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Foreword

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

No. 1, Tuesday 17 May 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Sarah Brown, Saint Machar's Cathedral, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. Supporting Scotland's Islands on their Journey to Become Carbon Neutral: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-04428—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's announcement of the six islands that will be supported towards becoming fully carbon neutral by 2040; notes that the six islands are Hoy, Islay, Great Cumbrae, Raasay, Barra and Yell; recognises that these six islands will embrace the opportunity for island communities to lead the way in realising Scotland's climate change ambitions; notes that the project will benefit all Scottish islands, and not only those supported directly as part of the project, through knowledge exchange and good practices; welcomes this initiative, which puts Scotland's islands at the forefront of climate change policy while celebrating their unique culture and heritage, and acknowledges that the six carbon neutral islands will become international trailblazers and champions of carbon neutrality across the world.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-04428.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04428 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Scotland's Islands on their Journey to Become Carbon Neutral), insert at end “; calls on the Scottish Government to provide support and funding so that the islands and islanders can progress towards being carbon neutral, and further calls on the Scottish Government to publish plans for these islands to achieve these goals.”

After debate, amendment S6M-04428.1 was agreed to (DT).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-04428.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04428.3 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Scotland's Islands on their Journey to Become Carbon Neutral), insert at end “; acknowledges that the outlined move to carbon neutrality for six islands is just five years before the net zero target for the whole of Scotland; is committed to all of Scotland's islands becoming carbon neutral and will ensure that those whose economy is more dependent on hydrocarbons will not be left behind; believes that the transition to net zero must be a jobs led, just transition, which is dependent on good quality, secure jobs in the renewables sector, and recognises the opportunities presented by offshore wind and its supply chain, including future decommissioning, in creating and supporting a skilled renewables workforce and helping to ensure that adequate investment is made in

retraining opportunities for oil and gas workers and in developing the infrastructure needed to ensure island communities can benefit from supply chain jobs.”

After debate, amendment S6M-04428.3 was agreed to (DT).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S6M-04428.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04428 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Scotland’s Islands on their Journey to Become Carbon Neutral), insert at end “; regrets that, although Hoy and Yell will be supported towards becoming fully carbon neutral islands, inter-island ferries in Orkney and Shetland have been excluded from the new Islands Connectivity Plan, and calls on the Scottish Government to rectify this so that any targets around carbon neutral ferries include those serving all of Scotland’s islands; recognises that reducing emissions from heat will be particularly challenging and costly in island communities with the highest levels of fuel poverty, and believes that the Scottish Government must therefore prioritise support through a targeted plan to help retrofit homes on Scotland’s islands as part of wider efforts to meet Scottish Government targets.”

After debate, amendment S6M-04428.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s announcement of the six islands that will be supported towards becoming fully carbon neutral by 2040; notes that the six islands are Hoy, Islay, Great Cumbrae, Raasay, Barra and Yell; recognises that these six islands will embrace the opportunity for island communities to lead the way in realising Scotland’s climate change ambitions; notes that the project will benefit all Scottish islands, and not only those supported directly as part of the project, through knowledge exchange and good practices; welcomes this initiative, which puts Scotland’s islands at the forefront of climate change policy while celebrating their unique culture and heritage; acknowledges that the six carbon neutral islands will become international trailblazers and champions of carbon neutrality across the world; calls on the Scottish Government to provide support and funding so that the islands and islanders can progress towards being carbon neutral; further calls on the Scottish Government to publish plans for these islands to achieve these goals; acknowledges that the outlined move to carbon neutrality for six islands is just five years before the net zero target for the whole of Scotland; is committed to all of Scotland’s islands becoming carbon neutral and will ensure that those whose economy is more dependent on hydrocarbons will not be left behind; believes that the transition to net zero must be a jobs led, just transition, which is dependent on good quality, secure jobs in the renewables sector, and recognises the opportunities presented by offshore wind and its supply chain, including future decommissioning, in creating and supporting a skilled renewables workforce and helping to ensure that adequate investment is made in retraining opportunities for oil and gas workers and in

developing the infrastructure needed to ensure island communities can benefit from supply chain jobs.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Protecting Marine Life During Unexploded Ordnance Removal: The Parliament debated S6M-04277 in the name of Beatrice Wishart—That the Parliament notes reports that there are 100,000 tonnes of unexploded ordnance in waters around the UK, which are relics of the first and second world wars; recognises that the presence of bombs, mines and shells in the waters around Shetland and the whole of Scotland pose potential obstructions to offshore projects; understands that the current common method of disposing of these devices involves powerful explosives that the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, a statutory adviser of the UK and Scottish governments, acknowledges can be very loud; notes the concerns of campaigners that this can seriously disrupt and threaten marine mammals, which use sound to find food, socialise and navigate, and can suffer hearing loss, other physical damage, and death as a result of loud sounds; further notes the reports that connect clearances with mass strandings; acknowledges the campaign for the adoption of available low-impact methods of disposal, such as low-order deflagration, which it understands have the support of Whale and Dolphin Conservation and other organisations; notes the calls for new guidance from Marine Scotland and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee, and what it considers as the potential benefits of this for low-impact disposal methods and enhanced protection of marine life, and highlights the event that was hosted in the Scottish Parliament informing MSPs about the issue in April 2022.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 2, Wednesday 18 May 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by the Deputy First Minister, Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Supporting Carers During the Cost of Living Crisis: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-04441—That the Parliament is concerned by the escalating pressures that the cost of living crisis is putting on both the social care workforce and unpaid carers across Scotland, the majority of whom are women; recognises that poor pay and working practices in social care have been increasingly exposed during the COVID-19 pandemic and have created a recruitment crisis; notes that the rise in fuel prices is impacting on the ability of care workers to visit the people they support; calls on the Scottish Government to immediately end all non-residential care charges and implement a strategy for unpaid carers, which includes the restoration and expansion of respite services, with entitlements to short breaks and wellbeing services, and resolves that the mileage reimbursement rate for care workers is increased by five pence per mile, as agreed for NHS workers.

The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S6M-04441.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04441 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Supporting Carers During the Cost of Living Crisis), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “recognises the severe and ongoing impact of Brexit on the recruitment and retention of social care workers; believes that responsibility for employment law should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament so that it can embed fair work principles, including enshrining the real Living Wage for all ages; notes that the minimum hourly rate for adult social care workers in commissioned services in Scotland increased by over 10% to £10.50 per hour in the last year; supports the Scottish Government’s commitment to scrapping non-residential care charges and introducing the National Care Service; further supports that the principles of fair work and ethical commissioning will be embedded within the National Care Service; welcomes the additional £5 million for short breaks for 2022-23 to enable more families and young carers to take a break from caring; encourages local authorities to engage with social care providers and contractors to address increased fuel costs for staff, particularly through mileage rates, and calls on the UK Government to take forward an emergency budget to address the cost of living crisis and increasing fuel costs, not least its impact on unpaid carers.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-04441.1 was pre-empted.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-04441.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04441 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Supporting Carers During the Cost of Living Crisis), leave out from “immediately” to the end and insert “provide funding to local authorities and

integration authorities to end all non-residential charges; regrets that local government revenue has decreased by 20% in real terms since 2013-14 according to COSLA; calls on the Scottish Government to implement a strategy for unpaid carers, which includes the restoration and expansion of respite services, with entitlements to short breaks and wellbeing services; further calls for Carer's Allowance to be made available immediately to unpaid carers in full-time education; calls for payments of Carer's Allowance to be made to unpaid carers for up to six months after bereavement; further calls on the Scottish Government to guarantee that funding received through the Health and Social Care Levy will be passed on in full, and, while welcoming the UK Government's cut to fuel duty, considers that the mileage reimbursement for care workers should be temporarily increased, based on the cost of fuel, and funded by the Scottish Government, by five pence per mile, as agreed for NHS workers."

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 32, Abstentions 21).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament is concerned by the escalating pressures that the cost of living crisis is putting on both the social care workforce and unpaid carers across Scotland, the majority of whom are women; recognises the severe and ongoing impact of Brexit on the recruitment and retention of social care workers; believes that responsibility for employment law should be devolved to the Scottish Parliament so that it can embed fair work principles, including enshrining the real Living Wage for all ages; notes that the minimum hourly rate for adult social care workers in commissioned services in Scotland increased by over 10% to £10.50 per hour in the last year; supports the Scottish Government's commitment to scrapping non-residential care charges and introducing the National Care Service; further supports that the principles of fair work and ethical commissioning will be embedded within the National Care Service; welcomes the additional £5 million for short breaks for 2022-23 to enable more families and young carers to take a break from caring; encourages local authorities to engage with social care providers and contractors to address increased fuel costs for staff, particularly through mileage rates, and calls on the UK Government to take forward an emergency budget to address the cost of living crisis and increasing fuel costs, not least its impact on unpaid carers.

3. Protecting Attainment Funding: Michael Marra moved S6M-04445—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to revise plans for the Scottish Attainment Challenge to reinstate full funding to the nine original Attainment Challenge Authorities.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S6M-04445.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04445 in the name of Michael Marra (Protecting Attainment Funding), leave out from "calls on" to end and insert "notes the Scottish Government's commitment to invest a record £1 billion through the Scottish Attainment Challenge to recover from COVID-19 and accelerate progress in closing the poverty-related attainment gap through the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge, an increase from the £750 million

invested over the course of the last parliamentary session; recognises that poverty exists in every community in Scotland; welcomes the clear, funded role in tackling the poverty-related attainment gap; notes that the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge model was developed in partnership with, and agreed and welcomed by, COSLA; welcomes that headteachers will continue to be empowered to reduce the poverty-related attainment gap in their school communities; notes the refreshed mission of the Challenge, which focuses on improving outcomes for children and young people impacted by poverty, contributing to the Scottish Government's ambitions to tackle child poverty, and supports complementary action being taken forward by the Scottish Government to tackle child poverty, including the delivery of five family benefits, including the Scottish Child Payment, increasing the school clothing grant, and through services to support income maximisation."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Oliver Mundell moved amendment S6M-04445.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04445 in the name of Michael Marra (Protecting Attainment Funding), insert at end “, and believes that, if the Scottish Government and the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, had kept their promise to make education their number one priority, resourced the education system properly, and had not cut thousands of teaching and support roles prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the challenges that are being seen could have been significantly reduced.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's commitment to invest a record £1 billion through the Scottish Attainment Challenge to recover from COVID-19 and accelerate progress in closing the poverty-related attainment gap through the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge, an increase from the £750 million invested over the course of the last parliamentary session; recognises that poverty exists in every community in Scotland; welcomes the clear, funded role in tackling the poverty-related attainment gap; notes that the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge model was developed in partnership with, and agreed and welcomed by, COSLA; welcomes that headteachers will continue to be empowered to reduce the poverty-related attainment gap in their school communities; notes the refreshed mission of the Challenge, which focuses on improving outcomes for children and young people impacted by poverty, contributing to the Scottish Government's ambitions to tackle child poverty, and supports complementary action being taken forward by the Scottish Government to tackle child poverty, including the delivery of five family benefits, including the Scottish Child Payment, increasing the school clothing grant, and through services to support income maximisation.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04461—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill - Next Steps

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Keeping Care Close to Home and Improving Outcomes

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Community Wealth Building - Delivering Transformation in Scotland's Local and Regional Economies

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 May 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Update on Delivery of Social Security Benefits

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Reducing Scotland's Drugs Deaths and Drugs Harm

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm General Questions

2.20 pm First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

followed by The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 May 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-04461.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04461 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after—

"Tuesday 24 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)”
insert—
“followed by Deputy First Minister’s Statement: Ferries Contract Approval”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04462—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 8 June 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04476—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 14 June 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 2 Consideration of a Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04477—That the Parliament agrees that under Rule 9.7.1(b) and 9.7.4 that stage 2 of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill be taken as follows—

(a) the following committees will consider the Bill in the following order:

(i) the Criminal Justice Committee to consider sections 26, 30, 31, 32 in Part 3 and Part 5 with the schedule being considered immediately after the section that introduces it,

(ii) the Covid-19 Recovery Committee to consider Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 of the Bill (other than sections 26, 30, 31, 32), Part 4, Part 6 and the long title,

(b) the Criminal Justice Committee to consider (in the order set out in paragraph (a))

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(i) Sections 26, 30, 31, 32 in Part 3,

(ii) Part 5, including the schedule being considered immediately after the section that introduces it,

(iii) any amendment to provisions in sections 26, 30, 31, 32 and Part 5,

(iv) any other amendments specifically on matters relating to justice, including civil and criminal justice,

(c) the Covid-19 Recovery Committee to consider (in the order set out in paragraph

(a)) all amendments other than those that are to be considered by the Criminal Justice Committee in accordance with paragraph (b).

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 3 as noted above.

9. Improving the Disaster Response to Serious Weather Events: The Parliament debated S6M-03646 in the name of Tess White—That the Parliament recognises that parts of Scotland, and particularly the north east, have been seriously affected by adverse weather events such as Storms Arwen, Barra, Malik and Corrie, at the end of 2021 and early 2022, which tragically led to a loss of life; acknowledges that these weather events resulted in a loss of power for thousands of households, in some cases for a protracted period over a number of days, and that the water supply, telecoms, rail and road infrastructure were also compromised; notes the view that it is vital for all those involved to learn lessons from the disaster response to these storms and to make appropriate and prompt improvements to increase community resilience in future; further notes the six recommendations of the Scottish Government’s Storm Arwen review, published in January 2022, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to set out an action plan for the implementation and delivery of these recommendations ahead of the update in June 2022; considers that the communication of information during emergencies is particularly important and notes the view that more must be done in advance of serious weather warnings to notify communities how they can access up-to-date information when telecoms are down; pays tribute to those volunteers who mobilised following these storms to support vulnerable individuals, and those who became newly vulnerable as they lost power, telecoms and water supply in communities such as Fettercairn, Stonehaven and Glenbervie, and notes the calls for people who can to engage with the British Red Cross and other organisations about opportunities to volunteer in their communities as emergency responders alongside local partners.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm.

No. 3, Thursday 19 May 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Union Canal and its Contribution to Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-03839 in the name of Fiona Hyslop— That the Parliament recognises the economic, environmental and social value of the Union Canal in 2022, its bicentenary year; commends the measures taken by Scottish Canals to mark this historic occasion with a year-long calendar of events; understands that this year will feature a blended programme of community activities as well as digital and in-person events that include a flotilla on 21 May, led by Scottish Waterways for All, a 20th birthday party at the Falkirk Wheel on 28 May, the EventScotland-funded Dandelion initiative taking to the water in June, and an online event inviting everyone to sign up for the Canal Challenge 200, to walk, cycle, wheel or paddle 200 times, for 200 days or 200km throughout the year across one or all of Scotland's canals; commends all the staff and volunteers at Scottish Canals for their hard work and dedication over the years in creating flood prevention measures, undertaking regeneration and youth work and preparing for a new marina at Winchburgh; further commends the work of Linlithgow Union Canal Society, which has cared for and developed the canal in the Linlithgow constituency for modern use, as well as undertaking other work, including the Millennium Project; recognises what it sees as the joy that the canal and its routes bring to the local community, and the reported increasing number of walkers, cyclists and boaters, and wishes the whole team at Scottish Canals well for all its future endeavours.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Long COVID: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-04472—That the Parliament recognises the negative impact that long COVID is having on the health and wellbeing of those affected in Scotland; acknowledges that, while some people do recover without clinical support, for many adults and children, the longer-term effects can be debilitating; believes that those who need clinical support in managing the impact of long COVID should have the right help at the right time through health and wellbeing support and services that are accessible in a setting as close to their home as practicable; understands the importance of existing NHS services providing support to those who need it now, but also developing sustainable models of care that will benefit the management of other long-term and complex conditions; recognises the role of NHS boards, working in partnership with local authorities, people living with long COVID and the third sector, to design models of care tailored to the needs of their local populations, which may involve strengthening the co-ordination of existing services, or establishing dedicated services, including long COVID clinics; welcomes the recommendations of the National Strategic Network on the initial priority areas for improvement; further welcomes the first allocation from the Long COVID Support Fund of £3 million across 2022-23 to

bolster the support to people with long COVID; notes that this investment includes the introduction of care co-ordinator roles, extra resource to support a patient-centred assessment of need through a range of approaches, including a multi-disciplinary assessment service, and additional capacity for community rehabilitation to support people with issues affecting their day-to-day quality of life; further notes that the Strategic Network will be supporting the education of healthcare staff, including improving access to information resources on the identification, assessment and management of people with long COVID, and considers that research will continue to improve understanding of the long-term effects of COVID-19 and identify effective treatments.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-04472.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04472 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Long COVID), leave out from “believes” to the end and insert “notes that 151,000 people in Scotland are currently estimated to have long COVID in Scotland, including 64,000 who have been experiencing symptoms for more than a year; recognises that the number of people experiencing symptoms for more than a year has doubled in the last six months, and that faster action from the Scottish Government could have alleviated this and reduced the very substantial pressure on primary care; regrets the pace of the approach taken by the Scottish Government, which has seen funding allocated a full six months after it was promised; regrets that a lack of adequate data from the Scottish Government has contributed to its slow and inadequate response; notes that £10 million for all NHS boards over three financial years will be wholly insufficient to tackle the scale of the problem; regrets the Scottish Government’s continued failure to deliver specialist long COVID clinics in Scotland, meaning that people in Scotland are being left behind without access to the treatment they deserve; calls, in consequence, on the Scottish Government to deliver a network of long COVID clinics across Scotland; requests that the Scottish Government undertakes work with relevant clinical and regulatory partners to develop a long COVID clinical pathway, and asks the Scottish Government to adopt an app-based treatment service to reduce pressures on other parts of the NHS.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 62, Abstentions 19).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-04472.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04472 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Long COVID), leave out from “recognises the role” to end and insert “regrets the Scottish Government’s complete lack of urgency in delivering its £10 million Long COVID Support Fund, which was announced in September 2021, with nothing allocated before 1 April 2022; further regrets that no network of specialist long COVID clinics or specialist clinical pathways have been established for individuals recovering from the virus and living with recurring symptoms, in contrast to the steps taken in other parts of the UK; notes the Scottish Government’s latest announcement, but recognises that it falls short of what is required, and calls on it to take immediate steps to increase and roll out funding to NHS boards, working in partnership with local authorities, to ensure that people living with long COVID are accessing the right support and

treatment; recognises the importance of developing services in partnership with those living with long COVID, such as Long COVID Scotland; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that everyone experiencing long COVID is able to access appropriate occupational health support to enable them to return to employment, and considers that further clinical research will improve understanding of the long-term effects of COVID-19 and identify effective treatments.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-04472.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04472 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Long COVID), insert at end “; recognises the work of Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland in operating the vital long COVID support service; regrets that less than 1% of people with long COVID have been referred to the service, and urges the Scottish Government to take immediate action to expand the pathways to support, including enabling GPs to refer to the long COVID support service automatically.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 62, Abstentions 1).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 29, Abstentions 18).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.14 pm.

