



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 41, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 2 November 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev David Coleman, EcoChaplain, EcoCongregation Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.
- 4. A Progressive Approach to Sustainable Procurement and Fair Work Practices:** The Parliament debated A Progressive Approach to Sustainable Procurement and Fair Work Practices.
- 4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01914—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

Wednesday 3 November 2021—

after

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

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Action by Legal Aid Solicitors

5. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

6. Improving Support and Ending the Stigma of the Menopause: The Parliament debated S6M-01534 in the name of Collette Stevenson—That the Parliament recognises that World Menopause Day is held every year on 18 October; understands that around 400,000 women in Scotland are of menopausal age; acknowledges that most women will experience menopausal symptoms and in a variety of ways, which, for some, may be severe and have a large impact on their lives; notes that these symptoms can include memory loss, insomnia, anxiety, palpitations, hot flushes and pain; further notes the encouragement given to women to access the support and advice to which they are entitled, such as through their GP and primary care team; welcomes the Scottish Government’s Women’s Health Plan which aims to alleviate women’s health inequalities and ensure that women can access specialist menopause services; notes the view that many women could benefit from flexibility from employers to manage menopausal symptoms and that employers should consider introducing a menopause policy to best support women in the workplace; understands that South Lanarkshire Council was the first local authority in Scotland to implement such a policy; acknowledges that there continues to be a taboo and stigma surrounding the menopause; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to launch a public campaign to remove this and raise awareness of the symptoms of the menopause; notes the calls for young women and girls to be empowered through high-quality education on menstrual health, and further notes the view that awareness-raising of the menopause will help its impact be better understood and addressed.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
2 November 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 29 October 2021—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 October 2021 (SP Paper 35)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 28 October 2021 (SP Paper 36)

New Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 29 October 2021 and are subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/382)
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/384)
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 29 October 2021 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Payments Materially Affected by Error) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]
laid under section 107(2) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 [draft]
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 2 November 2021 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]
laid under section 95(1) of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]
laid under section 126(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 29 October 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Thresholds etc.) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/378)
laid under regulation 83A(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, regulation 108A(1) of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016, regulation 60ZA(1) of the Concession Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the Trade Act 2021

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 1 November 2021 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/379)
laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/380 (C. 28))
laid under section 91(4) of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 2 November 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/383)
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 2 November 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Lands Tribunal for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendments) Amendment Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/386)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 29 October 2021 and are subject to parliamentary procedure—

Draft 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 29 March 2021 – 31 August 2021 and the intended future use of the power under Section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period (SG/2021/291) laid before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with section 11(3) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021. The report is laid in draft for a period of 28 days during which time the Scottish Ministers will have regard to any representations made to them regarding how they intend to use the power under section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period

Draft Statement of policy by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2021/292) laid before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with section 7(3) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021. This statement is laid in the Scottish Parliament in draft for a period of 28 days, during which time the Scottish Ministers will have regard to any representations made to them regarding it

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 29 October 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Children and Young People’s Commissioner Scotland Annual Report 2020-21 (CCYP/2021/02) laid under section 10 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2020/21 (CES/2021/02) laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 Report on exercise of section 5 power (SG/2021/288) laid under section 7A of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

The Scottish Civil Estate 2020-2021: The eleventh report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2021/289) laid under Section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2020/21 (SPCPF/2021/02) laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 2 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2021
SG/2021/203 laid under Section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland: HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/273 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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