



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 93, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 21 March 2024

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 (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Save Our Surgeries - Burghead and Hopeman:** The Parliament debated S6M-12449 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament expresses concern about the closure of GP surgeries in the Highlands and Islands region, including Hopeman and Burghead; praises the tireless efforts of local campaigners, including members of the Save Our Surgeries group, in advocating for the reopening of what it considers to be these vital healthcare facilities; recognises the reported disappointment and frustration felt by many regarding the consultation on the future of these facilities; understands the pressures that these closures have placed on residents of the two villages and surrounding areas; notes the calls for both the Scottish Government and NHS Grampian to prioritise the healthcare needs of smaller communities, and further notes the view that the Scottish Government, NHS Grampian and Health and Social Care Moray should fully engage with, and support, the local communities and campaigners.
- 4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-12535—That the Parliament agrees that the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12592—That the Parliament agrees that—

Meghan Gallacher be appointed as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee; and

Tim Eagle be appointed to replace Jeremy Balfour as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
21 March 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 21 March 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 22nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19th March 2024 (SP Paper 548)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 March 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Plant Health (Export Certification) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/86)
laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 21 March 2024 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (National Security Prevention and Investigation) 2024 (SSI 2024/84)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Avian Influenza (Preventive Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/87)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

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