No. 4, Tuesday 24 May 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Lorraine McMahon, Head of Community Outreach England, Scotland and Wales, Aid to the Church in Need, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – Next Steps.
- 4. Keeping Care Close to Home and Improving Outcomes:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved S6M-04567—That the Parliament thanks Scotland’s NHS and social care staff for going above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the focus on stabilising and recovering healthcare through investment and reform; notes the efforts to ensure that more patients receive high-quality person-centred care and treatment in the right place, at the right time; supports the focus on building and enhancing virtual capacity to support a sustainable future providing alternatives to hospital and improving patient experience; recognises the recent progress on the roll-out of hospital and home and community respiratory services, for example, and agrees with the commitment to upscale these services in the community, utilising technology and digital opportunities to support improvements.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-04567.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04567 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Keeping Care Close to Home and Improving Outcomes), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “supports increasing the focus on building and enhancing virtual capacity to provide alternatives to hospital and improve patient experience; agrees that more needs to be done to ensure that patients receive high-quality person-centred care and treatment in the right place, at the right time; requests that the Scottish Government provides regular updates on progress towards these goals; notes that care reform cannot wait for the establishment of a National Care Service; shares concerns that the National Care Service will be centralised, bureaucratic and less sensitive to local needs and geographical variation; is concerned that the National Care Service could lead to an increase in out-of-area care; regrets, in particular, that the centralisation of other public services in Scotland has made them more geographically remote; regrets more broadly that the commissioning of care at the moment is focussed on cost rather than quality or outcomes; calls, to this end, for a move towards ethical commissioning; notes that a lack of care-at-home packages is having a detrimental impact on delayed discharge; regrets that the use of technology and hospital-to-home services is insufficient, and welcomes the calls for a Local Care Service and a local care guarantee to protect individual choice and control, and ensure that support is delivered as close as possible to those who need it, especially in rural and island communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-04567.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04567 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Keeping Care Close to Home and Improving Outcomes), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “supports the focus on building and enhancing virtual capacity to support a sustainable future, providing alternatives to hospital and improving patient experience, but is concerned by the ongoing pressures across primary care in Scotland, with many patients experiencing persistent problems in accessing GP appointments and Allied Health Professionals (AHP) clinical care pathways; considers that the Scottish Government must ensure that patients who need to be seen in person can receive speedy treatment; regrets the Scottish Government’s failure to take decisive action in addressing the social care crisis, with people unable to access essential care packages and unpaid carers reaching breaking point, whilst the sector faces a recruitment and retention plight; recognises that this is having a severe impact on NHS services, with delayed discharge at record levels and persistently long waits in A&E; agrees that the establishment of a National Care Service cannot be used as an excuse to delay reforms, and calls on the Scottish Government to immediately deliver its commitment to end non-residential care charges, as well as reverse the recent narrowing of eligibility to care packages, reopen the Independent Living Fund, and address poverty pay among social care workers by backing an increase in pay to at least £15 per hour.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 97, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04607—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 26 May 2022—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Accountability for Delivering the National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Improve Lives

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-04607.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04607 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after—

“2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture”
insert—

“*followed by Deputy First Minister’s Statement: Ferries Contract Approval*”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 53, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 96, Against 24, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

7. R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose, and Political Aesthetic: The Parliament debated S6M-04154 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new book examining the life and legacy of R.B. Cunninghame Graham; notes that the book, R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose, and Political Aesthetic, authored by the political scholar and history PhD, Dr Lachlan Munro, and published by Edinburgh University Press, will be launched at The Black Bull Inn, Gartmore, on 6 May 2022; acknowledges that R.B. Cunninghame Graham was one of the most influential Scottish politicians of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, described by Dr Munro as “the most contentious, controversial, and contradictory Scot of his generation”; understands that Cunninghame Grahame, born in 1852, was a radical political campaigner, who founded the Scottish Labour Party with Keir Hardie in 1888, and was later instrumental in founding The National Party of Scotland in 1928, a predecessor of the Scottish National Party (SNP), becoming honorary president of the SNP; further understands that Cunninghame Graham, also a writer, journalist and adventurer, was elected as the Liberal MP for North West Lanarkshire but, after witnessing the poverty and destitution among the mining community, rebelled against his own party; notes that he was known as “The Miners’ MP” and was an outspoken anti-racist and anti-imperialist who, at the age of 62, volunteered for service in the First World War, and was awarded the title of Colonel; recognises that, following his death in Buenos Aires in 1936, his body lay in state, and his coffin, followed by thousands of people, was put aboard the ship he planned to sail home on, and that he was buried in the ancient priory on Inchmahome where his grave can still be seen; commends Dr Munro’s efforts in highlighting Cunninghame Graham’s extraordinary and controversial life, and wishes him every success with the book launch.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 5, Wednesday 25 May 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Community Wealth Building – Delivering Transformation in Scotland’s Local and Regional Economies: The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-04580—That the Parliament recognises the huge potential of Community Wealth Building as a practical, place-based economic development model that can help transform local and regional economies to deliver a Wellbeing Economy for Scotland; agrees that Community Wealth Building can deliver more and better jobs, business growth, community-owned assets and shorter supply chains supporting net zero ambitions; welcomes the progress made by public, private and third sectors in implementing Community Wealth Building in Scotland so far; notes that the 2021 Programme for Government and recent National Strategy for Economic Transformation confirmed plans to introduce legislation on Community Wealth Building during the current Parliamentary session; believes that this provides an important opportunity to think creatively and innovatively about the interconnections and interdependencies between the economy, environment and society, and supports plans for wide engagement on this legislation.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-04580.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04580 in the name of Tom Arthur (Community Wealth Building - Delivering Transformation in Scotland’s Local and Regional Economies), insert at end “; agrees that the economic success of Scotland relies on both the UK and Scottish governments working together to develop a set of economic strategies that will deliver a more prosperous society for all; welcomes the UK Government’s £150 million Community Ownership Fund and encourages Scotland’s communities to bid for this funding, and believes that the huge potential of Community Wealth Building is being held back by the unwillingness of the Scottish Government to sufficiently invest in local government.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-04580.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04580 in the name of Tom Arthur (Community Wealth Building - Delivering Transformation in Scotland’s Local and Regional Economies), insert at end “; believes that the Scottish Government should provide more detail to its Community Wealth Building proposals to ensure it is embedded within a clear regional economic framework and a coherent and ambitious industrial strategy to support post-pandemic economic development and local job creation; further believes that the necessary legislative, institutional change and investment must be available to deliver the Community Wealth Building that Scotland needs and that can be translated into regional and national

growth, and calls on the Scottish Government to revise all public procurement policies to ensure that Community Wealth Building is embedded at every level.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the huge potential of Community Wealth Building as a practical, place-based economic development model that can help transform local and regional economies to deliver a Wellbeing Economy for Scotland; agrees that Community Wealth Building can deliver more and better jobs, business growth, community-owned assets and shorter supply chains supporting net zero ambitions; welcomes the progress made by public, private and third sectors in implementing Community Wealth Building in Scotland so far; notes that the 2021 Programme for Government and recent National Strategy for Economic Transformation confirmed plans to introduce legislation on Community Wealth Building during the current Parliamentary session; believes that this provides an important opportunity to think creatively and innovatively about the interconnections and interdependencies between the economy, environment and society; supports plans for wide engagement on this legislation; believes that the Scottish Government should provide more detail to its Community Wealth Building proposals to ensure it is embedded within a clear regional economic framework and a coherent and ambitious industrial strategy to support post-pandemic economic development and local job creation; further believes that the necessary legislative, institutional change and investment must be available to deliver the Community Wealth Building that Scotland needs and that can be translated into regional and national growth, and calls on the Scottish Government to revise all public procurement policies to ensure that Community Wealth Building is embedded at every level.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04614—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Investing in Scotland’s Future

followed by Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm General Questions

2.20 pm First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

followed by Motion on the Platinum Jubilee

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 7 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 May 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04615—That the Parliament agrees that the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04616—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 11 to 19 February 2023 (inclusive), 1 to 16 April 2023 (inclusive), 1 July to 27 August 2023 (inclusive), 7 to 22 October 2023 (inclusive), 23 December 2023 to 7 January 2024 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Scotland's Fair Share, the Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-02299 in the name of Fergus Ewing—That the Parliament welcomes Solar Energy Scotland's policy agenda, *Scotland's fair share: Solar's role in achieving net zero in Scotland*, published in the run-up to COP26, which sets out the potential for solar energy to play a much greater role in Scotland's low-carbon energy mix; understands that Scotland has levels of solar irradiation that can be effectively captured and that, compared to other nearby countries on the same latitude, such as Denmark, Scotland is behind in equivalent levels of solar technology deployment; considers that a number of policy matters within the control of the Scottish Government, including permitted development rights and business rates, could help the sector grow significantly; recognises what it sees as the ability of solar energy systems to work as a good companion to wind to make more effective, efficient use of

the electricity grid and storage network; considers that, due to reported projections for solar to be the UK's cheapest form of energy this decade, and to have the unique capability to be deployed at all scales, solar is vital to supporting an affordable energy mix, and a just transition, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently assess the potential for a 2030 solar deployment target of a minimum of 4GW, and accompanying policy changes to embrace and enable this low-cost mature technology, to help tackle the climate emergency and provide investment and jobs in communities up and down the country, including in the Inverness and Nairn constituency.

8. Motion Without Notice: Fergus Ewing 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 6.10 pm.

No. 6, Thursday 26 May 2022

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 Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

3. Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Falkland Islands: The Parliament debated S6M-04082 in the name of Sharon Dowey—That the Parliament marks the 40th anniversary of the liberation of the Falkland Islands in 1982; notes that the anniversary is recognised as a national holiday in the Falklands; recognises all the brave sacrifices made by the British military personnel, their families and the British public throughout this 74-day war; celebrates what it sees as the unity demonstrated by UK citizens in a time of great need to restore freedom for the people in the Falklands; highlights what it considers are the strong cultural links between Scotland and the Falkland community and recognises the significant contribution that members of the Armed Forces from Scotland made to liberating the Islands in 1982; commemorates the lives of the three civilian Falkland Islanders and 255 British military personnel that were sadly lost, as well as the hundreds that were injured; notes the significant role that many civilians reportedly played in supporting the Task Force on its campaign in the South Atlantic; further notes the support that it believes the UK Government continues to provide to the Falklands' right to self-determination and their wish to remain a UK Overseas Territory; expresses its support for veterans on both sides and Islanders who it understands still struggle with mental and physical scars as a consequence of the events that they have experienced or witnessed; acknowledges the year-long programme of different honouring and celebratory events across the world that aim to commemorate the sacrifices made in 1982; values the Falkland Islands as what it considers a forward-looking community with a strong sense of culture and heritage, and celebrates what it sees as the great progress made in the Falkland Islands since 1982.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Accountability for Delivering the National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Improve Lives.

6. Update on Delivery of Social Security Benefits: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-04621—That the Parliament agrees that social security is a human right and an investment in people; welcomes the introduction and delivery of 12 Scottish social security benefits in total, seven of which are new forms of support only available in Scotland, including most recently the Scottish Child Payment, Child Disability Payment and Adult Disability Payment; notes the more humane and compassionate process for applying for the Adult Disability Payment, which contrasts with the intrusive assessments often required to receive Personal Independence Payment from the UK Government; further

notes the implementation of a clinically determined definition of “terminal illness” and fast-tracking of these applications for support; welcomes the introduction of indefinite awards within Scottish disability assistance, which provides the most severely disabled people with long-term financial security; looks forward to the introduction of new benefits, including Low Income Winter Heating Assistance and Scottish Carer’s Assistance; notes that social security is one of the three key pillars in the national mission to tackle child poverty, and commends the extension of the Scottish Child Payment to under-16s and plans to increase it to £25 per week per child by the end of the year; welcomes the substantial financial support that these benefits provide to people, which is important at all times and particularly so now as people are impacted by the cost of living crisis in the UK, and acknowledges the Scottish Government’s record investment of £3.9 billion in benefit expenditure in 2022-23, which is £360 million above that received by the UK Government, all of which will provide meaningful social security support to over one million people, including low-income families and households, disabled people and carers.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-04621.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04621 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Update on Delivery of Social Security Benefits), leave out from “notes the more” to end and insert “notes the implementation of a clinically determined definition of “terminal illness” and fast-tracking of these applications for support; welcomes the introduction of indefinite awards within Scottish disability assistance, which provides the most severely disabled people with long-term financial security; looks forward to the introduction of new benefits, including Low Income Winter Heating Assistance and Scottish Carer’s Assistance; notes that social security is one of the three key pillars in the national mission to tackle child poverty, and commends the extension of the Scottish Child Payment to under-16s and plans to increase it to £25 per week per child by the end of the year; welcomes the substantial financial support that these benefits provide to people, which is important at all times and particularly so now as people are impacted by the cost of living crisis in the UK, and acknowledges the Scottish Government’s record investment of £3.9 billion in benefit expenditure in 2022-23, which is £360 million above that received by the UK Government, all of which will provide meaningful social security support to over one million people, including low-income families and households, disabled people and carers; is concerned that the £251 million cut to local government funding will have a knock-on effect on debt advice services, which will have a detrimental impact on low-income families and households; notes further concern at the published processing times at Social Security Scotland showing record highs, with many applications taking 30 days to process, almost double the average processing time of September 2021, which raises further concerns about how Social Security Scotland will be able to cope with the additional caseload, given that Audit Scotland forecasts that the Adult Disability Payment caseload will increase from 20,000 cases in 2022-23 to 475,000 cases by 2026-27; seeks clarification on how the Scottish Government plans to finance increased social security expenditure, with a projected extra £760 million needed by 2026; thanks the Department for Work and Pensions for its continued support in helping to deliver these benefits through agency agreements when Social Security Scotland was unable to meet its proposed timescales for delivery, and looks forward to finally having full case transfer, as agreed, by 2025.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-04621.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04621 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Update on Delivery of Social Security Benefits), leave out from “; welcomes the introduction and delivery” to end and insert “but notes with concern that, in the face of a cost of living crisis, the Scottish Government has taken little action to deliver a social security system that adequately insulates the poorest in society from financial shocks, and protects more and more people from being driven into poverty; acknowledges the ambitious statements previously made by the Scottish Government on the opportunities given by the devolution of social security; is disappointed by the lack of progress made by the Scottish Government since; draws attention to the fact that over three quarters of devolved social security spending is still administrated by the Department for Work and Pensions, three out of four children who should be eligible for the Scottish Child Payment do not receive it, and no changes have been made at all to eligibility criteria for disability payments; considers that, despite the rhetoric indulged in by the Scottish Government boasting of transformational changes to benefits in Scotland, examination of the policy detail betrays the reality that very little radical change is taking place, and concludes that it is imperative that the Scottish Government takes on board the warnings of Audit Scotland that financial and staffing plans must be set out in order for Scotland to have any reassurance that its social security system will be fit to deal with the challenges that lie ahead.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04617—That the Parliament agrees that—

Rachael Hamilton be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Jeremy Balfour be appointed to replace Craig Hoy as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Tess White be appointed to replace Sue Webber as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Stephen Kerr as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Tess White as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04618—That the Parliament agrees that—

Craig Hoy be appointed to replace Jeremy Balfour as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee; Tess White be appointed to replace Rachael Hamilton as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.12 pm.

