



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 9 December 2021

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Human Rights Day 2021:** The Parliament debated S6M-02301 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament acknowledges that 10 December 2021 marks Human Rights Day; notes that the theme this year relates to Equality and Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”; understands that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in the world, and recognises that it sets out the specific rights that all children have to help fulfil their potential; welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to the incorporation into law of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to the maximum extent possible as soon as practicable; believes that a rights-based approach to key social policies is crucial to a future that is based on tolerance, equality, shared values, and respect for the worth and human dignity of all people in Coatbridge and Chryston, Scotland and beyond; notes the work of the First Minister's Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership and the recommendations of the National Taskforce for Human Rights Leadership, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce a new Human Rights Bill in this parliamentary session.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting Culture in Scotland.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Budget 2022-23.

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

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
9 December 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 9 December 2021—

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 9th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 9 December 2021 (SP Paper 63)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 64)

New Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 9 December 2021 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Abortion (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/457)
laid under section 2(4) of the Abortion Act 1967

Red Rocks and Longay Urgent Marine Conservation (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/463)
laid under section 165 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 9 December 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Animal Health (Notification and Control Measures) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/456)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 December 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/342 laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/341 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2020/21 audit of Bòrd na Gàidhlig SG/2021/305 laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail & Cunntasan 2020-21 SG/2021/304 laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Caring for our Children and Young People: An update on Scotland's Corporate Parenting 2018 – 2021 SG/2021/233 laid under section 65(1), Part 9 of the Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/361 laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts– December 2021 SFC/2021/11 laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Fiscal Update – December 2021 SFC/2021/12 laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

A report in fulfilment of section 86A: Duty to consider effects of inflation SG/2021/344 laid under section 86A(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Carbon Assessment of the Scottish Budget 2022-23 SG/2021/372 laid under section 94 of the Climate Change (Scotland) 2009

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