



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 56, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 7 December 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Lee Mcleman, President of the Aberdeen Scotland Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02456—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 7 December 2021—

after

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: Covid-19 Update

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Independent Review of Moray Maternity Services

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Review of Moray Maternity Services.

**6. Delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero and Climate Resilience for Scotland:** The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-02429—That the Parliament recognises the importance of delivering a worker- and citizen-led just transition for Scotland; acknowledges the need to plan for an orderly transition to net zero by 2045, and the need for public and private investment so as to deliver a transition away from a high-carbon economy to net zero and climate resilience in a way that creates good green jobs and business opportunities across the country, and builds a fairer, greener future for all; welcomes the Scottish Government’s response to the Just Transition Commission’s report and commends the Commission’s work; approves of the commitment to a new Commission, and notes that Scotland is the first country in the world to commit to a Just Transition Planning Framework.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-02429.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02429 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero and Climate Resilience for Scotland), insert at end “; welcomes the UK Government’s North Sea Transition Deal, which will help to facilitate the reskilling of existing parts of the oil and gas workforce, and contains a commitment to joint investment with the energy sector of up to £16 billion by 2030 to reduce carbon emissions, and believes that discussions around a “just transition” must lead to meaningful action to safeguard the jobs of tens of thousands of energy sector workers across Scotland, and particularly in the north east.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 68, Abstentions 20).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-02429.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02429 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero and Climate Resilience for Scotland), leave out from “the Scottish Government’s” to end and insert “the recommendations in the Just Transition Commission’s report and commends the Commission’s work; approves of the commitment to a new Commission, and believes that the new Just Transition Commission should be given a statutory footing; considers that Scotland has huge potential to lead the way in the renewable energy sector, but regrets that, to date, the Scottish Government has failed to translate this into the growth of skilled green jobs; believes that the Scottish Government must significantly step up its efforts to support the retention and creation of energy jobs in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a clear industrial plan, in consultation with trade unions and workers, particularly from the oil and gas sector, to secure a just transition for workers across Scotland.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

**7. Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-02430—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 2 March 2021, relating to research and innovation, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02457—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 December 2021—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting Culture in Scotland

delete

4.25 pm Decision Time

insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-02457.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02457 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out “5.00 pm Decision Time” and insert “5.30 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 67, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

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

**10. 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence:** The Parliament debated S6M-01820 in the name of Paul McLennan—That the Parliament notes that 25 November 2021, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to 10 December 2021, Human Rights Day, are the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence; understands that 2021 marks the 30th anniversary

of the Global 16 Days Campaign; recognises that this year's theme is femicide, calling for awareness, action and accountability, all year round; notes the view that all men must take action to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls; praises the work of organisations working towards tackling violence against women across Scotland, including Zero Tolerance, Scottish Women's Aid, Rape Crisis Scotland and White Ribbon Scotland; welcomes these global days of action, intended to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls, and condemns any such violence.

**11. Motion without Notice:** Paul McLennan moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.39 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
7 December 2021

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 3 December 2021—

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 5th Report, 2021, Session 6: Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 60)

The following report was published on 6 December 2021—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 2 December 2021 (SP Paper 62)

**Legislative Consent Memorandum**

The following memorandum was lodged on 6 December 2021—

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-4a)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Made Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 December 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/454)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 December 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/455)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 December 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Reconsideration and Review of Determinations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 107(2) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

### **Laid Only Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 3 December 2021 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 4)  
Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/449 (C. 32))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc.  
Rules 1999 and Sheriff Appeal Court Rules Amendment) (Age of Criminal  
Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019) 2021 (SSI 2021/452)  
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 3 December 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021  
SG/2021/303** laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

**Statement of Reasons: The Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 and the  
Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations  
2021 (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 SG/2021/373** laid under  
section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 December 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Social Services Council, Annual Report and Accounts - 1 April 2020 to  
31 March 2021 SG/2021/300** laid under Schedule 2, Section 10(1) of the Regulation  
of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and  
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March  
2021 SG/2021/283** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

**UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 SG/2021/238** laid  
under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 7 December 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Climate Change Committee Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland 2021 Report to Parliament: Annex – Recommendations SG/2021/377** laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

**Climate Change Committee Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland 2021 Report to Parliament SG/2021/376** laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

**Crown Estate Scotland Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2021 SG/2021/351** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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