No. 7, Tuesday 31 May 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mike Pilavachi MBE, Senior Pastor, Soul Survivor, Watford Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Investing in Scotland's Future.
- 4. Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm:** The Parliament debated Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm.
- 5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04723—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 1 June 2022;

delete

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy;
Education and Skills
followed by Motion on the Platinum Jubilee

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

3.35 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy;
Education and Skills

The motion was agreed to.

- 6. Variation of Standing Orders :** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04728—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill at stage 3, that Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word “fifth” with “third”, so that the deadline for lodging a stage 3 amendment will be the third sitting day in advance of proceedings.

The motion was agreed to.

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

- 8. Ethical Principles in Wildlife Management:** The Parliament debated S6M-03023 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament notes reports that thousands of animals and birds are taken and killed in wildlife management operations every

year, including in the South Scotland region; considers that these are sentient beings that are capable of experiencing pain and suffering; notes the view that Scotland should lead the way in sustainable and humane interaction with the wild animals in the environment; notes the belief that wildlife management should be governed by ethical principles, such as the international consensus principles for ethical wildlife control, which recommend that efforts to control wildlife should, wherever possible: alter the human practices that cause human-wildlife conflict and develop a culture of coexistence, be justified by evidence that significant harms are being caused to people, property, livelihoods, ecosystems, and/or other animals, have measurable outcome-based objectives that are clear, achievable, monitored, and adaptive, minimise animal welfare harms and be confined to the fewest number of animals, be informed by community values as well as scientific, technical, and practical information, be integrated into plans for systematic long-term management, and be based on the specifics of the situation rather than negative labels such as “pest” or “overabundant”, and notes the view that there are opportunities to integrate ethical principles into the Scottish Government’s strategic approach to wildlife management and its species licensing review.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

No. 8, Wednesday 1 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-04716—That the Parliament congratulates Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee; expresses its gratitude for Her Majesty's exceptional public service and dedication to duty over 70 years; affirms the deep respect that is held for Her Majesty in Scotland, and sends good wishes for her continued service.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and Veterans, then Finance and the Economy, and then Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04748—That the Parliament—

(a) the following programme of—

Tuesday 7 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2020

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's National Parks

followed by Statement of Policy

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Census 2022

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Members' Business

Tuesday 14 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Wellbeing of Children and Young People

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 June 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. 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 be brought forward to 4.56 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

8. Access to Cannabis-based Products for Medicinal Use: The Parliament debated S6M-03233 in the name of Collette Stevenson—That the Parliament welcomes the Home Office's rescheduling of certain cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs) in 2018; notes the reported improvement in some children with treatment resistant epilepsy who take CBPMs, such as Cole Thomson, from East Kilbride, who it understands receives Bedrolite on private prescription; acknowledges the reported financial pressure that these prescriptions can place on families; further acknowledges the reported hesitancy of NHS consultants to prescribe unlicensed CBPMs due to the lack of robust evidence; notes the view that the rescheduling does not go far enough in assisting some patients, and the calls for a change in rules to allow GPs, who consider it appropriate, to prescribe unlicensed CBPMs where a non-NHS consultant has initiated that course of treatment; understands that the British Paediatric Neurology Association published its updated Guidance on the use of

cannabis-based products for medicinal use in children and young people with epilepsy in October 2021, which, it considers, outlines concerns around the lack of randomised control trials demonstrating a product's safety, quality and efficacy; acknowledges the Scottish Government's reported commitment to collaborate with NHS England and the National Institute for Health Research to support research trials into medicinal cannabis in order to give NHS consultants the assurances that they need to consider prescribing CBPMs on the NHS; understands that, once a medicinal product has undergone clinical trials, it could be considered by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency for licensing and that this could lead to further consideration by organisations such as the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, the Scottish Medicines Consortium and NHS Scotland; notes the calls for industry to run observational and clinical trials; believes that an increased evidence base offers the best opportunities for expansion of the range of CBPMs available from the NHS; welcomes the reported plans by Target Healthcare, which operates in East Kilbride, to produce CBPMs in Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish and UK governments to work together to find solutions on these issues.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No. 9, Tuesday 7 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** John Loughton BEM, CEO of Dare2Lead and Founder of Scrان Academy, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2020.
- 4. Scotland's National Parks:** The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) moved S6M-04799—That the Parliament recognises the key role that national parks are playing in tackling the twin biodiversity and climate crises, and the important cultural, social and economic benefits that they bring to Scotland; welcomes the announcement by the Scottish Government that at least one new national park will be designated during the current parliamentary session; understands the need for an open and transparent evaluation process to identify the areas to be progressed to national park designation, and welcomes the start of stakeholder engagement to set the criteria for identifying the areas to be designated as new national parks.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S6M-04799.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04799 in the name of Lorna Slater (Scotland's National Parks), insert at end “; notes the significant local support from communities involved in national park campaigns across Scotland, such as the Galloway National Park Association; acknowledges the concern expressed by many of these communities for what they feel is the unacceptably slow pace of the designation process; applauds the public demand for greater formal recognition of the value of Scotland's natural landscape and rural communities; believes that the interpretation of what constitutes a viable area for designation as a national park should be as broad as possible to ensure economic and environmental sustainability while recognising the diversity within Scotland's natural environment, and calls on the Scottish Government to explore other avenues to formally recognise and capitalise on Scotland's many outstanding areas of natural capital where national park status is not deemed appropriate.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-04799.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04799 in the name of Lorna Slater (Scotland's National Parks), insert at end “; notes that there are over 3,500 national parks across the world; regrets that there have been just two national parks created in Scotland, the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, in 2002, and the Cairngorms National Park, in 2003, since the Parliament

passed the National Parks (Scotland) Act in 2000; praises the work of the Scottish Campaign for National Parks, which identified at least seven further potential sites in 2013, as well as community groups in Galloway and the Borders, and elsewhere, which continue to demonstrate clear demand for new national parks; recognises that, in addition to the designation of new national parks, it is vital that the national scenic areas and regional parks are reinvigorated to help tackle the climate, nature and biodiversity emergencies, and believes that the Scottish Government must pave the way for the opening of a number of new national parks across Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the key role that national parks are playing in tackling the twin biodiversity and climate crises, and the important cultural, social and economic benefits that they bring to Scotland; welcomes the announcement by the Scottish Government that at least one new national park will be designated during the current parliamentary session; understands the need for an open and transparent evaluation process to identify the areas to be progressed to national park designation; welcomes the start of stakeholder engagement to set the criteria for identifying the areas to be designated as new national parks; notes that there are over 3,500 national parks across the world; regrets that there have been just two national parks created in Scotland, the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, in 2002, and the Cairngorms National Park, in 2003, since the Parliament passed the National Parks (Scotland) Act in 2000; praises the work of the Scottish Campaign for National Parks, which identified at least seven further potential sites in 2013, as well as community groups in Galloway and the Borders, and elsewhere, which continue to demonstrate clear demand for new national parks; recognises that, in addition to the designation of new national parks, it is vital that the national scenic areas and regional parks are reinvigorated to help tackle the climate, nature and biodiversity emergencies, and believes that the Scottish Government must pave the way for the opening of a number of new national parks across Scotland.

5. Statement of Policy: Donald Cameron moved S6M-04702—That the Parliament agrees that the statement laid by the Scottish Ministers on 10 May 2022 under Section 7(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 should not be approved.

The motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

6. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04833—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 9 June 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

and insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

and after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Census 2022

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-04833.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04833 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out from “delete” to “and after” and insert “after”.

The amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

8. Economic Value of Medical Charity Research in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-04013 in the name of Sue Webber—That the Parliament notes the publication of two reports by the Fraser of Allander Institute and British Heart Foundation Scotland about the role of medical research charities in Scotland's medical research environment; welcomes the findings regarding the economic impact of medical research charity funding in Scotland, which, it understands, supported 7,475 jobs, £470 million in output and £320 million in Gross Value Added (GVA) in 2019; understands that funding from medical research charities is amongst the most effective of all sectors, reportedly supporting £1.33 million in GVA and 31 jobs for every £1 million invested; notes what it sees as the significant impact COVID-19 had on the ability of medical research charities to fund research, putting, it understands from the research, 575 jobs, £36 million in output and £25 million in GVA at risk in 2020 alone; understands that the British Heart Foundation currently invests almost £33 million on research in the Lothian region, and notes the call from British Heart Foundation Scotland for continued support for clinical research infrastructure and research careers to ensure the long-term health of the medical research environment and to amplify what it sees as the benefit of investment into medical research to the economy.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

No. 10, Wednesday 8 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what provisions it is making for Scotland fans to get home after tonight's Nations League match at Hampden against Armenia, in light of the reported announcement by ScotRail that they should leave early if they want to catch a train, was answered by the Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth).
- 3. Economic Priorities:** Liz Smith moved S6M-04815—That the Parliament is deeply concerned by many of the trends published within the recent analysis of the Scottish economy undertaken by the Scottish Fiscal Commission; is concerned, in particular, by the revised downward growth estimates and decline in real earnings, and that the Scottish Government has imposed higher tax rates on Scotland without increasing revenues, compared with the block grant adjustment, due to the ongoing issues relating to weaker productivity and inflexibilities within the Scottish labour market; is further concerned by the real-terms cuts of more than £1 billion announced by the Scottish Government, which will affect local government, the police and higher education, among key services; calls on the Scottish Government to commit to ensuring that no one in Scotland pays more income tax compared with people in the rest of the UK, when finances allow, ensuring that policies to deliver long-term growth, including collaborative projects with the UK Government such as city deals, are a priority within Scottish Government spending plans; calls for a finance bill mechanism to be introduced to evaluate the effectiveness of public spending, and further calls for plans for a second independence referendum to be taken off the table.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved amendment S6M-04815.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04815 in the name of Liz Smith (Economic Priorities), leave out from “is deeply” to end and insert “endorses the priorities set out in the Scottish Government’s spending review of tackling child poverty, addressing the climate crisis, building a stronger economy and improving public services, while supporting those people struggling with the increased cost of living; notes that the overall Scottish Budget has fallen by 5.2% in real terms between 2021-22 and 2022-23 and that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has confirmed a further 1% real-terms reduction until 2025-26; agrees that current financial fiscal arrangements between the UK Government and the Scottish Government are deeply flawed; highlights the persistent dismal failures of leadership in the UK Government, with the UK currently having the highest inflation rate of any G7 country, compounded by Brexit increasing food prices; notes recent research from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health highlighting the brutal reality of a decade of austerity under the UK Government, and believes that, with full control over the economic and financial powers, the Scottish Government could take further action to build the economy that Scotland deserves.”

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-04815.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04815 in the name of Liz Smith (Economic Priorities), leave out from “is deeply” to end and insert “notes the recent findings of the Scottish Fiscal Commission and is deeply concerned by many of the trends identified, including that productivity growth in Scotland has stalled since 2015 and earnings growth is lagging behind the UK’s; is further concerned, in particular, by the revised downward growth estimates and decline in real earnings, and that the Scottish Government has imposed higher tax rates on Scotland without increasing revenues, compared with the block grant adjustment, due to the ongoing issues relating to weaker productivity and inflexibilities within the Scottish labour market, with the result that net Scottish income tax receipts in 2022-23 are forecast to be £428 million less than if income tax had not been devolved; considers that this is a consequence of the Scottish Government’s failure to use the taxation, borrowing and investment powers of devolution to support and grow the Scottish economy; notes that this has directly resulted in less tax revenue available to invest in Scottish public services, and is further concerned by the real-terms cuts of more than £1 billion announced by the Scottish Government, which will affect local government, the police and higher education, among key services; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that policies to deliver long-term growth, including collaborative projects with the UK Government such as city deals, are a priority within Scottish Government spending plans; further calls for a finance bill mechanism to be introduced to evaluate the effectiveness of public spending; calls for plans for a second independence referendum to be taken off the table, and believes that the failure to grow Scottish wages will also mean that hard-working people are more exposed to the pressures of the cost of living crisis.”

After debate, amendment S6M-04815.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-04815.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament endorses the priorities set out in the Scottish Government’s spending review of tackling child poverty, addressing the climate crisis, building a stronger economy and improving public services, while supporting those people struggling with the increased cost of living; notes that the overall Scottish Budget has fallen by 5.2% in real terms between 2021-22 and 2022-23 and that the Scottish Fiscal Commission has confirmed a further 1% real-terms reduction until 2025-26; agrees that current financial fiscal arrangements between the UK Government and the Scottish Government are deeply flawed; highlights the persistent dismal failures of leadership in the UK Government, with the UK currently having the highest inflation rate of any G7 country, compounded by Brexit increasing food prices; notes recent research from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health highlighting the brutal reality of a decade of austerity under the UK Government, and believes that, with full control over the economic and financial powers, the Scottish Government could take further action to build the economy that Scotland deserves.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04839—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Reform Update

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Role of Incineration in the Waste Hierarchy

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 June 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04840—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04841—That the Parliament agrees

that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2022 [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-04842—That the Parliament agrees that the Cross-border Placements (Effect of Deprivation of Liberty Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04843—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3,5,6,7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Commemorating 40 Years Since the Falklands War: The Parliament debated S6M-03916 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament marks the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War, which began on 2 April 1982 and lasted 74 days until the Argentine surrender on 14 June; remembers the 255 UK Armed Forces personnel who died and were among over 1,000 lives lost in the conflict; commemorates the service and sacrifice of all those involved, with 30,000 sailors, marines, soldiers, airmen and merchant mariners having taken part, and with many more civilians having supported the war effort; recognises the particular role of Arbroath-based 45 Commando and the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards, which between them lost 15 men to the fighting; appreciates the efforts of poppyscotland and Legion Scotland to mark the occasion, including a service of remembrance to be held in Edinburgh on 18 June 2022, and commends the work of both organisations in supporting the veterans of this conflict and their families, many of whom continue to be affected by the tragedy of war to this day.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

No. 11, Thursday 9 June 2022

The meeting opened at 11:40am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **NHS Staff Recruitment and Retention:** The Parliament debated S6M-04464 in the name of Rhoda Grant— That the Parliament notes the reported ongoing issues with staff recruitment in NHS Highland, while it attempts to expand its services by providing a National Treatment Centre in Inverness and to support NHS Grampian by providing obstetric services for Moray; considers that the Highlands and Islands has a world-class university in the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI); understands that UHI previously carried out successful training of midwifery staff for the Highlands and Islands region to meet staffing demand as part of a two-year pilot in response to a specific workforce need; further understands that funding for this programme has now been moved to Edinburgh Napier University to cover the whole of Scotland; notes the view that NHS staff should be trained close to home in order to enhance recruitment and retention of staff, and further notes the call, therefore, for the Scottish Government to develop training for NHS staff at the University of the Highlands and Islands.
4. **Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04895—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the COVID-19 Recovery Committee, can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Thursday 9 June 2022.

The motion was agreed to.
5. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Census 2022.
7. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry.
8. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill - Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.
9. **Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-

04818—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 9 as noted above.

11. Making Scotland Hostile to Trafficking and a Safe Place for Ukrainian Refugees: The Parliament debated S6M-04703 in the name of Bill Kidd— That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Hope for Justice and anti-trafficking partners' website, Ukrainians Welcome, which is aimed at protecting refugees in the UK against modern slavery, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's (OSCE) new recommendations on mitigating the risks of trafficking, following the crisis in Ukraine, as it considers refugees are particularly vulnerable to trafficking for sexual exploitation and other forms of modern slavery; understands that the Scottish Government has committed to criminalising sex buyers, addressing the reported impunity of sex buyers in exploiting vulnerable women and children, and, through criminalisation, making Scotland hostile to human traffickers; considers that Baroness Helena Kennedy QC's report on Misogyny and Criminal Justice in Scotland affirms the understanding of commercial sexual exploitation, including pornography, prostitution and trafficking, as "violence against women and girls"; recognises the OSCE's reported findings that internet searches for Ukrainian women for sale for sexual exploitation has increased by between 200% to 600% across multiple countries in Europe since the Ukrainian refugee crisis started, and that, in the UK, internet searches for Ukrainian women has increased by 669%, compared with March 2021; considers that the criminalisation of sex buyers in Scotland would tackle the demand that fosters trafficking and respond to Palermo protocol commitments; commends the efforts of anti-trafficking organisations, such as International Justice Mission, which presented information to the Cross-Party Group on Human Trafficking on the work that it has been doing to prevent human trafficking occurring at the Romanian-Ukrainian border since the war in Ukraine started, and A21, which it understands is safely housing Ukrainian survivors of sex trafficking and runs trafficking awareness campaigns across Europe; considers that such examples show the success that is possible when authorities and charities work collaboratively to warn refugees of the signs of human traffickers and provide practical assistance to avoid refugees taking up unsafe offers of accommodation or transport; believes that vulnerability to trafficking increases when refugees are in transit or when financial resources reduce over time, and recognises what it sees as the invaluable work of individual sponsors, community groups and local organisations in welcoming refugees to Glasgow and the rest of Scotland, and ensuring that they are provided with the practical and emotional support needed to begin to find refuge and safety as they rebuild their lives.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

No. 12, Tuesday 14 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Elaine Duncan, Chief Executive, Scottish Bible Society, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04990—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 14 June 2022—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Benefits of Independence

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.20 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 15 June 2022—

after

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People

insert

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-04990.1

As an amendment to motion S6M-04990 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “followed by Ministerial Statement: Education Reform Update” insert—

“delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill”.

The amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 49, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 66, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) answered questions on Benefits of Independence.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Education Reform Update.

6. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04969—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour

Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 8 to 10: 2 hours 20 minutes

Group 11: 3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 47, 18, 20, 4, 5, 23, 49, 50, 52, 6, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 7, 8, 9, 10, 33, 11, 68, 12, 38, 39, 40, 13, 43, 14, 44 and 45.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

28 (For 79, Against 1, Abstentions 25)
35 (For 80, Against 1, Abstentions 26)
36 (For 81, Against 0, Abstentions 26)
37 (For 81, Against 0, Abstentions 26)
46 (For 80, Against 1, Abstentions 26)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

15 (For 18, Against 64, Abstentions 28)
16 (For 44, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
1 (For 42, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 40, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
19 (For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
48 (For 46, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
21 (For 45, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
22 (For 46, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
25 (For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
26 (For 42, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
27 (For 19, Against 65, Abstentions 26)
51 (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
53 (For 47, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
54 (For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
55A (For 44, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
58 (For 44, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
62 (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
63 (For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 42, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
29 (For 45, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
64 (For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 45, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
66 (For 44, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
31 (For 44, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
32 (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 18, Against 62, Abstentions 25)
67 (For 17, Against 65, Abstentions 25)
69 (For 42, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 44, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 44, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
37A (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 42, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
42 (For 41, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

The Presiding Officer extended the time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to extend the debate by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

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

9. Supporting Great Bernera’s Community Land Buyout: The Parliament debated S6M-04117 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament recognises the work of the Great Bernera Community Development Trust towards a crofting community buyout and the development of the island; understands that, despite concentrated efforts on the Trust’s part to bring the crofting land’s sale to completion, a reported lack of cooperation by the island’s absentee landlord has delayed and halted necessary progress; is deeply concerned by reported recent demands for significant payments by the landlord from local crofters before he will give permission for various legitimate, and elsewhere payment-free, transactions to proceed; understands that, in recent years, the island’s school and local shop have both closed; further understands that part 3 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 has not yet been successfully utilised, but considers Bernera to be an example of where that approach may well be required; notes the hope that all relevant agencies can continue to support the Great Bernera Community Development Trust in securing the buyout of the crofting land, and further notes the calls on the landlord to engage constructively and promptly with the local community going forward.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

No. 13, Wednesday 15 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People:** The Parliament debated Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People.
- 3. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-04938—That the Parliament agrees that the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

- 4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04997—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: World Refugee Day - Welcoming and Supporting Refugees in Scotland's Communities

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deaths in Custody

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2021-22

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medication Assisted Treatment Standards

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.25 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 June 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04998—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 22 June 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04999—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) (Scotland) Order 2022 [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-05000—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [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-05001—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05002—That the Parliament agrees that the Surrender of Offensive Weapons (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05003—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials: The Parliament debated S6M-01794 in the name of Meghan Gallacher—That the Parliament notes the recent petition submitted on behalf of Dennistoun War Memorial, urging the Scottish Government to introduce stronger legislation, which would recognise the desecration or vandalism of war memorials as a specific criminal offence; understands that war memorials hold a very special place within the hearts of Scotland's communities; further understands that there has been an unprecedented increase in the desecration and vandalism of Scotland's war memorials since 2015, with some of those most recently targeted being the war memorial in the Duchess of Hamilton Park in

Motherwell, the Carronshore War Memorial, the Boer War Memorial in Glasgow, the Spanish Civil War Memorial in Motherwell, the Kirkcaldy War Memorial, the Cowdenbeath War Memorial, and the Prestonpans War Memorial; notes calls to bring forward stricter legislation to ensure that war memorials are given special protection status; further notes the view that this would assist the authorities when prosecuting perpetrators of what it sees as these heinous crimes, and believes that war memorials are not representative of political or religious iconography, but are rather invaluable memorials to the young men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their countries, so that everyone today, irrespective of their background, can equally enjoy freedom from tyranny and oppression.

The meeting closed at 6.57 pm.

No. 14, Thursday 16 June 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Men Don't Talk: The Parliament debated S6M-03064 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises the work that has gone into producing the one-act play, *Men Don't Talk*, by Clare Prenton, who is based in Peebles; understands that Clare based this play on the experiences of those involved with Peebles Men's Shed and conducted a number of workshops with members to inform the storyline, which was written and developed over two years; further understands that it explores the myth that men do not talk, in a fictional Men's Shed setting, discussing such issues as loneliness, alcoholism and recovery, loss of a life partner, caring for a partner with dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from previous service in the Armed Forces, and where the next supply of jaffa cakes is coming from; notes that this was made possible by funding from the Peebles-based charity, Inspiring Life - Evie Douglas Memorial Fund, which was set up by Freda Douglas in memory of her daughter Evie; congratulates those involved, on the play coming to fruition in January 2022, with a rehearsed reading at The Eastgate Theatre in Peebles, employing a professional cast of three actors and the services of one local amateur, who helped with the stage direction, in front of an audience of over 70 people; believes that projects such as this celebrate community collaboration and are an important part of raising awareness of issues around mental health, particularly among those in society who may be less comfortable in engaging in conventional support for this, and considers that organisations such as Men's Sheds are a vital support for many in Scotland's communities.

4. Motion Without Notice: Christine Grahame moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

6. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Role of Incineration in the Waste Hierarchy.

8. Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

1 (For 84, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

2 (For 88, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

3 (For 50, Against 65 Abstentions 0)

4 (For 24, Against 91, Abstentions 0)

5 (For 24, Against 91, Abstentions 0)

7 (For 24, Against 88, Abstentions 0)

8 (For 24, Against 92, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 6 and 9.

9. Motion Without Notice: Gillian Mackay, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-04979—That the Parliament agrees that the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 117, Against 0, Abstentions 0)

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

No. 15, Tuesday 21 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Angela Johnson, Celebrant of the Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05127—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 June 2022—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. World Refugee Day – Welcoming and Supporting Refugees in Scotland’s Communities: The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) moved S6M-05098—That the Parliament uses the opportunity of World Refugee Day to welcome people who have sought refuge in Scotland from war and persecution, including refugees, people seeking asylum, people relocated from Afghanistan and displaced people from Ukraine; recognises the contribution that refugees, people seeking asylum, people who have arrived under refugee resettlement and relocation schemes, people granted discretionary leave or humanitarian protection and displaced people arriving under specific visa routes have made to Scotland over many years; thanks local authorities, communities, individuals, the third sector and faith organisations that have supported, and are supporting, refugees, people seeking asylum and displaced people to settle in the country; commends the key principle of the New Scots refugee integration strategy that integration begins from day one of arrival, and celebrates the opportunity to connect and share stories through Refugee Festival Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports from the Scottish Police Authority that 386 cases of potential drug driving cannot be prosecuted because of major delays in forensic testing, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown).

6. Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-05095—That the

Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

7. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05141—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 22 June 2022—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deaths in Custody

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Retained EU Law

delete

5.40 pm Decision Time

insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 23 June 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Skills

insert

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Skills

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Stage 3 Amendments: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

delete

6.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Motion Without Notice: George Adam, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 5.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.

10. MND Scotland Report, No Time to Lose: Addressing the Housing Needs of People with MND: The Parliament debated S6M-03777 in the name of Bob Doris— That the Parliament welcomes the MND Scotland report, No time to lose: Addressing the housing needs of people with MND, which outlines the challenges that people with MND, including those in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency, face when trying to obtain the accessible home that they need through adaptations or an alternative accessible property; understands that MND is a rapidly progressing terminal neurological disease, which can cause those with the illness to lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, drink or breathe unaided, with the average life expectancy being just 18 months from diagnosis; acknowledges that many waiting lists for adaptations and alternative accessible homes are reportedly too long for people with MND with, it understands, some longer than the average life expectancy with the illness; believes that this can leave people with MND unable to spend the precious time that they have left safely and with the dignity that everyone is entitled to, and that, for some, support never comes in time; understands that speed in service provision is critical for people with MND, and notes the expectation that the Scottish Government and local authorities will give meaningful and early consideration to implementing the report's various recommendations, which include fast-tracking people with MND for adaptations and accessible homes, a proactive, not reactive, approach to adaptations, establishing a national definition of accessible housing, and building more wheelchair accessible housing across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 16, Wednesday 22 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05171—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05166 —That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 22 June 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill - UK Legislation

delete

6.10 pm Decision Time

insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 23 June 2022—

delete

7.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and Veterans and then on Finance and the Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Deaths in Custody.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) made a statement and answered questions on Retained EU Law.

6. Cost of Living Support : Mark Griffin moved S6M-05106—That the Parliament notes that, under the UK Government’s Energy Bills Support Scheme, second home owners across Scotland will receive a double payment of the £400 credit for their energy bills; considers that this funding would be better used to support low-income households struggling with the cost of living crisis, and calls on the Scottish Government to allow local authorities to recover this money through a one-off increase to the council tax levied on second homes in order to support local cost of living responses.

The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved amendment S6M-05106.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05106 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living Support), leave out from “calls on” to end and insert “agrees that the Scottish Government, in consultation with COSLA, should examine all options to recover this money through a council tax levy on second homes and long-term empty homes in order to support local cost-of-living responses on a fair and equitable basis.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-05106.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05106 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living Support), leave out from “second home” to end and insert “every household in Scotland will receive £400 off their energy bills, with additional funding being provided to those on benefits, people with disabilities and pensioners; further notes that raising the National Insurance threshold and cutting the Universal Credit taper rate will allow people to keep more of the money they make; agrees that cutting fuel duty will help tackle this crisis by lowering fuel costs; notes that the £243 billion that the UK Government spends on welfare will support some of the most vulnerable families in Scotland; believes that the huge £251 million cut to Scottish local authorities has resulted in higher council tax rates across the country, and supports increasing the single person discount on council tax from 25% to 35%.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that, under the UK Government’s Energy Bills Support Scheme, second home owners across Scotland will receive a double payment of the £400 credit for their energy bills; considers that this funding would be better used to support low-income households struggling with the cost of living crisis, and agrees that the Scottish Government, in consultation with COSLA, should examine all options to recover this money through a council tax levy on second homes and long-term empty homes in order to support local cost-of-living responses on a fair and equitable basis.

7. Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care

Charges: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-05111—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should end all non-residential social care charges in the current financial year given the growing pressure that the cost of living crisis is putting on the most vulnerable in society, and the level of reserves sitting with health and social care partnerships.

The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S6M-05111.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05111 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges), leave out from “financial year” to end and insert “parliamentary session; welcomes the recent introduction of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, in line with the Bute House Agreement, and supports the creation of this new service, which will end the postcode lottery in adult social care in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government’s welfare cuts, and retention of 85% of spending on social security benefits, including low-income benefits, and employment powers, including the minimum wage remaining with the UK Government, is letting down the most vulnerable in society by failing to properly address the cost of living crisis and its causes; notes that the Scottish Government has increased eight Scottish social security benefits at double the rate that the UK Government uprated benefits within its control; understands that the overall budget available in Scotland is largely determined by the spending decisions of the UK Government, and considers that the Scottish Government is already investing in mitigating the impact of UK Government control, tackling the cost of living, and tackling poverty.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-05111.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05111 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “calls on the Scottish Government to properly fund local authorities so that they have more freedom when it comes to non-residential social care charges; regrets that the Scottish Government’s proposals for a National Care Service could cost up to £1.3 billion to deliver, and that much of this will be spent on establishing structures and administration when what the care sector needs right now is stability to get back on its feet; understands that the Scottish Government’s proposals will leech funding away from the frontline; regrets that the National Care Service represents a direct

attack on the competence of local authorities, and calls on the Scottish Government to scrap these plans and introduce a local care guarantee that would ensure that care is delivered as close as possible to those who need it.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should end all non-residential social care charges in the current parliamentary session; welcomes the recent introduction of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, in line with the Bute House Agreement, and supports the creation of this new service, which will end the postcode lottery in adult social care in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government’s welfare cuts, and retention of 85% of spending on social security benefits, including low-income benefits, and employment powers, including the minimum wage remaining with the UK Government, is letting down the most vulnerable in society by failing to properly address the cost of living crisis and its causes; notes that the Scottish Government has increased eight Scottish social security benefits at double the rate that the UK Government uprated benefits within its control; understands that the overall budget available in Scotland is largely determined by the spending decisions of the UK Government, and considers that the Scottish Government is already investing in mitigating the impact of UK Government control, tackling the cost of living, and tackling poverty.

8. Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-05155—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions of the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 June 2022, so far as they relate to matters that fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT).

9. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05144—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Independence Referendum

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 September 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 June 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-05144.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05144 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from “followed by Ministerial Statement: Independence Referendum” to “followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill” and insert—

“followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 29 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Project Neptune

followed by Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill Introduction”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 28, Against 63, Abstentions 20).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 48, Abstain 1).

10. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05145—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 October 2022.

The motion was agreed to ((DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05146—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05147—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

13. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05148—That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Sue Webber as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7,9 , 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

15. Save Loch Lomond: The Parliament debated S6M-04950 in the name of Ross Greer—That the Parliament notes the reported application lodged by the Yorkshire-based theme park operator, Flamingo Land, for the development of a so-called “luxury resort” on the banks of Loch Lomond at Balloch; understands that this is Flamingo Land’s second application for a development on the site, with the first application reportedly having been withdrawn following a record 60,000 objections being lodged with the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park authority; congratulates local residents and the Save Loch Lomond campaign for, it believes, having protected the ancient woodland at Drumkinnon Woods, which it understands is no longer the proposed location for dozens of guest lodges, but remains concerned about a number of reported issues with the current application, including its overall scale, public access to Drumkinnon Woods and the wider site, pressure on local roads and the principle of selling public land at one of Scotland’s most famous locations to a private developer.

The meeting closed at 7.24 pm.

No. 17, Thursday 23 June 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Celebrating Success of Rugby in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-04871 in the name of Douglas Lumsden—That the Parliament recognises the fantastic achievements of all of those involved in Scottish rugby in 2021-22; congratulates the women's team for reaching the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand in 2022, and the men's team for winning the Calcutta Cup and Cuttitta Cup; notes the rise in popularity of Clan rugby and the work that is currently ongoing to encourage the playing of rugby with minority ethnic communities throughout Scotland; welcomes the return of the Rugby Sevens tournaments in 2022; believes that this has brought economic benefit to towns and villages, and enjoyment to all; commends the work of School of Hard Knocks, which is a charity that works with vulnerable children and adults to build self-confidence and self-respect through playing rugby, and supports the work that is being done with young people, boys and girls, in schools and communities up and down the country, including in North East Scotland, through an army of volunteers, coaches and supporters, without whom, it believes, community sports would cease to exist.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Provisional Outturn 2021-22.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Medication Assisted Treatment Standards.
7. **Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05122—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 1 hour

Groups 5 to 7: 2 hours

Groups 8 to 10: 3 hours

Groups 11 to 13: 3 hours and 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17, 22, 25, 26, 1, 38 and 48

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

5 (For 46, Against 64, Abstain 0)
72 (For 43, Against 63, Abstain 0)
76 (For 42, Against 67, Abstain 0)
77 (For 43, Against 62, Abstain 0)
34 (For 45, Against 63, Abstain 0)
81 (For 45, Against 63, Abstain 0)
35 (For 42, Against 64, Abstain 0)
36 (For 43, Against 64, Abstain 0)
82 (For 43, Against 64, Abstain 0)
83 (For 17, Against 64, Abstain 26)
84 (For 43, Against 63, Abstain 0)
85 (For 44, Against 64, Abstain 0)
86 (For 43, Against 64, Abstain 0)
88 (For 43, Against 64, Abstain 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 2, 68, 70, 78 and 79.

The following amendments were not moved: 3, 69, 4, 71, 6, 7, 73, 74, 75, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 80, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 90, 87, 89, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

9. 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 6.30 pm.

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

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm.

