



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 14 November
2023 at 12:00 pm

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Gillian Mackay
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Jen Griffin
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 7 November.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 20 and 27 November 2023.

3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 21 November would be Motion S6M-11228: Colin Beattie: Holodomor Memorial Day; on Wednesday 22 November Motion S6M-11017: Jackson Carlaw: Calderwood Lodge Primary School 60-year Celebration and on Thursday 23 November S6M-11227: Martin Whitfield: Keeping the Promise Oversight Board Report.

4. The Minister for Parliamentary Business indicated that The Scottish Government was still considering the Scottish Labour Party's request for a statement from the Scottish Government's Law Officers regarding the questions and answers about the Covid Inquiry's request for unredacted legal advice.

Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament to designate the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee as lead committee for consideration of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

6. Alexander Burnett reserved the Scottish Conservative Party's position.

Referral of a Members' Bill Proposal

7. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal for a Members' Bill on ecocide prevention to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved—

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2023 (SI 2023/Draft)
- Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)
- International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)

Alexander Burnett and Martin Whitfield reserved their parties' position on the Mental Health (National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service: Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)

Recess Dates

9. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament that the dates for summer recess in 2024 be changed to run from Saturday 29 June 2024 to Sunday 1 September 2024.

Committee Substitutes

10. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing changes to SNP Committee Substitutes.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
14 November 2023