



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 44, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 9 November 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Aparna Ramesh, Interfaith Scotland Development Officer and Secretary of Hindu Temple of Scotland, Rutherglen, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 4. Skills and Opportunities to Support Recovery – Young Person’s Guarantee and National Training Transition Fund: One Year On:** The Parliament debated Skills and Opportunities to Support Recovery – Young Person’s Guarantee and National Training Transition Fund: One Year On.
- 5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02048—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/349) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02049—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

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-02050—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02051—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Long Covid as a Condition of Concern: The Parliament debated S6M-01861 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton—That the Parliament considers that long COVID is a condition of serious concern; understands that figures published by the Office for National Statistics estimate that 79,000 people in Scotland, including individuals in the Edinburgh Western constituency, have already self-reported long COVID; notes that symptoms of long COVID include chronic fatigue, muscle spasms, breathing problems, sleep problems and cognitive impairment; understands that, of those who have self-reported, 61,000 have been experiencing symptoms for more than 12 weeks, and 31,000 have been experiencing symptoms for a year; considers that the omission of long COVID from the NHS Recovery Plan was a disappointment to many who currently have the condition; notes the view that the support currently available to people with long COVID does not sufficiently address their needs, and that more measures, including specialist clinics, a care pathway and community nurses who are able to visit people at home where necessary, must be introduced, and further notes the calls for long COVID to be prioritised in future Scottish Government decisions.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
9 November 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 5 November 2021—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 14th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (SP Paper 41)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 November 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Private Storage Aid Scheme (Pigmeat) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/398)
laid under article 229(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 1308/2013

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 8 November 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/397)
laid under section 7(5) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 9 November 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/402)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2020 – 2021
SG/2021/281 laid under Section 20(2)(c) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: scrutiny report on The Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 SCoSS/2021/06 laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report on the Scottish Ministers' duties under section 23(1) (funding for alternative dispute resolution) and section 24(1) (pilot scheme for mandatory alternative dispute resolution meetings) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020 SG/2021/308 laid under sections 23(7) and 24(4) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020

Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report & Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/306 laid under Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland – A Strategic Approach – Technical Annex SG/2021/290 laid under Section 7(4)(a) of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019

Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland – A Strategic Approach SG/2021/208 laid under Section 7(4)(a) of the Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019

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