No. 18, Tuesday 28 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Theo Ogbhemhe, Teacher of Religious Moral and Philosophical Studies, Kirkwall Grammar School, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05249 —That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

delete

7.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

and insert

9.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

- 3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Independence Referendum.
- 5. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05228—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 15 minutes

Groups 4 and 5: 2 hours 30 minutes

Groups 6 to 8: 3 hours 15 minutes

Groups 9 to 11: 4 hours

Groups 12 and 13: 5 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

9 (For 93, Against 19, Abstentions 0)
10 (For 94, Against 19, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 88, Against 25, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 95, Against 21, Abstentions 0)
24 (For 95, Against 21, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 48, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
29 (For 48, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 48, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
35 (For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
41 (For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
43 (For 49, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
45 (For 50, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
47 (For 48, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
52 (For 51, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
54 (For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
61 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
65 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 46, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
66 (For 24, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 27, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 26, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
72 (For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
73 (For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
74 (For 49, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
76 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
77 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
78 (For 47, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
7 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
80 (For 48, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
82 (For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
85 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
86 (For 50, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
92 (For 30, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
93 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn:
44.

The following amendments were not moved: 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 70, 75, 79, 81, 83, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 94, 95 and 96.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(C).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject matter.

7. Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-05217—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

8. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05253 —That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 29 June 2022—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation

delete

6.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

(b) for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended;

(c) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 30 June 2022—

after

followed by Members' Business

insert

followed by Members' Business

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-05253.2

As an amendment to motion S6M-05253 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after—

“followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

insert”

insert—

“followed by Statement by the Lord Advocate on Independence Referendum Legal Considerations”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Douglas Ross moved amendment S6M-05253.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05253 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “Thursday 30 June 2022—” insert—

“after

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services Update”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.56 pm.

No. 19, Wednesday 29 June 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, Net Zero, Energy and Transport, and Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22).
- 3. Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-05222—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions of the Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 11 May 2022, relating to Special Rules for Terminal Illness for accessing disability benefits, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Northern Ireland Protocol Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-05235—That the Parliament agrees that it is fundamentally unacceptable for the UK Government to unilaterally disapply key parts of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, the signing of which the Prime Minister hailed as a “fantastic moment”; further agrees that by proposing this course of action the UK Government is risking a disastrous trade dispute with the European Union, with damaging consequences for Scotland in the midst of a cost of living crisis and at a time when the UK is in danger of falling into recession, and calls, therefore, on the UK Government to withdraw the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill and restart negotiations with the EU immediately.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-05235.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05235 in the name of Angus Robertson (Northern Ireland Protocol Bill), leave out from “it is fundamentally unacceptable” to end and insert “the Northern Ireland protocol is not working as intended, and calls on both the UK Government and the EU to come to a negotiated settlement so that these problems can be resolved and thereby protect both the integrity of the UK and the EU Single Market, and at the same time ensure that a stable settlement is delivered that safeguards peace in Northern Ireland and allows a return to power-sharing government in the Northern Ireland Executive.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-05235.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05235 in the name of Angus Robertson (Northern Ireland Protocol Bill), after “recession” insert “; condemns that the Bill breaks international law and risks the integrity of the Good Friday Agreement”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 25, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that it is fundamentally unacceptable for the UK Government to unilaterally disapply key parts of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, the signing of which the Prime Minister hailed as a “fantastic moment”; further agrees that by proposing this course of action the UK Government is risking a disastrous trade dispute with the European Union, with damaging consequences for Scotland in the midst of a cost of living crisis and at a time when the UK is in danger of falling into recession; condemns that the Bill breaks international law and risks the integrity of the Good Friday Agreement, and calls, therefore, on the UK Government to withdraw the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill and restart negotiations with the EU immediately.

5. Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Regan) moved S6M-05154—That the Parliament agrees that the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 0, Abstentions 25).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05254—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 September 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 September 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 September 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-05254.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05254 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after “That the Parliament agrees—” insert—

“(za) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 30 June 2022—

after

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

insert

followed by Statement by the Lord Advocate on Independence Referendum Legal Considerations”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 63, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05255—That the Parliament agrees that the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Education, Children and Young People Committee and Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as secondary committees, in consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5, and 7 as noted above.

9. Scotland’s Companies: The Parliament debated S6M-03994 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament notes the reported probable loss of independent control and headquarter function of two major Scottish companies, namely Stagecoach and John Menzies; understands that Stagecoach, which was founded in 1980, agreed a merger with National Express late in 2021 but that a fund managed by Germany’s DWS, which is part of Deutsche Bank, presented a near £600 million offer to take over the company; further understands that John Menzies, which was founded in 1883, has reached an agreement on a £571 million bid from Kuwait-based National Aviation Services; recognises what it sees as a further erosion of large thriving Scottish companies leaving the stock market, which it believes is detrimental to the nation’s standing in the corporate world; further recognises what it sees as similar high-profile examples such as McVities in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency; notes

the view that Scotland needs to do all that it can to encourage large Scottish companies to keep their independence, and further notes the hope that more Scottish companies see the value of keeping control of their operations in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 7.19 pm.

No. 20, Thursday 30 June 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.
4. **Action Mesothelioma Day 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-05097 in the name of Marie McNair— That the Parliament recognises that 1 July 2022 is Action Mesothelioma Day; notes that the action day aims to raise awareness of the disease, which it understands is caused by breathing in asbestos fibres; further understands that there are approximately 2,700 new mesothelioma cases in the UK every year, including over 200 in Scotland, which is the highest number in Europe, and that there are at least a further 2,000 cases of lung cancer that are likely to be caused by asbestos exposure; notes that the action day brings to light the extraordinary work of support groups across Scotland that continue to support people impacted by mesothelioma and their families, as well as doing work to remember those who have died as a result of mesothelioma; acknowledges the particular contribution of Clydebank Asbestos Group, as it approaches its 30th anniversary, which has provided information and support to people with asbestos-related conditions for decades; wishes Action Mesothelioma Day every success, and notes the view that there is a continued need for research into the management and treatment of this condition.
5. **Dundee Drugs Commission Review Report:** The Parliament debated S6M-04364 in the name of Michael Marra— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *Time for Kindness, Compassion and Hope: The Need for Action Two Years On*, by the Dundee Drugs Commission; thanks the Commission for its work in the production of both of its reports; is grateful to everyone who brought witness and testimony to this work from lived experience and frontline service provision; believes that testimony will have been incredibly difficult to deliver for many of the witnesses; understands that, despite the urgent recommendations in the first report, Dundee continues to have a very high level of drugs deaths by national and international comparisons; notes with concern what it sees as the failure to sufficiently progress the recommendations of the original report by all agencies in Dundee; further notes support for the recommendations of the Commission, which include an urgent health needs assessment for drug users, the wholesale reform of substance misuse, and recovery services that move away from a punitive medicalised model to a community facing system of care; is concerned by the report's conclusion that "the scale of the challenge to turn the situation around hasn't been fully appreciated" by local leadership, and notes the calls for the full adoption of the recommendations with a specific delivery plan from the Dundee Partnership.

The meeting closed at 2.11pm.

No. 21, Tuesday 6 September 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Andrew Agnew, Pastor, the Livingroom Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05882—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 6 September 2022

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government

(b) Wednesday 7 September 2022

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Public Sector Pay and Emergency Budget Review

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Cost of Living

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.20 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 8 September 2022

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Displaced People from Ukraine

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Mission on Drugs Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: Future of Scottish Ferries

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting those Most at Risk – COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Winter 2022

The motion was agreed to.

4. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on Programme for Government.

5. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government: The Parliament debated Programme for Government.

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

7. Team Scotland at the 2022 Commonwealth Games: The Parliament debated S6M-05639 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament congratulates Team Scotland on its most successful Commonwealth Games ever outside of Scotland; sends its congratulations to all of the athletes who earned Team Scotland’s 51 medals, 13 of which were gold, to come sixth overall in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 medal table; recalls the many momentous achievements from Team Scotland’s athletes, including Eilish McColgan’s games record gold medal in the 10,000m, 32 years after her mother’s win, and Laura Muir becoming the first ever Scot to win gold at the 1500m at a Commonwealth Games; recognises the significant impact it believes these special moments will have on inspiring the next generation of Scottish athletes, and wishes new and returning athletes, including from the Mid Scotland and Fife region, the best of luck and success for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, as well as for the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

No. 22, Wednesday 7 September 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Social Care and Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Public Sector Pay and Emergency Budget Review.

3. Programme for Government – Cost of Living: The Parliament debated Programme for Government – Cost of Living

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05893—That the Parliament—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Independent Review of Skills Delivery Landscape

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Economic Transformation - Scotland's Inward Investment Plan

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Economic Transformation - Scotland's Export Growth Plan

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 September 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Excellence in Scottish Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 September 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Future Parliamentary Procedures and Practices

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 12 September 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05894—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 16 December 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05895—That the Parliament agrees

that the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary Provision) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Changing the Boundaries – Ending Institutional Racism in Sport: The Parliament debated S6M-05615 in the name of Kaukab Stewart—That the Parliament notes with concern that the report, *Changing the Boundaries: The Plan4Sport Independent Review into Racism in Scottish Cricket*, found Cricket Scotland to be institutionally racist; understands that the review identified 448 examples demonstrating institutional racism; further notes Sir William MacPherson’s definition of institutional racism contained in the 1999 report of the public inquiry into the death of Stephen Lawrence, as “the collective failure of an organisation to provide an appropriate and professional service to people because of their colour, culture or ethnic origin”; acknowledges that institutional racism in sport may not be restricted to Cricket Scotland; recognises what it sees as the detrimental effect of institutional racism on an individual’s potential, achievement, health and wellbeing; notes the hope that the implementation of the immediate and long-term recommendations of the independent review will deliver substantial improvements in the experience of people of colour in all sports; further notes the recommendation to improve the diversity of the Cricket Scotland board, and the view that this recommendation, coupled with steps to review diversity at all levels of decision making, can be of great importance in delivering diversity in boards and at all levels of decision making across all sports; notes the view that effective equalities and anti-racist strategies are important in organisations that are in receipt of government funding; welcomes the assessment framework set out in the report; notes the view that this could be used as a conditional part of funding criteria for all funding of sport in Scotland; highlights that ethnically diverse communities are a priority group for sportscotland’s 2021-25 Equality Outcomes published in 2022; believes that there are many examples of clubs and individuals delivering local programmes that engage with diverse communities, including in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency; appreciates what it sees as the important work being done by groups including, but not limited to, Show Racism the Red Card, Kick it Out, Running Out Racism; notes the calls for partnership working to eradicate any forms of racism in sport, and looks forward to the day when zero tolerance for any processes, attitudes and behaviour that amount to racial discrimination, through the exclusion of minority ethnic people from participation and talent development opportunities, becomes a reality in Scottish sport.

9. Motion Without Notice: Kaukab Stewart 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 6.22 pm.

No. 23, Thursday 8 September 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Fair Tax Week:** The Parliament debated S6M-05082 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament notes that Fair Tax Week took place from 11 to 19 June 2022 and that the week celebrates companies and organisations that hold the Fair Tax Mark, which certifies that the company or organisation pays the correct level of tax in the correct jurisdiction at the correct time; understands that many companies and organisations in the Highlands and Islands, including the Co-op Party, the Co-operative Group, Scotmid Co-op, SSE and Scottish Water, have already received the Fair Tax Mark; acknowledges the results of recent polling, which reportedly found that 66% of people believe that governments and local authorities should at least consider a company's ethics and how it pays its tax; notes the calls on local authorities in Scotland to consider signing the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration, and further notes the calls on the UK Government, Scottish Government and local government to look at ways of incorporating the Fair Tax Mark into public procurement processes in order to ensure that public funds go to companies that pay their way.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Displaced People from Ukraine.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on National Mission on Drugs Update.
7. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Future of Scottish Ferries.
8. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting Those Most at Risk – COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Winter 2022.
9. **Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05910—That the Parliament agrees that Edward Mountain be appointed as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05916—That the Parliament agrees that Sue Webber be appointed to replace Russell Findlay as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 24, Monday 12 September 2022

The meeting opened at 5.49 pm.

1. Motion of Condolence: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-05924—That the Parliament expresses its deepest regret and grief at the death of Her Majesty The Queen; conveys its sincere condolences to His Majesty The King and other members of the Royal Family in their bereavement; affirms the great affection and esteem in which Her Majesty was held, and expresses gratitude for her life of exceptional public service and her long and close association with Scotland and the Scottish people.

The motion was debated.

His Majesty The King addressed the Parliament.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

No. 25, Tuesday 20 September 2022

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Neil Gardner, Minister, Canongate Kirk, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Oaths and Affirmations:** Roz McCall took her oath of allegiance before the clerk.
3. **Tributes to Her Late Majesty The Queen.** Members made tributes to Her Late Majesty The Queen.
4. **Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05947—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 September 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) Wednesday 21 September 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business: Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate

insert

2.00 pm Topical Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering Economic Transformation - Scotland's Inward Investment and Export Growth Plans

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delete

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

insert

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape

after

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 12.32 pm.

No. 26, Wednesday 21 September 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
2. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and Veterans and then on Finance and the Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
3. **Delivering Economic Transformation - Scotland's Inward Investment and Export Growth Plans:** The Parliament debated Delivering Economic Transformation - Scotland's Inward Investment and Export Growth Plans.
4. **Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05998—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Population - Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 September 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Excellence in Scottish Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 October 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 October 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 October 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 26 September 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05999—That the Parliament agrees that the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Reports on Use of Places of Safety) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06000—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06001—That the Parliament agrees that James Dornan be appointed to replace Marie McNair as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06002—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06003—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06004—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 as noted above.

12. NHS Out-of-hours GP Services: The Parliament debated S6M-03899 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the importance of NHS out-of-hours GP services; understands that, according to Healthcare Improvement Scotland, primary care out-of-hours services are a fundamental part of the healthcare service in Scotland; notes that the service provides support to those who require medical assistance outwith normal GP surgery hours; understands that this involves a number of healthcare professionals, agencies and support staff, such as drivers, working together to provide a high-quality and integrated service for patients, with many individuals going above and beyond their normal remit to ensure maximum quality of service; notes the view that Healthcare Improvement Scotland and many GPs have collectively acknowledged that the quality and safety of

out-of-hours care, such as that available in Clackmannanshire, across the Mid Scotland and Fife region, and all over Scotland, is extremely important and that patients should have access to consistent, high-quality standards of care, and further notes the calls for all regions of NHS Scotland to do all that they can to maintain, sustain and retain their out-of-hours GP services.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No. 27, Thursday 22 September 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Ardeer Girls Take Centre Stage:** The Parliament debated S6M-04642 in the name of Ruth Maguire—That the Parliament congratulates Cartridge Girls for staging the play, *Girls of Cartridge Hut No.7*; understands that the play was written by Jack Dickson and directed by Mary McCluskey, with musical direction and arrangement by Hilary Brooks; notes that this ensemble drama charts the history of Nobel / ICI at Ardeer, Stevenston, through the eyes of four girls killed on the site in an industrial accident in 1884; understands that the story is based at Nobels (later ICI) at Ardeer, which first opened in 1872, and employed almost 13,000 people at its peak, and that the story focuses on the young women workers who manufactured sticks of dynamite, beginning with the 1884 explosion that killed 10 women, the youngest being 14; further understands that four of the victims were the women working in Cartridge Hut No.7, Mary and Annie Brannan, Mary McAdam and Rachel Allison, who were all blamed for the explosion; congratulates the cast and creative crew for their success in making history come alive, and wishes them all the very best for future productions.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training (Jamie Hepburn) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape.
6. **Future Parliamentary Procedures and Practices:** Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-05983—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's 6th Report 2022 (Session 6), Report on inquiry into Future Parliamentary procedures and practices (SP Paper 213).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06034—That the Parliament agrees that—

Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Oliver Mundell as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Alexander Burnett as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06035—That the Parliament agrees that Roz McCall be appointed to replace Alexander Burnett as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

10. Gas Safety Week 2022, The Hidden Dangers: The Parliament debated S6M-05453 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Gas Safety Week 2022, which runs from 12 to 18 September and is coordinated by Gas Safe Register; understands that this is the 12th annual, pan-industry event, which brings everyone together for the common goal of keeping the nation gas safe while raising awareness of the dangers of poorly maintained gas appliances, which can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide poisoning; notes that Gas Safe Register provides a host of support and resources, including an interactive GasMap tool, allowing consumers to find out how many unsafe gas jobs have been carried out in their area, as well as providing helpful tips and reassurance; further notes what it sees as the need to raise awareness for those who live in rented accommodation, including holiday makers, that the law and regulations regarding gas safety are fully understood; commends the efforts of all of the organisations involved, and wishes those involved every success in raising awareness of an issue that could save lives.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.

