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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday 2 February 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Prevention of Homelessness Duties: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-03018—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the joint Scottish Government and COSLA consultation on Prevention of Homelessness duties, which seeks views on ambitious plans to strengthen the rights of people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness in Scotland; supports the principles as informed by the final report of the Prevention Review Group, which include a shared public responsibility to prevent homelessness; notes that the package of measures in the consultation includes the introduction of new legal duties on public bodies and landlords to “ask and act” on any risk of homelessness, changes to existing homelessness legislation to prioritise early intervention, and maximising the housing options available to people; recognises that approaches to preventing homelessness should be person centred and trauma informed, and agrees that this approach will support the implementation of the human right of an adequate home for all.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-03018.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03018 in the name of Shona Robison (Prevention of Homelessness Duties), insert at end “; is committed and united in the shared public responsibility to eradicate rough sleeping in Scotland at the

earliest opportunity or by 2026; notes that surveys have suggested that over 5,000 people in Scotland have reported sleeping rough at least once per year, with the homelessness death rate in Scotland being double that of England and Wales, with an estimated 256 deaths of people experiencing homelessness in Scotland in 2020; further notes with concern the number of children living in temporary accommodation in Scotland, which has reached its highest levels since records began, along with the number of councils reporting the breaching of unsuitable accommodation orders; notes that research has demonstrated the link between increased interactions with health and social care services and the risk of people becoming homeless; calls on the Scottish Government to help support people into safe and stable housing as quickly as possible with an acceleration in the roll-out of Housing First across all Scottish local authorities; notes the research by the Health and Social Care Alliance that suggests that people experiencing homelessness continue to face stigma and additional barriers to accessing health and addiction services, and calls on ministers to support a review of access to homeless health and care services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-03018.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03018 in the name of Shona Robison (Prevention of Homelessness Duties), insert at end “; notes that homelessness in Scotland is rising again, that in 2020-21 over half of the approaches to Housing Options Scotland resulted in a homelessness application, and that 14,161 households were assessed as homeless in the six months to September 2021; believes that the nation’s homelessness crisis is severe and persistent, with one in 12 people in Scotland being forced to experience the trauma of homelessness; notes the findings of the report, Homelessness in Scotland, prepared by The Salvation Army, which found that the overall level of funding for homelessness and housing support services had decreased by 18% between 2013-14 and 2019-20 and asked if “the necessary investment to achieve this transformational change” was being delivered, and the Crisis publication, Homelessness Monitor: Scotland 2021, which found that “the primary barrier seen to risk inhibiting future progress on the [Ending Homelessness Together] Action Plan’s vision relates to resources”, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that funding to Scottish local authorities is adequate to ensure that the implementation of the prevention of homelessness objectives and other landmark projects, like Housing First, are not at risk.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. Scottish Rate Resolution: The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-03019—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for

income tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2022-23 are as follows—

- (a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,162,
- (b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,162 and up to a limit of £13,118,
- (c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £13,118 and up to a limit of £31,092,
- (d) a higher rate of 41%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £150,000, and
- (e) a top rate of 46%, charged on income above £150,000.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 29).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03033—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 February 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A New Vision for Justice

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 February 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Members' Expenses Scheme

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 February 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Care Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 February 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Debate: Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the Coronavirus pandemic

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 February 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 February 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: COP26 - Outcomes and Implications for Scotland's Climate Change Policies

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 February 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03034—That the Parliament agrees that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Reconsideration and Review of Determinations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03035—That the Parliament agrees that the COVID-19 Recovery Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Criminal Justice Committee and Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as secondary committees, in consideration of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03036—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Response to Storm Arwen in Stirling and Future Resilience Planning: The Parliament debated S6M-02784 in the name of Evelyn Tweed—That the Parliament acknowledges the hard work and assistance given by communities and organisations during the emergency situation caused by Storm Arwen; recognises that the Storm was reportedly four times more damaging than the Beast from the East in February 2018, and led to large areas of rural Stirling being without electricity, phone signal and in some cases water, for up to a week, in November 2021; congratulates communities across Stirling for pulling together and ensuring that the most vulnerable were cared for despite the incredibly difficult circumstances; acknowledges the response from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks and what it sees as the company’s great efforts to reconnect homes and businesses as quickly as possible, despite the widespread damage to the network; commends Scottish Water for the rescheduling of works in Callander to ensure roads remained open throughout the emergency; further commends Stirling Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Scotland, Killin Mountain Rescue Team, Trossachs Search and Rescue, International Rescue Corps, British Red Cross, and local businesses across Stirling, for their response to Storm Arwen, and notes the view that action must be taken to review resilience planning and ensure communities across Scotland have confidence that resilience against future storms and emergencies is robust.

10. Motion without Notice: Evelyn Tweed moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.22 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
2 February 2022

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 2 February 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 94)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 2 February 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under sections 54(5) and 62(5) of the Digital Economy Act 2017

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