.
- 13. Scottish Tourism Month 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-02970 in the name of Evelyn Tweed—That the Parliament recognises that March is Scottish Tourism Month; understands that the aim of this is to engage, connect and inspire all of Scotland's tourism businesses and organisations, as well as celebrate what it sees as the enormous contribution that tourism makes to Scotland; considers that the sector has been severely impacted over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic: understands what it sees as the importance of tourism to a sustainable recovery, with the sector reportedly worth £11.5 billion pre-pandemic and accounting for 8.5% of jobs in Scotland; welcomes the opportunities that the industry provides to people, places, businesses and communities by, it considers, acting as a stimulus for entrepreneurialism and investment, the benefits of which it believes spread far beyond tourism; further believes tourism to be a force for good across the country, enriching the economy, communities and environment; commends what it sees as Scottish tourism's significant contribution toward Scotland's profile on the world stage; considers that tourism can also play an important part in promoting wellness, particularly as people emerge from long periods of isolation brought about by the pandemic, and notes the view that it will take investment, support and time for the industry to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 22 March 2022

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 18 March 2022—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 3rd report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 134)

The following report was published on 21 March 2022—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Right for Foreign Nationals) Bill (SP Paper 142)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 March 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 18 March 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Electronic Monitoring (Relevant Disposals) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/93)

laid under section 15 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Freezing Order) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/95)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 18 March 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/94 (C. 7))

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 22 March 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025 SG/2022/39 laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2020-21 SG/2022/21 laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

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