



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 24 February 2022

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Decommissioning of Torness Nuclear Power Station:** The Parliament debated S6M-02776 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament notes that the decision has been taken to bring forward the decommissioning date of Torness Nuclear Power Station from 2030 to 2028; further notes EDF Energy's assessment that the station is one of the most productive in its fleet of nuclear power stations; recognises that, since the station first started generating electricity in 1988, EDF Energy reports that the plant has produced nearly 280 TWh of zero-carbon electricity, which is understood to be sufficient to power every home in Scotland for 28 years; understands that Torness employs around 500 staff and 250 contractors, with a salary bill of around £40 million annually, which, it considers, boosts the Dunbar and East Lothian economy; notes that Hunterston B power station, in North Ayrshire, has recently shut down for the last time, after what it considers to have been 46 years of reliable energy generation and job creation, and further notes calls urging the Scottish Government to review its decision to use the Scottish planning system to block the development of any future civilian nuclear energy projects in order that nuclear power continues to play a central part in the provision of zero-carbon electricity in Scotland.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Building Industrial Clusters Around Scotland's Ports.

6. Solidarity with Ukraine: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-03333—That the Parliament offers its unqualified support for Ukrainian sovereignty, democracy, independence and territorial integrity; condemns unreservedly Russia's violation of Ukraine's sovereignty by recognising the so-called Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic, and expresses its concern at the disturbing reports of Russian forces beginning a further invasion of Ukraine's territory, in flagrant violation of international law; acknowledges the response to date of the international community in applying sanctions against the Russian regime and calls on it to redouble such efforts to discourage Russia from further aggression; further acknowledges the limited sanctions announced by the UK Prime Minister and urges that these should go further as soon as possible, with severe sanctions imposed upon Putin's regime, his oligarch backers and their assets globally; supports efforts to deter Russia from further aggression and efforts to require Russia to reverse its illegal and provocative actions; records its concern about the grave threat to the safety and security of Ukrainian citizens; stands in solidarity with the people, Government and Parliament of Ukraine, and Scotland's Ukrainian community, and stands ready to support them in any way Scotland can.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03341—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

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

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
24 February 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 24 February 2022—

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 24 February 2022 (SP Paper 118)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 February 2022 (SP Paper 120)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 14th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to the Building Safety Bill (SP Paper 121)

Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 February 2022 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/74)
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 24 February 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/66)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, section 12 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/70)
laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/71)
laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2)
Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/72)
laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 February 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision)
Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/67 (C.5))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

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