



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 106, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 7 May 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rabbi Eliran Shabo, Honorary Jewish Chaplain for the Scottish Universities, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-13118—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 7 May 2024—

delete

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

and insert

followed by Personal Statement: Humza Yousaf

3.00 pm Selection of First Minister

(b) Wednesday 8 May 2024—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

and insert

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care; Social Justice

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Implementing the Cass Review in Scotland

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Supporting Scotland's Colleges

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.35 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 9 May 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: 2024-25 Finance Update Following UK Government Spring Budget

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Appointment of Scottish Ministers

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Data Protection and Digital Information Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

Douglas Ross moved S6M-13118.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13118 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "3.00 pm Selection of First Minister" insert—

"followed by Statement by the Lord Advocate on Post Office Horizon Prosecutions

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 55, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
4. **Personal Statement:** Humza Yousaf made a personal statement.
5. **Selection of the First Minister:** The following Members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Alex Cole-Hamilton
Douglas Ross
Anas Sarwar
John Swinney

The result of voting was—

Alex Cole-Hamilton	4
Douglas Ross	31
Anas Sarwar	22 (including 1 proxy vote)
John Swinney	64
Abstentions	7

John Swinney was duly selected as the Parliament's nominee for appointment as First Minister.

6. **Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.06 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

8. Supporting the Further Education Workforce: The Parliament debated S6M-12540 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament recognises that members of the EIS-FELA, including those in the Central Scotland region, have been engaged in industrial action in pursuit of a fair pay settlement; understands that this began with action short of a strike, but that it has escalated to taking strike action in the face of a pay offer from College Employers Scotland that is reportedly below the current rate of inflation, and therefore a real-terms pay reduction; further understands that the pay offer is below the Scottish Government's public sector pay policy; regrets reports that Scotland's further education lecturers last received a pay uplift in August 2021, and that they should have received a pay rise in August 2022, but are still waiting for an acceptable offer from college employers a year and a half later; believes that management in some colleges have taken draconian action, outwith the spirit of the Fair Work Framework, including pay deductions for action short of strike, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to intervene, as it has in other public sector pay disputes, to ensure that workers in the further education sector receive a fair pay settlement that properly reflects what it sees as the invaluable work that they do.

The meeting closed at 4.58 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
7 May 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 3 May 2024—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland)
Act 2013: Phase 1 (SP Paper 577)

The following reports were published on 7 May 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report, 2024 (Session
6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 7th May 2024 (SP Paper 579)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report, 2024 (Session
6): Delegated powers in the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill (as
amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 583)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 3 May 2024 and are
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Tied Pubs (Fees and Financial Penalties) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 24(2) of the Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021

Tied Pubs (Scottish Arbitration Rules) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 33(3) of the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010

Protected Trust Deeds (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
[draft]
laid under section 225(4) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 May 2024 and is not
subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2024 (SSI
2024/136) (C. 12)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 3 May 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Our British Sign Language (BSL) Plan 2024-30 (CCYP/2024/02) laid under Section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 7 May 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Budget 2022-2023 (SG/2024/91) laid under Section 20(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2022/2023 (SG/2024/7) laid under Paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoner and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

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