



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 90, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 10 March 2022

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Longstanding Underpayment of Social Care Staff:** The Parliament debated S6M-02777 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament notes the belief that the longstanding underpayment of social care staff should end, and that action must be taken to address the inequalities across the health and social care sector in order to deliver greater dignity and respect within the profession; considers that the rate of pay for social care staff, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, does not come anywhere near to recognising the complexities and challenges of the work; further considers that the main underlying cause of recruitment and retention issues in the care sector is a result of poor pay and unequal terms and conditions; condemns what it considers the poor treatment faced by many care workers in the course of their employment, which, it believes, would not be acceptable in any other profession, and notes the calls for all workers being hired directly or indirectly to deliver key public services to be paid the proper rate for the work they undertake.
- 4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
- 5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Rail Accident Investigation Branch Report into Carmont Passenger Train Derailment.

**7. Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26.** The Parliament debated The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26.

**8. UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-03390—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
10 March 2022

## **Appendix**

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

### **Subordinate Legislation**

#### **Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 March 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022 [draft]  
laid under section 96(4) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities  
Act 2006

#### **Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 March 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order  
2022 (SSI 2022/86)  
laid under section 18(3) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act  
1995

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