No. 28, Tuesday 27 September 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Chris Jewell, Chief Executive Officer, Ascension Trust (Scotland), led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Scotland's Population – Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-06063—That the Parliament notes that the Parliament has previously endorsed a motion calling for the development of a differentiated, more flexible migration policy tailored to meet Scotland's specific needs; celebrates the social, economic and cultural contribution made to Scotland by those who have chosen to live here; notes that the UK Government's own immigration advisers concluded in 2019 that the UK migration system is not very effective in dealing with the particular problems that remote communities experience and recommended the establishment of a pilot scheme to support migration to rural areas, and that this recommendation was accepted by the then Home Secretary in a statement to the House of Commons in July 2019; further notes the distinct demographic challenges that Scotland faces, and that all of Scotland's population growth is projected to come from migration; notes that the independent Expert Advisory Group on Migration and Population concluded in its 2019 report that the demographic challenges for rural areas would be exacerbated by the ending of freedom of movement; further notes that the Fresh Talent scheme introduced in 2005 was a differentiated migration approach for Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to accept the Rural Visa Pilot proposal, which has been jointly developed by the Scottish Government, rural and island local authorities and rural employers, and to engage constructively to support the delivery of Rural Visa Pilots that meet the needs of rural communities.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-06063.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06063 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Population - Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services), leave out from first "notes" to end and insert "celebrates the social, economic and cultural contribution made to Scotland by those who have chosen to live here; acknowledges the Scottish Government's 2021 report, A Scotland for the future: The opportunities and challenges of Scotland's changing population, which states that Scotland faces "very significant demographic challenges" and that the reasons for this are multi-faceted; further acknowledges recent figures from the National Records of Scotland that show that Scotland has the lowest life expectancy in the UK; recognises that rural areas in particular face a significant depopulation crisis; supports an immigration system that assists parts of Scotland that need migration most, in particular, remote and island communities, and believes that a new approach is required to reverse rural depopulation, as well as meet the wider population challenges facing Scotland as a whole."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-06063.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06063 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Population - Meeting the Needs of our Communities, Economy and Public Services), insert at end “; notes that there are high levels of economic inequality across the regions of Scotland; acknowledges that investment in housing, jobs, services and infrastructure is necessary to retain existing populations in communities across Scotland, particularly in rural areas, which have faced depopulation in recent years; believes that years of inadequate funding and investment will mean that local authorities will face challenges in providing the necessary infrastructure and services to enable communities to grow; understands that a shrinking working-age population will negatively impact Scotland's budget while an ageing population will place greater demand on health and care services, and calls on the Scottish Government to show the vision and ambition to meet these challenges and use all policy levers available to grow the economy and spread wealth and opportunity across every part of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 41, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the claim in a BBC report today that the process for awarding the contract for ferries 801 and 802 may have been rigged, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (John Swinney).

5. Motion Without Notice: George Adam, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 5.07 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

7. Adopt a Road: The Parliament debated S6M-05590 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes calls on local authorities to consider introducing the Adopt a Road initiative, which, it understands, works successfully across North America; understands that such a scheme offers individuals, organisations, companies and volunteer groups the opportunity to contribute to their community and local area by taking responsibility for a length of road, usually in the vicinity of the sponsoring group or person, from one junction to the next and that, while no money changes hands, the sponsor agrees to keep the sponsored road free of litter and reasonably clean, contacting the local authority to uplift any refuse gathered, having given at least 24 hours' notice; further understands that such a scheme recognises sponsors through the provision of signs on the sponsored road, which are designed, provided and erected by the local authority; understands that the programme originated in the United States when an engineer for the Department of Transportation sought the help

of local groups to sponsor the cleaning of sections of the highway, as litter pick-up by the local authority was too expensive to undertake as often as was necessary; is aware of reports that, as of 2021, more than 120,000 California residents have participated in the initiative to remove litter and graffiti, plant trees and wildflowers, and clear vegetation along over 15,000 shoulder miles of roadside, and notes the view that such a scheme could be successfully piloted in North Ayrshire and other local authorities across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

No. 29, Wednesday 28 September 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then on Finance and the Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Scottish Government Handling of Ferry Contracts: Graham Simpson moved S6M-06071—That the Parliament welcomes the long-awaited publication of the Project Neptune report on Scotland’s ferries; believes that the report sets out viable alternatives to the current structure, which is not delivering for islanders; calls on the Scottish Government to set out an urgent plan for fleet procurement, manufacturing and operations; notes that the CalMac fleet has become increasingly beset by technical issues and cancellations and that these technical issues are leading to increasingly higher repair costs; further notes that island communities, who have faced significant disruption already, are concerned that a lack of resilience in the fleet could cause further disruption this winter; expresses disappointment that, under latest estimates, vessels 801 and 802 will not be completed until May and December 2023, despite originally being due for completion in May and July 2018, and calls for a public inquiry into the matter.

The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-06071.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06071 in the name of Graham Simpson (Scottish Government Handling of Ferry Contracts), leave out from “long-awaited” to end and insert “publication of the Project Neptune report on the governance of Scotland’s ferries; notes that ministers are engaging with affected communities, staff and all stakeholders on the options for reform; recognises that over £2 billion has been invested in the support of lifeline ferry services since 2007; welcomes the commitment to publish and consult on a long-term vessel and port investment plan as part of the Islands Connectivity Plan; recognises the concerns of island communities, and that ministers continue to work closely with them during periods of disruption; agrees that ensuring accurate reporting is key to avoiding unnecessary impacts on those economies, and notes the ongoing work to deliver the vessels under construction at Ferguson Marine, the positive relations between management and unions, and the protection of hundreds of jobs at the yard, including supporting over 50 apprentices, along with many more jobs in the supply chain.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-06071.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06071 in the name of Graham Simpson (Scottish Government Handling of Ferry Contracts), insert at end “; welcomes the commitment to not unbundle the ferry network, and to maintain the Clyde and Hebrides network under public control; believes that the unreliability and long-term unsustainability issues are contributing to the growing depopulation of the Scottish islands, and further believes that the future procurement of ferries

must be used to support Scottish shipbuilding jobs and help restore the reputation of the Ferguson Marine yard.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Project Neptune report on the governance of Scotland’s ferries; notes that ministers are engaging with affected communities, staff and all stakeholders on the options for reform; recognises that over £2 billion has been invested in the support of lifeline ferry services since 2007; welcomes the commitment to publish and consult on a long-term vessel and port investment plan as part of the Islands Connectivity Plan; recognises the concerns of island communities, and that ministers continue to work closely with them during periods of disruption; agrees that ensuring accurate reporting is key to avoiding unnecessary impacts on those economies, and notes the ongoing work to deliver the vessels under construction at Ferguson Marine, the positive relations between management and unions, and the protection of hundreds of jobs at the yard, including supporting over 50 apprentices, along with many more jobs in the supply chain.

3. Addressing NHS Waiting Times: Sandesh Gulhane moved S6M-06073—That the Parliament is concerned by the length and scale of NHS waiting times; notes that A&E, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), cancer and routine treatment waiting times are well short of where they need to be; recognises that the root cause of this problem is a lack of beds in NHS hospitals; regrets, therefore, that the Scottish Government is focussed more on structural reform than building greater capacity into the social care system; notes that the NHS Recovery Plan is failing to have a demonstrably positive impact on waiting times, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to rewrite its NHS Recovery Plan ahead of this winter.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-06073.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06073 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Addressing NHS Waiting Times), leave out from “is concerned” to end and insert “recognises the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health services and thanks Scotland’s frontline health and care staff for continuing to deliver high-quality care in spite of pressures associated with the ongoing pandemic; understands that these pressures are being experienced in health services across the UK and beyond; notes that, in 60 days, the number of people waiting longer than two years for an outpatient appointment was reduced by almost a quarter and that most specialisms have no waits of this length; welcomes that, since the start of the pandemic, NHS staffing is up by almost 9%; notes that child and adolescent mental health services began treatment of 5,200 children in the most recent quarter, the highest number ever recorded for the second quarter in a row; commends the dedication of Hospital at Home staff, whose work has avoided or saved bed days equivalent to that of

a large district general hospital, including increased capacity for Outpatient Intravenous Antimicrobial Treatments, remote monitoring for COVID, and Respiratory Rapid Response services, which has already saved 45,000 hospital bed days in 2022; regrets the impact that Brexit and the UK Government's anti-immigration rhetoric have had on recruitment in care services, and welcomes that over £1.6 billion of Scottish Government investment is being provided for social care and integration in 2022, and that, by the end of this parliamentary session, investment will increase by at least £840 million to improve services through the creation of the National Care Service."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-06073.1 was pre-empted.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-06073.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06073 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Addressing NHS Waiting Times), insert at end “, deliver a real cancer catch-up plan, and invest in social care to tackle delayed discharge.”

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-06073.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06073 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Addressing NHS Waiting Times), insert at end “; notes that the increasing problems with NHS staff and recruitment, with 6,010 nursing and midwifery vacancies alone, will have a direct impact on waiting times; believes that staff should not face unsafe staffing levels on any shift; deeply regrets the impact of waiting times on both patients and staff, and calls on the Scottish Government to set up an urgent inquiry into avoidable deaths linked to the emergency care crisis, following estimates from the Royal College of Emergency Medicine that long waits have contributed to hundreds of avoidable deaths in 2022.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health services and thanks Scotland's frontline health and care staff for continuing to deliver high-quality care in spite of pressures associated with the ongoing pandemic; understands that these pressures are being experienced in health services across the UK and beyond; notes that, in 60 days, the number of people waiting longer than two years for an outpatient appointment was reduced by almost a quarter and that most specialisms have no waits of this length; welcomes that, since the start of the pandemic, NHS staffing is up by almost 9%; notes that child and adolescent mental health services began treatment of 5,200 children in the most recent quarter, the highest number ever recorded for the second quarter in a row; commends the dedication of Hospital at Home staff, whose work has avoided or saved bed days equivalent to that of a large district general hospital, including increased capacity for

Outpatient Intravenous Antimicrobial Treatments, remote monitoring for COVID, and Respiratory Rapid Response services, which has already saved 45,000 hospital bed days in 2022; regrets the impact that Brexit and the UK Government's anti-immigration rhetoric have had on recruitment in care services, and welcomes that over £1.6 billion of Scottish Government investment is being provided for social care and integration in 2022, and that, by the end of this parliamentary session, investment will increase by at least £840 million to improve services through the creation of the National Care Service.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06087—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 October 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Cost of Living (Protection of Tenants) (Scotland) Bill: Emergency Bill motion

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Cost of Living (Protection of Tenants) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Cost of Living (Protection of Tenants) (Scotland) Bill (if required)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Health and Care Recovery and Winter Planning

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 October 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Committee of the Whole Parliament – Stage 2 Proceedings: Cost of Living (Protection of Tenants) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 October 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Cost of Living (Protection of Tenants) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 October 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 October 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 October 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 3 October 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06088—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 28 October 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.5, decisions on items 2 and 3 would be taken at a future meeting of the Parliament.

7. Congratulating Scottish Universities on Research Excellence Framework 2021 Results: The Parliament debated S6M-04407 in the name of Pam Gosal—That the Parliament acknowledges the results of the 2021 Research Excellence Framework, which it understands states that 84.86% of the research submitted by Scottish universities is considered “world-leading” or “internationally excellent” in its quality; considers that Scotland is a world-leading research nation; recognises what it sees as the contribution that this research has made to social and economic challenges faced in the UK, including in the West Scotland region, and abroad; welcomes the reported growth and investment arising from this world-class research, and considers that Scotland should capitalise on what it sees as the massive potential created by Scottish universities to improve sustainable economic growth.

The meeting closed at 5.59 pm.

No. 30, Thursday 29 September 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Mesh Treatment Clarity:** The Parliament debated S6M-05086 in the name of Daniel Johnson—That the Parliament understands the difficulties and desperation that women can experience as a result of transvaginal mesh implant surgery, both in terms of their physical wellbeing and their mental health; notes the view that there is a need for urgent reform so that women have the necessary treatment available; notes the calls for greater clarity and preparedness in dealing with mesh cases, so that more women, including in Edinburgh Southern constituency, can be supported with the clinical support they need, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to do all it can to engage with mesh survivors.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
5. **Excellence in Scottish Education:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-06102—That the Parliament recognises that there is much to be proud of and to celebrate in Scottish education; commends the hard work of all staff and teaching professionals in Scotland's schools, colleges, universities and early learning and childcare centres to support children and young people throughout this period of recovery post-COVID-19-pandemic; pays tribute to all the young people who achieved qualifications, broader achievements and skills in summer 2022, as well as those who have moved onto employment, started new apprenticeships, or courses in colleges and universities, having overcome the challenges they faced; recognises that, despite those challenges, this was one of the strongest ever sets of results for any exam year, given that pass rates were up on the last time that formal exams were held in 2019; welcomes that the attainment gap has closed over the last 10 years and that there has been a record high number of full-time first degree entrants to university coming from the most deprived areas in Scotland, but acknowledges that significant progress is still required; welcomes, therefore, the Scottish Government's commitment to ensuring that all children and young people receive a first-class education in their local school through significant investment in teacher employment, with the highest spending per pupil, and more teachers per pupil, than any other UK nation, as well as increased digital inclusion, action to address the costs associated with the school day, and a £1 billion investment over the course of the parliamentary session to close the poverty-related attainment gap; commends teachers, schools and local authorities across Scotland for their commitment to build a continuously improving system, which raises attainment for all, closes the attainment gap, and enables all children and young people to fulfil their potential, and encourages everyone - children, young people, families and teachers - to give their views on the future of education by taking part in the National Discussion.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-06102.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06102 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Excellence in Scottish Education), leave out from “recognises that, despite” to end and insert “expresses concern that the Scottish Government remains complacent about education in Scotland with fewer teachers, larger class sizes, a growing attainment gap, lower levels of numeracy and literacy and a lack of school inspections demonstrating its neglect of Scottish education; notes that the Scottish Government has broken its promises on class sizes and failed to support teachers and pupils in the classroom, and further notes that the withdrawal from international comparisons and a lack of decent measurement of outcomes has shielded the Scottish Government from proper scrutiny while its reforms to Education Scotland and the Scottish Qualifications Authority appear set to amount to nothing more than cosmetic changes.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 64, Abstentions 23).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-06102.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06102 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Excellence in Scottish Education), leave out from “recognises that, despite” to end and insert “regrets that the poverty-related attainment gap has widened for pupils sitting National 5, Higher, and Advanced Higher exams in summer 2022 compared to results in 2021, and remains unacceptably wide; understands that the assessment model used had over double the impact on the poorest pupils, with the Higher pass rates among pupils from the 20% most deprived areas falling by 13%, compared to a 5.9% decrease in the 20% least deprived areas; notes with concern that the Scottish Government’s recent reform of the Scottish Attainment Challenge funding resulted in money being taken from Scotland’s most deprived communities, and amounts to pupils in the most deprived areas paying for extra investment in areas of less deprivation; believes that Scottish Attainment Challenge funding should be available to pupils in every local authority; considers that the Scottish Government has failed to grasp or sufficiently respond to the scale of lost learning during the pandemic; welcomes the Scottish Government’s launching of the National Discussion and the opportunity for everyone in Scotland to give their views on the future of education; believes that the views of all stakeholders including children, teachers, families, employers and business will be of particular value in informing the direction of education reform in Scotland, and ensuring the education system is enabling the country to reach its potential; believes that this process must address the issues that teachers, parents and experts have highlighted in recent years, in addition to considering the long-term resourcing of education and skills; acknowledges the need to deliver genuine reform in the education system; regrets the length of time being taken to enact reform, and calls on the Scottish Government to accelerate the process to ensure that the maximum number of young people can benefit from a reformed and high performing education system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06089—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/233) 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-06090—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Summary Criminal Proceedings) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament, under Standing Orders Rule 11.2.5, took decisions on items 2 and 3 debated on 28 September 2022, and then took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

No. 31, Tuesday 4 October 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Mary Njoki, PhD, Research Fellow at Stirling University and Social Worker, led Time for Reflection.

2. Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-06177—That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

4. Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) moved S6M-06178—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 88, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution : The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-06179—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Health and Care Recovery and Winter Planning.

7. Committee Announcement: Daniel Johnson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, made an announcement on Report on the National Performance Framework: Ambitions into Action.

