



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 8 November
2022 at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Gillian Mackay
- Neil Bibby

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jo Hardy
- Mark Brough
- Jennifer Bell
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn*
- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming*
- Jo Kendall*

Apologies

- Annabelle Ewing

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 1 November 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a programme of business for the weeks commencing 7, 14 and 21 November 2022.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 15 November would be S6M-06230: Alexander Burnett: Improving Outcomes for People with Neurological Conditions, on Wednesday 16 November would be Bill Kidd: Co-op, SAMH, Mind and Inspire's Together Through Tough Times Report, and on Thursday 17 November would be S6M-06216: Katy Clark: Higher Education Workers' Dispute.

Approval of SSIs

4. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following would be lodged—
 - The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2022
 - Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI2022/Draft).

Referral and Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill be referred to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for consideration at Stage 2. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 23 November. (This was agreed reluctantly by Alexander Burnett). The Bureau further agreed to review the deadline on a weekly basis to ensure that the Committee had sufficient time to complete Stage 2.

Referral of an LCM

6. The Bureau agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM on the Energy Bill to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee to consider and report on it.

Referral of a Members' Bill

7. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal on the Freedom of Information Reform (Scotland) Bill to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

Parliamentary Calendar - Office of the Clerk and Christmas Recess

8. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament by motion that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 December; that the closure of the office of the Clerk which was previously agreed to by Motion S6M-01333 be adjusted to become a closure of the afternoon only 2022 and noted changes to Chamber Desk deadlines as a result of the closures.

Time for Reflection

9. The Bureau agreed—
 - to continue to draw Members' attention to the opportunity to nominate potential future Time for Reflection contributors;
 - that any adjustments to the January – June 2023 programme due to contributor availability be determined by the Presiding Officer; and
 - for the Presiding Officer to finalise the programme of contributors for the period January – June 2023

Appointment of an Adviser

7. The Bureau approved the appointment of an adviser to the Finance and Public Administration Committee to support a forthcoming inquiry.

Date of next meeting

8. The Presiding Officer confirmed the next meeting of the Bureau would be held on Tuesday 15 November.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
8 November 2022