



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 25 April 2023
at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Ross Greer

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jo Hardy
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Bell
- Callum Thomson
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Apologies:

- Gillian Mackay
- Annabelle Ewing

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 18 April, subject to the addition of reference to concerns having been raised about questions to the Minister for Independence and the requirement that questions must relate to matters for which Scottish Ministers have general responsibility.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a programme of business for the week commencing 24 April and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 1 and 8 May 2023.

3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Wednesday 2 May would be S6M-08651: Beatrice Wishart: Highly Protected Marine Areas, on Wednesday 3 May: S6M-07369: Sharon Dowey: Impact of Long-term Historical Site Closures Managed by Historic Environment Scotland and on Thursday 4 May would be S6M-08579: Bill Kidd: Firefighters' Memorial Day 2023:

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to Friday 12 May 2023.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 19 May.

Committee Membership

6. The Bureau agreed to lodge motions proposing Committee membership and Committee Substitute changes.

7. It was agreed that a discussion on gender balance on Committees would take place at the Bureau's next Strategic Planning Meeting.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
25 April 2023