



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 7, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 30 May 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Markus Dünzkofer, Rector, St John's Episcopal Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, S6M-09246—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 30 May 2023—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Diet and Healthy Weight Consultations

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) made a statement and answered questions on Diet and Healthy Weight Consultations.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Deposit Return Scheme.

6. Hospital at Home Programme in Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-09191—That the Parliament recognises the value of the Hospital at Home programme in ensuring that people receive the right care in the right place at the right time; highlights that it offers a safe, patient-centred alternative to an acute hospital admission across a range of specialty areas, providing a better outcome for many people, without some of the challenges associated with an acute admission; welcomes that Hospital at Home has eased pressure on acute hospitals, with over 63,000 bed days provided last year by Hospital at Home for older adults; notes research showing that Hospital at Home is a cost effective alternative to acute care and provides very good clinical outcomes, and acknowledges the excellent work done to date by Healthcare Improvement Scotland, National Education Scotland and dedicated clinical networks to support the development of Hospital at Home.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-09191.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09191 in the name of Michael Matheson (Hospital at Home Programme in Scotland), insert at end “; emphasises that maintaining existing programmes is vital to keeping people out of hospital; highlights that some Hospital at Home initiatives are threatened by staffing shortages; asserts that these programmes are needed more than ever, as hospitals across Scotland are currently struggling with capacity, with patients being treated in corridors at peak times; notes that tackling delayed discharge is a key component of increasing capacity, and acknowledges that many delayed discharges are of older people who could be cared for within social care settings.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-09191.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-09191 in the name of Michael Matheson (Hospital at Home Programme in Scotland), insert at end “; notes that one in seven people in Scotland are on NHS waiting lists, delayed discharge remains too high, and thousands of NHS vacancies are unfilled; recognises that Hospital at Home requires sustained investment to bring hospital-standard care into the home using technology, in addition to retaining and recruiting the multi-disciplinary teams that are required; considers that Hospital at Home is being hindered by the Scottish Government's failure to tackle the social care crisis, which is essential in helping people to live independently, and calls on the Scottish Ministers to deliver a long-term funding settlement for this programme, to take urgent action to deliver well-funded and locally available social care services by immediately uplifting social care pay to £12 per hour,

with a plan to raise it to £15 per hour, and, as recommended in the Feeley Review, to remove non-residential care charges.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 94, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

8. Protecting Devolution and the Scottish Parliament: The Parliament debated S6M-08885 in the name of Keith Brown—That the Parliament expresses alarm at what it sees as the UK Government’s escalating disrespect for the devolved settlement; highlights the report of the Parliament’s Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, The Impact of Brexit on Devolution, which identified “increased tension within the devolution settlement” since the UK’s departure from the EU; believes that the Sewel Convention is now regularly breached by the UK Government; underlines that legislative consent was withheld by the Scottish Parliament in relation to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, the Environment Act 2021, the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the Elections Act 2022, the Nationality and Borders Act 2022 and the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Act 2023; considers that the Procurement Bill, the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill, and the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill are all proceeding without heed to the devolved legislatures; expresses profound disappointment in the use of an order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998 to, it considers, veto devolved legislation; expresses alarm at what it sees as the Secretary of State for Scotland’s apparent unilateral rewriting of the agreed rules regarding requests for exemptions from the market access principles contained in the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020; considers all of these actions to be part of a pattern of undemocratic behaviour of attacks on the devolution settlement and the Scottish Parliament, and believes that these actions demonstrate the vulnerability of the Scottish Parliament while constituencies like Clackmannanshire and Dunblane, and Scotland as a whole, are under what it sees as UK Government control.

9. Motion Without Notice: Keith Brown 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 6.12 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
30 May 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 30 May 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual report of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2022-23 (SP Paper 377)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 30 May 2023 (SP Paper 380)

Criminal Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 382)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (SP Paper 385)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Health, Social Care, and Sport Committee (SP Paper 386)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 30 May 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Analytics and Intelligence for people who access NHS Sexual Assault Response Coordination Services (SARCS) following a recent rape, sexual assault or child sexual abuse - First report on the Operation of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) Scotland Act (SG/2023/88) laid under Section 15 of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) Scotland Act 2021

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Agriculture (SG/2023/109) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Buildings (SG/2023/104) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Electricity (SG/2023/103) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Industry (SG/2023/106) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: LULUCF (SG/2023/108) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Negative Emissions Technologies (NETS) (SG/2023/110) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Transport (SG/2023/105) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2023: Waste and the Circular Economy (SG/2023/107) laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme: Progress Report 2023 SG/2023/111 laid under Section 9 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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