



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 32, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 5 October 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry might be delayed due to the resignation of the Chair and senior counsel, was answered by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney).

3. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice, under Rule 8.2.6, to postpone Members' Business to a future meeting of the Parliament. The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06199—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 October 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 October 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 October 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Humanitarian Response to the Ukraine Crisis

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Robbing Peter to Pay Paul - Low Income and the Debt Trap

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 October 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06200—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 March 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06201—That the Parliament agrees that the Consumer Scotland (Transfer of Functions) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06202—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Social Housing Charter: April 2022 (SG/2022/32) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06203—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2023 and 31 January 2024, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 7 April, 10 April, 1 May, 26 May, 29 May, 15 September, 1 December, 22 December (pm), 25 December and 26 December 2023, and 1 and 2 January 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
5 October 2022

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 6 October 2022—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2022
(Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill
(SP Paper 235).

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Best Start: Strategic early learning and school age childcare plan for Scotland, 2022-26 (SG/2022/193) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/179) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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