



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 50, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 23 November 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Raheel Arif, Minister, Denny Old and Higgs Parishes, Falkirk, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.
- 4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports, following comments made by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons, that local authorities across the UK, including Scotland, will be obliged to accommodate the increasing number of unaccompanied children refugees crossing the English Channel, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison).
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on International Development COVID-19 Support – Partner Countries and Humanitarian Responses.
- 6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap – The Future of the Scottish Attainment Challenge.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Response to the Report of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland.

**8. Committee Announcement:** Stuart McMillan, on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, made an announcement on Inquiry into the use of made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic.

**9. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

**10. Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26:** The Parliament debated S6M-01310 in the name of Foysol Choudhury—That the Parliament considers that COP26 is a key opportunity for placing food and local action at the heart of the response to the climate emergency; notes the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration from the partners, Nourish Scotland and IPES-Food, which is a commitment by subnational governments to tackle the climate emergency through integrated food policies and a call on national governments to act; commends those local authorities in Scotland that have signed the Glasgow Declaration to date, including the City of Edinburgh Council; believes that a resilient food system approach would target all the sustainable development goals to accelerate climate action while delivering many co-benefits, including the promotion of biodiversity, ecosystem regeneration and resilience, circularity, equity, access to healthy and sustainable diets for all, and the creation of resilient livelihoods for farm and food workers; understands that global food systems account for one third of emissions and are at the heart of many major challenges today, including biodiversity loss and enduring hunger and malnutrition; celebrates the significant signatories from five continents that have already made their commitment to accelerating climate action via local food system transformation, and considers that the road from the Paris Agreement to COP26 has to go through the farm gate.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
23 November 2021

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 19 November 2021—

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 16 November 2021 (SP Paper 46)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Elections Bill (SP Paper 48)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 50)

The following reports were published on 22 November 2021—

Criminal Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Pre-budget scrutiny: priorities in 2022-23 for the Scottish Government's budget in the justice sector (SP Paper 32)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum – Professional Qualifications Bill (SP Paper 49)

**Legislative Consent Memorandum**

The following memorandum was lodged on 18 November 2021—

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills:  
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-6a)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Made Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 November 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/425)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

## **Affirmative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2021 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under sections 3A(3) and 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 275(7BA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

## **Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Thresholds etc.) (Amendment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/424)

laid under regulation 108A(1) of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the Trade Act 2021

## **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Progressing the Human Rights of Children in Scotland: An Action Plan 2021 – 2024 SG/2021/286** laid under Part 1, section 1(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

**Progressing the Human Rights of Children in Scotland: A Report 2018-2021 - Report to the Scottish Parliament under Part 1 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 SG/2021/285** laid under Part 1, section 1(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

**Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/276** laid under Section 11(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020-21 SG/2021/96** laid under section 14(3) of schedule 1 of Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014

**Scottish Sentencing Council Business Plan 2021-24 SG/2021/298** laid under section 12(7) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 23 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/302** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Government response to Doing Politics Differently - The Report of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland SG/2021/314** laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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