



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 48, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 16 November 2023

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. Dying in the Margins:** The Parliament debated S6M-10827 in the name of Paul O'Kane—That the Parliament welcomes the University of Glasgow and Marie Curie research project, Dying in the Margins, as well as The Cost of Dying photography exhibition taken from the project; understands that the project ran from 2019 to 2023, and was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and UK Research and Innovation (UKRI); further understands that the project shed light on what it sees as the profound effect that people's socio-economic circumstances can have on their end of life experience; understands that, as part of the project, participants who were living with a terminal illness were photographed by Margaret Mitchell to create images conveying aspects of their end of life experience, and were given a camera to document their end of life experience themselves; considers that the project highlights the important challenges that are faced by people with a terminal illness who are living with poverty, and what it sees as structural disadvantage, including, but not limited to, unsuitable housing, energy costs and lack of income support; commends the bravery of the project's participants, their families and carers, who documented their lives at, it considers, the most challenging time, to inform the public conversation around improving the end of life care for those living with poverty, including those in the West Scotland

region, and what it sees as structural disadvantage; recognises the expertise of those who worked on the project, including University of Glasgow researchers, Dr Naomi Richards and Dr Sam Quinn, University of Auckland researcher, Professor Merryn Gott, and Marie Curie Head of Research and Innovation, Dr Emma Carduff; notes that the photography exhibition will be displayed in the Scottish Parliament on the week commencing 13 November 2023, and further notes the encouragement for MSPs to visit it and consider how they can tackle some of the issues that it raises.

**4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11310—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 November 2023—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

*followed by* Personal Statement: Michael Matheson

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-11310.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11310 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), insert at end—

“(b) that the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Personal Statement: Michael Matheson, Rule 13.1.4 of Standing Orders is suspended.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

(a) That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 November 2023—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

*followed by* Personal Statement: Michael Matheson

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

(b) that the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Personal Statement: Michael Matheson, Rule 13.1.4 of Standing Orders is suspended.

**5. Personal Statement:** Michael Matheson made a personal statement and answered questions.

**6. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service Contract.

**8. Culture in Communities: The Challenges and Opportunities in Delivering a Place-based Approach:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, moved S6M-11153—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee’s 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Culture in Communities: The challenges and opportunities in delivering a place-based approach (SP Paper 431).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11305—That the Parliament agrees that Colin Smyth be appointed to replace Mercedes Villalba as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.12 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
16 November 2023

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

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 November 2023 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 7) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/342 (C.23))  
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 16 November 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**The 2022/23 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2023/240)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2022-2023 (SG/2023/272)** laid under Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008, Chapter 3, Section 18

**The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/238)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/237)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The Scottish Government Non-Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/239)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**TS Prestwick Holdco LTD - Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/231)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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