



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 37, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 7 October 2021

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. World Mental Health Day 2021: Mental Health in an Unequal World:** The Parliament debated S6M-01009 in the name of Paul McLennan—That the Parliament notes that 10 October 2021 is World Mental Health Day; welcomes this day of global mental health education, awareness-raising and advocacy; recognises the relevance of this year's theme, Mental Health in an Unequal World, to Scotland; considers that, based on available data, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing inequalities in mental health; understands that this includes those with mental ill health, who, it believes, live on average 20 years less than the wider population, and those living in deprived communities, who are more likely to experience poor mental wellbeing, anxiety and depression, and welcomes the work by organisations across Scotland, including through Scotland's Mental Health Partnership, to address both the causes and outcomes of these inequalities, in East Lothian and across Scotland.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) made a statement and answered questions on Heat in Buildings Strategy.

**6. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 6 (For 24, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 50, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 51, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 4 and 5.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01554—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. 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 shall begin at 5.20 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Withdrawal of SSI:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-01597—That the Parliament agrees that the Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] be withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Withdrawal of SSI:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-01598—That the Parliament agrees that the Argyll and Bute (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] be withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01601—That the Parliament agrees that, with effect from 8 October 2021, Temporary Standing Orders Rule 3 be amended—

- (a) in paragraph 1 to delete “9 October 2021” and insert “24 December 2021”; and
- (b) in paragraph 2 to delete “9 October 2021” and insert “24 December 2021”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
7 October 2021

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 7 October 2021—

Criminal Justice Committee 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 7)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 7 October 2021 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Independent Reviewer (Modification of Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 82(3)(c) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019.

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

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 7 October 2021 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/253)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/354)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 7 October 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 4, Saving and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/351 (C. 25))  
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 7 October 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Annual Report of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland EMBS/2021/01** laid under section 8(2) of the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011

**Ending Homelessness Together: Annual report to the Scottish Parliament, October 2021 SG/2021/252** laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

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