



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 76, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 6 February 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dorothy Wallace, Parish Minister, West Lochfyneside Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**3. Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-12070—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

**6. Celebrating the Work of Dunoon Grammar School:** The Parliament debated S6M-10234 in the name of Donald Cameron— That the Parliament congratulates the pupils, staff, parents and partners of Dunoon Grammar School on the school's ongoing and award-winning work collaborating with the local community and public

bodies for the benefit of all; understands that the school has collaborated with a large number of organisations, including Apps for Good, Argyll Holidays, the Dunoon Film Festival, Police Scotland and the Wood Foundation, ensuring that its pupils leave school with a wider experience of the world outside; notes that the school is involved with a company set up to develop Dunoon as an adventure capital of Scotland, and provides a junior board to the company; commends what it sees as the empowering leadership of the school's head teacher, David Mitchell, who, it understands, supports staff, pupils, parents and partners to operate in the knowledge that the head teacher has their support; recognises that the school has been facilitated and supported by Argyll and Bute Council; believes that Dunoon Grammar School demonstrates that a school can be the heart of, and make a significant difference to, its community, and hopes that lessons can be learned throughout Scotland from the successful partnership between Dunoon Grammar School and Argyll and Bute Council.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
6 February 2024

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 2 February 2024—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6):  
Legislative consent memorandum: the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill  
(SP Paper 520)

The following report was published on 6 February 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 February 2024 (SP Paper 521)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 5 February 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/35)  
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Sandeel (Prohibition of Fishing) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/35)  
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 February 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Document summarising the representations made, and the Scottish Ministers consideration of those representations, on the Draft Annual Report on the Scottish Ministers exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, laid in draft in Parliament on 31 October 2023 (SG/2024/24) laid under section 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021**

**Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 and the intended future use of the power under section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024 (SG/2024/23) laid under section 10(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021**

**The Statutory Review of the Debt and Fraud Powers of the Digital Economy Act (2017) (SG/2024/16)** laid under Part 5, Chapter 3, section 53 and Chapter 4, section 61 of the Digital Economy Act 2017

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