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

9. Challenge Poverty Week 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-05778 in the name of Elena Whitham—That the Parliament recognises Challenge Poverty Week 2022, which runs from 3 to 9 October; notes that activities, events and actions are taking place across Scotland aimed at highlighting the realities of, and solutions to, poverty, as well as increasing public support for tackling poverty; understands that over one million people in Scotland are living in poverty and that the cost of living crisis

is pushing even more into hardship; notes the view that governments, politicians, civil society and communities all have a role to play in solving poverty; understands that particular groups of people, including low-paid women, lone parents, disabled people and people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds, are disproportionately more likely to experience poverty; notes the view that poverty in Scotland can and must be solved, by boosting incomes and reducing the cost of living; considers that people in Scotland believe in compassion and justice, and support action to end poverty, and celebrates the work undertaken by organisations and communities across Scotland to stem the rising tide of poverty.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

No. 32, Wednesday 5 October 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its position is on whether the Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry might be delayed due to the resignation of the Chair and senior counsel, was answered by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney).
- 3. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice, under Rule 8.2.6, to postpone Members' Business to a future meeting of the Parliament. The motion was agreed to.
- 4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06199—That the Parliament agrees—
 - (a) the following programme of business—
 - Tuesday 25 October 2022
 - 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
 - followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 - followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)
 - followed by* Ministerial Statement: Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan
 - followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill
 - followed by* Committee Announcements
 - followed by* Business Motions
 - followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 - 5.00 pm Decision Time
 - followed by* Members' Business
 - Wednesday 26 October 2022
 - 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 - 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans
 - followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business
 - followed by* Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services
 - followed by* Business Motions
 - followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
 - followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 October 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Humanitarian Response to the Ukraine Crisis

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Robbing Peter to Pay Paul - Low Income and the Debt Trap

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 October 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06200—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 March 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06201—That the Parliament agrees that the Consumer Scotland (Transfer of Functions) Regulations 2022 [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-06202—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Social Housing Charter: April 2022 (SG/2022/32) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06203—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2023 and 31 January 2024, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 7 April, 10 April, 1 May, 26 May, 29 May, 15 September, 1 December, 22 December (pm), 25 December and 26 December 2023, and 1 and 2 January 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

No. 32a, Meeting of a Committee of the Whole Parliament, Wednesday 5 October 2022

The meeting opened at 3.08 pm.

1. Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2: The Bill was considered at Stage 2 by a Committee of the Whole Parliament.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 39, 71, 85 and 87

The following amendment was agreed to (by division)—

Amendment 48 was agreed to (by division): (For 85, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 27, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 20, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 30, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 31, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 21 (For 31, Against 84, Abstentions 0)
- 23 (For 48, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
- 28 (For 49, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 29 (For 31, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 30 (For 29, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 31 (For 19, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
- 33 (For 31, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 34 (For 29, Against 83, Abstentions 0)
- 35 (For 29, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 36 (For 28, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 37 (For 19, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
- 43 (For 29, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 44 (For 29, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 45 (For 21, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
- 46 (For 19, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
- 52 (For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
- 77 (For 28, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
- 78 (For 27, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 80 (For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 81 (For 48, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 83 (For 21, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
- 84 (For 20, Against 92, Abstentions 0)
- 86 (For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
- 90 (For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 92 (For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 0)
- 93 (For 50, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
- 94 (For 28, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
- 101 (For 22, Against 93, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 51, 74 and 96

The following amendments were not moved: 3, 6, 7, 9, 10,11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 32, 38, 40, 41, 42, 47, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 79, 82, 88, 89, 91, 95, 97, 98, 99 and 100

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: section 1, schedule 1, sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9, schedule 3, sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: schedule 2 and section 8.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 8.17 pm.

No. 33, Thursday 6 October 2022

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. **Greyhound Racing in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-05949 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament notes reports that the last licensed greyhound racing track in Scotland, Shawfield Stadium, Rutherglen has not been operational since March 2020; further notes the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission's view that there should be an end to greyhound racing at unlicensed tracks, including, it understands, the last remaining track at Thornton in Fife; acknowledges reported animal welfare concerns linked with greyhound racing, including neglect, malnutrition, doping with Class A substances, lack of adequate healthcare provision, and severe and fatal injuries; highlights the latest reported data released by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain (GBGB) regarding Shawfield Stadium, reporting 197 injuries and 15 deaths between 2017 and 2020; understands that there is no similar data at unlicensed tracks where there is no official regulatory body present to ensure that animal welfare standards are met, and commends campaigners and rescue organisations for their ongoing rehoming and awareness-raising work, including the Scottish SPCA, One Kind, Dogs Trust, Blue Cross, RSPCA, League Against Cruel Sports Scotland, Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation, and others.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
5. **Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 18

The following amendments were agreed to (by division):

- 4 (For 83, Against 29, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 20, Against 93, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 3, 6 and 19.

The following amendments were not moved: 10, 13 and 14.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

6. Motion Without Notice: George Adam, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 4.43. The motion was agreed.

7. Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-06213— That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.47 pm.

No. 34, Tuesday 25 October 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev. David J. Nixon, Associate Pastor, Carrubbers Christian Centre, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(i) Tuesday 25 October 2022—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent to the Energy Prices Bill

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.20 pm Decision Time

(ii) Wednesday 26 October 2022—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan

(iii) Thursday 27 October 2022—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Humanitarian Response to the Ukraine Crisis

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry Chair

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

(b) that for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Energy Prices Bill (UK Legislation), Rule 9B.3.5 is suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

4. Energy Prices Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) moved S6M-06443—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Energy Prices Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 12 October 2022, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Moray Maternity Services.

6. Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-06428—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

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

8. 20th Year of The BIG Project: The Parliament debated S6M-06158 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament congratulates The BIG Project on its 20th anniversary; understands that The BIG Project was set up in 2002 in the Broomhouse area of the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency to support children and young people, aged five to 18, to learn, achieve, have fun, and feel good about themselves;

appreciates that the project aims to combat low aspirations and lack of facilities and engender a sense of stability and continuity for children and young people, many of whom have experienced social exclusion and discrimination; notes The BIG Project's unique approach and partnership with the local primary school; acknowledges that the project has built valued relationships with local families and is now the major provider of community-based open access, universal services for local children and young people in the area; further understands that by adopting a preventative approach, the project delivers attractive and enriching educational opportunities and experiences to develop and reinforce children's skills, confidence, and self-image in a safe and supportive environment; praises the project for delivering open access youth work, targeted work and individual support, as well as promoting activities and interests, not as an end in themselves, but as part of a wider developmental process; understands that the activities allow the children and young people to develop new interests, acquire new skills, build trusting and valued relationships, improve their health and wellbeing, and receive support and guidance from adults, equipping them with the skills and confidence to become motivated and contributing citizens of tomorrow, and wishes The BIG Project well in its anniversary year.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

No. 35, Wednesday 26 October 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Veterans, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. Supporting the NHS in Winter: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-06437—That the Parliament is deeply concerned that record numbers of patients are waiting over eight and 12 hours in A&E on a weekly basis; acknowledges that hospital capacity continues to be constrained by thousands of bed days lost due to delayed discharge; recognises the tireless work of the NHS staff who care for patients in increasingly difficult and safety critical situations; notes that the Scottish Ministers have not yet resolved the nurses' and NHS staff pay claim risking industrial action during the winter period; considers the Scottish Government's NHS Recovery Plan and Winter Plan to be inadequate with the new interim targets to reduce waiting times being missed and no additional funding for the impending winter crisis, and calls for the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to either set out a clear plan to end waiting times of more than eight hours ahead of winter, or to resign.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-06437.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06437 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Supporting the NHS in Winter), leave out from “that record” to end and insert “about the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on the health of the people of Scotland and on the operation of the National Health Service; acknowledges that, as a result, Scotland's NHS and care services face deep pressures, with 884 patients with COVID-19 currently in hospital; recognises that, as a result of increases in inflation, the health budget is worth around £650 million less than in December 2021; notes that the £600 million Health and Social Care winter plan supports recruitment of 1,000 additional staff, and includes over £120 million to help health and social care partnerships expand care at home capacity; welcomes that, in the face of these challenges, the NHS has been steadily increasing activity levels; recognises the exceptional work of NHS staff through the pandemic and beyond, and that the NHS Agenda for Change pay offer would see the lowest paid staff in NHS Scotland getting an increase of over 11% and qualified nursing staff seeing an increase of up to 8.45%; further recognises that if the offer is accepted, an experienced porter will be paid up to £2,502 more than their counterparts in England and Wales; recognises that, similarly, an experienced paramedic and staff nurse will be paid up to £2,186 more than their counterparts in England and Wales, and understands that the £50 million investment in improving unscheduled care has addressing long waits as a key area of focus.”

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-06437.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06437 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Supporting the NHS in Winter), after “weekly basis;” insert “is equally concerned that cancer waiting times are at their worst level on record;

expresses its disappointment at the Scottish Government’s failure to meet its target to end inpatient two-year treatment waits in most specialties; reminds the Scottish Government that it has never met its target to treat 90% of children with mental health issues within 18 weeks of referral; notes with concern the long ambulance waits being experienced across Scotland;”.

After debate, amendment S6M-06437.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-06437.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament is deeply concerned about the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on the health of the people of Scotland and on the operation of the National Health Service; acknowledges that, as a result, Scotland’s NHS and care services face deep pressures, with 884 patients with COVID-19 currently in hospital; recognises that, as a result of increases in inflation, the health budget is worth around £650 million less than in December 2021; notes that the £600 million Health and Social Care winter plan supports recruitment of 1,000 additional staff, and includes over £120 million to help health and social care partnerships expand care at home capacity; welcomes that, in the face of these challenges, the NHS has been steadily increasing activity levels; recognises the exceptional work of NHS staff through the pandemic and beyond, and that the NHS Agenda for Change pay offer would see the lowest paid staff in NHS Scotland getting an increase of over 11% and qualified nursing staff seeing an increase of up to 8.45%; further recognises that if the offer is accepted, an experienced porter will be paid up to £2,502 more than their counterparts in England and Wales; recognises that, similarly, an experienced paramedic and staff nurse will be paid up to £2,186 more than their counterparts in England and Wales, and understands that the £50 million investment in improving unscheduled care has addressing long waits as a key area of focus.

3. Cost of Living: Daniel Johnson moved S6M-06438—That the Parliament notes that inflation again reached 10.1% in September 2022, driven by rising food prices and energy bills; condemns the mini-budget set out by the UK Government, and recognises that the cost of living pressures that households are facing will be exacerbated by the economic damage it caused; believes that the priority for every government must be preventing further instability and addressing the cost of living; considers that there is more action that could be taken by the Scottish Government, including the cancellation of school meals debt, increased funding for money advice services and a top up to the welfare fund; remains deeply concerned about households in Scotland that are struggling to make ends meet over the winter, and calls, therefore, in the interests of transparency, for the Deputy First Minister to set out the outcome of the Emergency Budget Review to Parliament as a matter of urgency.

The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved amendment S6M-06438.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06438 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Cost of Living), leave out from “; believes that” to end and insert “alongside the

disastrous economic impact of leaving the European Union, which is being felt by Scotland's economy, businesses and households; recognises that, as a result of increasing inflation, the Scottish budget is worth £1.7 billion less than when it was set in December 2021; welcomes the financial support that the Scottish Government has provided from within its fixed and limited budget to help people facing the impact of the cost of living crisis, including direct cash support, with almost £3 billion allocated to support households, £1 billion of which is support only available in Scotland; recognises that this includes the unique £20 per week per child Scottish Child Payment, which will increase to £25 on 14 November 2022, when it is also extended to under 16s, and £44 million for the Carer's Allowance Supplement; acknowledges further support with the planned doubling of the December Bridging Payment to £260, supporting up to 145,000 school-aged children; notes the additional costs that the Scottish Government has funded in relation to public sector pay; expresses concern at the prospect of a fresh round of UK Government austerity; believes that the priority for every government must be preventing further instability and addressing the cost of living; calls on the UK Government to use its fiscal statement on 31 October to rule out a return to austerity, further help people with soaring energy bills, reinstate the pension triple lock, confirm an inflationary rise in social security benefits in 2022-23 and provide the Scottish Government with an inflationary uplift to the 2022-23 budget to enable the Scottish Government to take further steps to support people with the cost of living; believes that a strengthened windfall tax should be an important source of funding for this support, rather than borrowing and public spending cuts, and understands that the Scottish Government will finalise and publish the outcome of the Emergency Budget Review once consideration has been given to the implications of the UK Government's fiscal statement and updated Office of Budget Responsibility's forecasts."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S6M-06438.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06438 in the name of Daniel Johnson (Cost of Living), leave out from "condemns" to end and insert "recognises that an increasing rate of inflation is a challenge faced by many countries around the world; welcomes the cost of living support provided by the UK Government to both businesses and households, including freezing the unit price of energy and giving payments to the most vulnerable in society worth up to £1,650, and calls on the Scottish Government to end its campaign to hold another independence referendum during this cost of living crisis and for both the UK and Scottish governments to work together to tackle the current crisis."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that inflation again reached 10.1% in September 2022, driven by rising food prices and energy bills; condemns the mini-budget set out by the UK Government, and recognises that the cost of living pressures that households are facing will be exacerbated by the economic damage it caused alongside the disastrous economic impact of leaving the European Union, which is being felt by Scotland's economy, businesses and households; recognises that, as a result of increasing inflation, the Scottish budget is worth £1.7 billion less than when it was set in December 2021; welcomes the financial support that the Scottish Government has provided from within its fixed and limited budget to help people facing the impact of the cost of living crisis, including direct cash support, with almost £3 billion allocated to support households, £1 billion of which is support only available in Scotland; recognises that this includes the unique £20 per week per child Scottish Child Payment, which will increase to £25 on 14 November 2022, when it is also extended to under 16s, and £44 million for the Carer's Allowance Supplement; acknowledges further support with the planned doubling of the December Bridging Payment to £260, supporting up to 145,000 schoolaged children; notes the additional costs that the Scottish Government has funded in relation to public sector pay; expresses concern at the prospect of a fresh round of UK Government austerity; believes that the priority for every government must be preventing further instability and addressing the cost of living; calls on the UK Government to use its fiscal statement on 31 October to rule out a return to austerity, further help people with soaring energy bills, reinstate the pension triple lock, confirm an inflationary rise in social security benefits in 2022-23 and provide the Scottish Government with an inflationary uplift to the 2022-23 budget to enable the Scottish Government to take further steps to support people with the cost of living; believes that a strengthened windfall tax should be an important source of funding for this support, rather than borrowing and public spending cuts, and understands that the Scottish Government will finalise and publish the outcome of the Emergency Budget Review once consideration has been given to the implications of the UK Government's fiscal statement and updated Office of Budget Responsibility's forecasts.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06456—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—
Tuesday 1 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Humanitarian Response to the Ukraine Crisis

followed by Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Robbing Peter to Pay Paul - Low Income and the Debt Trap

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 2 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Progress on the Automation and Take-up of Scottish Social Security Benefits

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 8 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Inquiry into Alternative Pathways to Primary Care

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 31 October 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06457—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. Sewage and Scotland's Waters: The Parliament debated S6M-06148 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the view that the natural environment deserves the highest possible protection; further notes the reports in *The Ferret* that untreated human waste was discharged into Scotland's waters more than 10,000 times in 2021, including at beauty spots such as the River Almond, which passes through the Edinburgh Western constituency; considers that the true figure is likely to be much higher due to monitoring only being required, it understands, at 3% of sewage release points; understands that Scottish Environmental Protection Agency figures show that 49 of the 87 designated bathing waters around Scotland recorded levels of the faecal bacteria, *E. coli*, and intestinal enterococci during summer 2022 that represented a danger to the health of swimmers, surfers, paddlers and wildlife; further understands that high concentrations of such bacteria can cause stomach, ear, nose and throat infections, and notes the calls from campaigners for targets to be set to reduce discharges, for enhanced monitoring to be backed up by transparent reporting, and for the acceleration of measures to upgrade sewage systems and tackle overflows.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.

No. 36, Thursday 27 October 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **The Mòd Coming Back to Perth:** The Parliament debated S6M-05734 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal National Mòd on its decision to return to Perth, which it understands will be its 10th visit to the city; notes that the Mòd will take place in Perth from 14 to 22 October 2022; further notes that the estimated economic benefit to the area from the Mòd is understood to be between £2.5 million and £3.5 million; praises the activities of An Comunn Gàidhealach, which support and promote the Scottish Gaelic language and culture at local, national and international levels, and welcomes ongoing support from public bodies for Gaelic.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry Chair.
6. **Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-06459—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 33, Abstentions 4).

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

The meeting closed at 5.11 pm.

No. 37, Tuesday 1 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Sophie Reid MSYP, Chair, Scottish Youth Parliament, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to last night's disorder in Dundee, including what action it is taking to prevent it continuing and support the community to aid clean-up efforts, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown).
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Humanitarian Response to the Ukraine Crisis.
5. **Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Robbing Peter to Pay Paul – Low Income and the Debt Trap:** Elena Whitham, on behalf of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee, moved S6M-06374—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Robbing Peter to pay Paul: Low income and the debt trap (SP Paper 211).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Revision to Business Programme:** George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06557—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 2 November 2022—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Emergency Budget Review

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

8. World Menopause Month: The Parliament debated S6M-06225 in the name of Siobhian Brown—That the Parliament recognises that the World Health Organization and the International Menopause Society have designated October as World Menopause Month, and October 18 as World Menopause Day; understands that both events aim to raise awareness of menopause and to support options to improve health and wellbeing for women in mid-life and beyond; believes that women across Scotland, including those in Ayr, will benefit from an open conversation about menopause; notes that no two women will experience menopause in the same way and that being aware of symptoms is the first step in managing them, and recognises that Scotland is the first country in the UK to have a women’s health plan, which, it believes, outlines ambitious improvements to women’s health issues including menopause.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

No. 38, Wednesday 2 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and Finance and the Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Emergency Budget Review.
- 3. National Care Service Viability:** Craig Hoy moved S6M-06523—That the Parliament notes the significant cross-party and cross-sectoral concern about the monumental risks involved in the creation of a National Care Service; warns that the financial memorandum to the Bill estimates that the creation of the service could cost up to £1.3 billion over five years and questions the accuracy of the Scottish Government's estimates currently before the Parliament; raises concern about the rationale for creating a National Care Service through major structural reform at a time when social care is in crisis; acknowledges the considerable concerns from local government, trades unions and other industry stakeholders about the potential negative impacts of centralisation; believes that better value for money and better patient care will be achieved by directing investment into frontline provision and staffing rather than reorganisation, and calls for the creation of a Local Care Service focussed on better local delivery, underpinned by a local care guarantee.

