



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau
meeting 8 February 2022 at 12.00
pm
MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Neil Bibby*
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- Jennifer Bell*
- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Polly Davidson*
- Catherine Fergusson*
- Gary Cocker
- Irene Fleming*
- Gail Grant*
- Matthew Linden*
- David McGill
- Jason Nairn*
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 1 February 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 7 February 2022, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 21 February and 28 February 2022.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 22 February would be S6M-02984: Karen Adam: Celebrating LGBT History Month, on Wednesday 23 February would be S6M-02948: Jim Fairlie: Redundancies at OVO Energy, and on Thursday 24 February, would be S6M-02776: Craig Hoy: Decommissioning of Torness Nuclear Power Station.

Bill Referral

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead Committee in the consideration of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Articles (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Approval of SSIs

5. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following SSIs would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 9 February:
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/13)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/25)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/29)
 - Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2021/draft)
 - Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2021/draft)
 - Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2021/draft)

LCM Referrals

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead Committee in the consideration of the LCM on the Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation).

Committee request to meet during plenary

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be allowed to meet during Member's Business on Thursday 24 February.

Committee advisers

8. The Bureau agreed to a request from the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee to appoint up to two advisers – one on agriculture policy, and one on fisheries policy, both in relation to the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the EU on these policy areas in Scotland - for the duration of Session 6.

Temporary Standing Orders

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Temporary Rule 3 of Standing Orders be amended to suspend public access to the Chamber and committees until 1 April 2022, except to the extent determined by the Presiding Officer.
10. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament to extend the suspension and variation of Standing Orders in relation to Committee substitutes until 1 April 2022.

Time for Reflection

11. The Bureau noted that Time for Reflection would continue to be delivered remotely in line with the gradual resumption of services at Holyrood, and agreed for the Presiding Officer to finalise the programme of contributors for February-March 2022, as well as determining any adjustments to the programme due to contributor availability.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
8 February 2022