

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 3 May 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Rev. Canon Sarah Shaw, Christ Church, Falkirk, led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- **3. Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Regan) moved S6M-04236—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-04236.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04236 in the name of Ash Regan (Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill), insert at end ", and, in so doing, expresses reservations in line with paragraph 386 of the Criminal Justice Committee's 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 164)."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-03944—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—
- (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and
- (b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- **5. Motion without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.56 pm.
- **6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
- 7. World Press Freedom Day: The Parliament debated S6M-04002 in the name of Russell Findlay—That the Parliament recognises that 3 May is World Press Freedom Day, as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993; considers this to be an important opportunity to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom and to defend the world's media from attacks on their independence; understands that this day is also one of remembrance of the 1,516 journalists who have been killed worldwide, with seven of those in Britain, according to the UNESCO observatory of killed journalists; believes that World Press Freedom Day serves as a reminder that, in countries around the world, newspapers and other media organisations are subject to censorship, with journalists harassed, unjustly imprisoned, attacked and murdered, and considers it to be a date to encourage support in favour of press freedom.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 3 May 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 3 May 2022—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Committee on 26 April 2022 (SP Paper 166)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 26th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3 May 2022 (SP Paper 167)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 29 April 2022 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 141(11J) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988

Surrender of Offensive Weapons (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 68(4) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 29 April 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Prescribed Documents) (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/148)

laid under section 68(3) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 May 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/153)

laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 29 April 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/150 (C. 9))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

New Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 29 April 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2022 – 30 June 2023 SLCC/2022/01 laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

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