The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S6M-06523.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06523 in the name of Craig Hoy (National Care Service Viability), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “that the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic highlights the imperative for the National Care Service (NCS) to end the postcode lottery in the provision of adult social care; believes that there must be a rights-based, user-led approach to social care with consistent and fair access to high-quality care and support; further believes that the NCS should embed ethical commissioning that promotes fair work and climate change ambitions; recognises that the key consideration is how improvements are made for people who rely on the services of the NCS; welcomes that the NCS will be shaped by co-design and that services will be delivered locally; supports the creation, in line with the recommendation of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care, of a system of national collective bargaining on pay, terms and conditions within the social care sector and for workforce representatives, such as trade unions, to be involved in the governance of the service, including through full membership of Local Care Boards; notes that, in establishing the NCS, including any transfer of financial resources from local authorities to reformed integration boards, the Scottish Government should take into consideration the impact on local authorities' ability to resource and deliver other services; understands that the UK Government's mismanagement of the economy has heaped more pressure on care providers who were already adversely affected by the consequences of Brexit, and recognises the importance of local authorities, health boards, and the Scottish

Government working constructively together to deliver improvements to social care in the interim, while mitigating the impact of the UK Government's actions.”

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-06523.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06523 in the name of Craig Hoy (National Care Service Viability), leave out from “raises concern” to end and insert “; recognises that Scottish Labour first proposed a National Care Service over a decade ago with the aim of improving national standards for social care, while also supporting local delivery and accountability; regrets that, instead, the Scottish Ministers have published a bill that is completely lacking in a vision for a National Care Service; acknowledges the serious concerns from local government, trades unions and other stakeholders about the potential negative impacts of centralisation; considers that meaningful reform should focus on changing culture and not structures, so that care users are treated with dignity and staff are valued as skilled professionals; believes that the immediate priority must be to address the current challenges in social care, and calls on the Scottish Government to pause the bill and take stock, and urgently deliver on the recommendations in the Feely Review, including ending non-residential care charges, and to tackle poverty pay in the sector, in the midst of the cost of living crisis.”

After debate, amendment S6M-06523.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 49, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-6523.2 was pre-empted

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic highlights the imperative for the National Care Service (NCS) to end the postcode lottery in the provision of adult social care; believes that there must be a rights-based, user-led approach to social care with consistent and fair access to high-quality care and support; further believes that the NCS should embed ethical commissioning that promotes fair work and climate change ambitions; recognises that the key consideration is how improvements are made for people who rely on the services of the NCS; welcomes that the NCS will be shaped by co-design and that services will be delivered locally; supports the creation, in line with the recommendation of the Independent Review of Adult Social Care, of a system of national collective bargaining on pay, terms and conditions within the social care sector and for workforce representatives, such as trade unions, to be involved in the governance of the service, including through full membership of Local Care Boards; notes that, in establishing the NCS, including any transfer of financial resources from local authorities to reformed integration boards, the Scottish Government should take into consideration the impact on local authorities' ability to resource and deliver other services; understands that the UK Government's mismanagement of the economy has heaped more pressure on care providers who were already adversely affected by the consequences of Brexit, and recognises the importance of local authorities, health boards, and the Scottish Government working constructively together to deliver improvements to social care in the interim, while mitigating the impact of the UK Government's actions.

4. Essential Road Improvements: Graham Simpson moved S6M-06520—That the Parliament notes with alarm the number of recent fatalities on the A9 and A96; recognises the pain that these tragedies have caused families; believes that fully dualling both roads could lead to a significant improvement in road safety as well as helping the economy; notes the SNP administration’s previous commitment to fully dual the A9 between Perth and Inverness and the A96, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out when these vital works will be completed.

The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-06520.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06520 in the name of Graham Simpson (Essential Road Improvements), leave out from “believes that” to end and insert “and indeed the pain caused by all fatalities and serious accidents across Scotland’s road network; acknowledges that Transport Scotland is working with Police Scotland and partner agencies to understand the circumstances of recent accidents; notes that, as investigations continue, it would be inappropriate for the Parliament to comment on individual cases further; agrees that road safety is paramount and, while the Scottish Government is investing record amounts in road safety to help meet the long-term goal of zero fatalities and injuries on Scotland’s roads by 2050, there is more to do with short-term measures to address specific safety issues on trunk roads like the A9 and A96; acknowledges the investment of £400 million to date for dualling the A9 between Perth and Inverness and that work is continuing across the A9, and notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to take forward a transport enhancements programme on the A96 corridor and that the review of the programme to fully dual the A96 will report by the end of the year.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 47, Abstentions 2).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-06520.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06520 in the name of Graham Simpson (Essential Road Improvements), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to urgently publish the final Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) 2 Report and a clear Delivery Plan for active travel, bus, ferry and rail infrastructure projects, including investment in roads across Scotland that has due regard to road safety, journey times, economic and community development and climate impact, and clear actions to reverse the decline in public transport, which has seen significant cuts to both rail and bus services in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes with alarm the number of recent fatalities on the A9 and A96; recognises the pain that these tragedies have caused families; and indeed the pain caused by all fatalities and serious accidents across Scotland's road network; acknowledges that Transport Scotland is working with Police Scotland and partner agencies to understand the circumstances of recent accidents; notes that, as investigations continue, it would be inappropriate for the Parliament to comment on individual cases further; agrees that road safety is paramount and, while the Scottish Government is investing record amounts in road safety to help meet the long-term goal of zero fatalities and injuries on Scotland's roads by 2050, there is more to do with short-term measures to address specific safety issues on trunk roads like the A9 and A96; acknowledges the investment of £400 million to date for dualling the A9 between Perth and Inverness and that work is continuing across the A9, and notes the Scottish Government's commitment to take forward a transport enhancements programme on the A96 corridor and that the review of the programme to fully dual the A96 will report by the end of the year.

5. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06563—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Future Agriculture Support and Food Security in Scotland

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Planning Framework 4

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Remembrance Commemorations and Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Forestry's Contribution to Net Zero Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Inquiry into Alternative Pathways to Primary Care

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: The Impact of Brexit on Devolution

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 November 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06564—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 (Code of Practice) (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06565—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Western Isles Interconnector: The Parliament debated S6M-06111 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament welcomes the recent National Grid Electricity System Operator report, Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design, and the inclusion of a new 1.8GW interconnector to connect the Western Isles, which has been assessed as “required” to deliver 2030 offshore wind targets; understands that this new link is expected to have sufficient capacity to accommodate all known onshore wind contracted to connect in the Western Isles as well as the two ScotWind sites in closest proximity to the islands; welcomes the transformational economic impacts that investment in renewables and grid infrastructure will reportedly have on the Western Isles and Scottish economies; recognises what it sees as the significant contribution this investment will make towards net zero targets and securing Scotland’s future energy independence and energy security; notes with concern that the new link was not included in the energy regulator, Ofgem’s, recent consultation on accelerating onshore electricity transmission investment, and notes calls for Ofgem to ensure this new link is included in its final list of projects approved for accelerated investment, which is due to be published before the end of 2022.

The meeting closed at 6.33 pm.

No. 39, Thursday 3 November 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Cancer Card: The Parliament debated S6M-04821 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the tremendous work by Jen Hardy in establishing Cancer Card in Scotland, which is an initiative that provides people with access to vital cancer support services and information regarding their diagnosis in one place; understands that, after her own incurable breast cancer diagnosis in 2017, Jen was struck by the realisation that there was no single place for her to obtain useful information related to her illness, which motivated her to establish Cancer Card; further understands that this community can help people diagnosed with cancer, including people in the Lothian region, to find the support that they require, minimising stress during an already highly stressful time; recognises that Cancer Card attained charity status in 2021; considers that it can play an integral role in securing relief and comfort to cancer patients, and welcomes the appointment of Ian Pirrie as Cancer Card's first CEO.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06596—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 3 November 2022—

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

delete

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

insert

followed by Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

The motion was agreed to.

6. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-06595—That the Parliament agrees that Elena Whitham be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Progress on the Automation and Take-up of Scottish Social Security

Benefits: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-06572—That the Parliament welcomes the positive impact that existing automation of Scottish social security payments is having, including ensuring that most eligible people receive the Child Winter Heating Assistance and Carer’s Allowance Supplement without needing to apply; further welcomes the proposal to automate the Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment and Best Start Grant School Age Payment for eligible families in receipt of Scottish Child Payment by the end of November 2022; notes the Scottish Government’s intention to continue exploring opportunities for further automation; believes that these changes will mean that more people get the benefits that they are entitled to, which is especially important at a time of increasing economic uncertainty; recognises the progress made in promoting Scottish benefit take-up since the publication of the second benefit take-up strategy in 2021, including the launch of an independent advocacy service and funding welfare rights advisors in up to 180 GP practices in Scotland’s most deprived areas, as well as remote and rural areas; acknowledges that there is still work to do regarding both automation and take-up, and agrees, therefore, that all governments should ensure that people are aware of, and enabled to access, the financial support that they are eligible for and entitled to.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S6M-06572.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06572 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Progress on the Automation and Take-up of Scottish Social Security Benefits), insert at end “; is encouraged by the joint work of the UK and Scottish governments to help all people in Scotland; welcomes the work done by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to ensure that people are getting their benefits; welcomes the extra funds provided by the UK Government in Barnett consequential to support struggling families, and expresses disappointment in the delay of the Scottish Welfare Fund review, and in the lack of collection of data by Social Security Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-06572.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06572 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Progress on the Automation and Take-up of Scottish Social Security Benefits), leave out from “welcomes the positive” to end and insert “notes the impact that existing automation of Scottish social security payments is having, including ensuring that most eligible people receive the Child Winter Heating Assistance and Carer’s Allowance Supplement without needing to apply; believes that the opportunity to automate other aspects of the social security system should have been taken before now; regrets that the Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment and the Best Start Grant School Age Payment for eligible families in receipt of Scottish Child Payment are not yet automated; notes that uptake for Scottish social security payments is not yet maximised and that the Scottish Government has chosen to allow the Department for Work and Pension (DWP)

to continue to administrate several devolved benefits; believes that opportunities for further automation must be expedited so that more people get the benefits that they are entitled to, which is especially important at a time of increasing economic uncertainty; understands that direct referral mechanisms between public agencies and other organisations in Scotland have not been developed, and urges the Scottish Government to prioritise this to ensure that the “no wrong door approach” can be delivered fully, and that those who are entitled to social security payments are enabled to access the financial support that they are eligible for.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

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

9. Allied Health Professions Day 2022: Helping People Live Their Best Lives:

The Parliament debated S6M-05922 in the name of Carol Mochan—That the Parliament notes that Allied Health Professions Day 2022 will be marked on 14 October; recognises what it sees as the important contribution that Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) make to the provision of health and social care in Scotland; understands that AHPs make up the third largest workforce in the NHS; commends these health professionals for their dedication at all times but particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic; understands that AHPs play an integral role in prehabilitation, early intervention, prevention and rehabilitation strategies to meet the needs of the South Scotland and wider Scottish population, and notes the view that further resource for AHPs is needed to fulfil their potential and meet the need for collaboration and diversity of skills in health and social care.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

No. 40, Tuesday 8 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Maureen Sier, Director, Interfaith Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Future Agriculture Support and Food Security in Scotland.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on National Planning Framework 4.

5. Remembrance Commemorations and Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-06637—That the Parliament recognises the enduring importance of the Remembrance period to families and communities across Scotland and pays tribute to the sacrifices of those individuals from across Scotland and the UK, the Commonwealth and Allied Nations, which ensured the peace and freedoms that people enjoy today; recognises the Armed Forces' and others' efforts in peace-keeping and peace-making across the world as ways of preventing war and the consequences of war; acknowledges the importance of Scotland's veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make to Scotland; supports the Scottish Government's veterans strategy action plan, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes the Scottish Government's progress thus far in delivering the commitments it has made in the action plan, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with the UK Government and other devolved administrations, to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest statistics showing that only 63.1% of patients are being seen within four hours in A&E, which is reportedly the lowest ever recorded, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

8. A Potato With More Vitamin C Than a Lemon: The Parliament debated S6M-05292 in the name of Stephen Kerr—That the Parliament believes that gene-editing technology is game-changing for food production; understands that there is a big difference between gene-modification and gene-editing; further understands that gene-editing makes small, specific changes to existing DNA, or removes a section

altogether, speeding up a process that could occur through natural breeding; recognises that scientists at the James Hutton Institute in Dundee have reportedly predicted that gene-editing technology could result in potatoes with more vitamin C than lemons being grown, and considers that Scotland could be left behind England in food production due to Scottish legislation prohibiting the use of gene-editing in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

No. 41, Wednesday 9 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands and then on Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Forestry's Contribution to Net Zero Scotland:** The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-06658—That the Parliament acknowledges the essential contribution to net zero that trees, woods and forests make, tackling the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, especially ahead of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP27; notes the importance of growing and maintaining a resilient forest resource to sustain its economic, social and environmental contribution; welcomes the achievements made in implementing Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029; further welcomes the creation of 4,362 hectares of native woodland in 2021, delivering the target agreed in the Bute House Agreement, which will be reviewed in the forthcoming biodiversity strategy, and reiterates the commitment to increase the use of domestic timber, and the Scottish Government's annual woodland creation target, which increases to 18,000 hectares by 2025.

Brian Whittle moved amendment S6M-06658.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06658 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Forestry's Contribution to Net Zero Scotland), leave out from "achievements" to end and insert "progress made in implementing Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029, including the creation of 4,362 hectares of native woodland; notes that Scotland continues to experience significant biodiversity loss and species decline; considers the delivery of an effective, ambitious biodiversity strategy to be critical to the preservation of Scotland's diverse ecology and reversing the decline in biodiversity; acknowledges the potential of Scotland's commercial forestry sector in carbon sequestration efforts, including through increasing use of domestic timber, while also recognising the critical biodiversity benefits of new woodland creation using a diverse range of native species; further acknowledges the importance of protecting farmland to improve food security and food production; recognises the need for greater funding to develop the skills of existing and new forestry workers; raises concern that the Scottish Government only created 9,414 hectares in the last year, below its 12,000 hectares target; notes that the Scottish Government's annual woodland creation target will be increased to 18,000 hectares by 2025, and considers it critical that this and other targets to strengthen forestry's contribution to achieving net zero and halting biodiversity loss are met on time and in full."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-06658.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06658 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Forestry's Contribution to Net Zero Scotland), insert at end " ; recognises that the rate of growth in tree planting in Scotland slowed in recent years; calls on the Scottish

Government to ensure that forestry plans deliver its tree planting targets, increase biodiversity and tackle climate change; celebrates the contribution of Scotland’s forestry workers and their trade unions, and recognises the importance of maintaining and increasing a highly skilled workforce, contributing to a low carbon Just Transition.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the essential contribution to net zero that trees, woods and forests make, tackling the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, especially ahead of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP27; notes the importance of growing and maintaining a resilient forest resource to sustain its economic, social and environmental contribution; welcomes the achievements made in implementing Scotland’s Forestry Strategy 2019-2029; further welcomes the creation of 4,362 hectares of native woodland in 2021, delivering the target agreed in the Bute House Agreement, which will be reviewed in the forthcoming biodiversity strategy; reiterates the commitment to increase the use of domestic timber, and the Scottish Government’s annual woodland creation target, which increases to 18,000 hectares by 2025; recognises that the rate of growth in tree planting in Scotland slowed in recent years; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that forestry plans deliver its tree planting targets, increase biodiversity and tackle climate change; celebrates the contribution of Scotland’s forestry workers and their trade unions, and recognises the importance of maintaining and increasing a highly skilled workforce, contributing to a low carbon Just Transition.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06687—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Gaelic and Scots

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 16 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Improving Care and Services for People with Chronic Pain

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: The Impact of Brexit on Devolution

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 14 November 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06688—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 23 November 2022.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-06688.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06688 in the name of George Adam (Stage 2 Timetable), leave out “23 November” and insert “7 December”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06689—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06690—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on —

(a) Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 and Friday 30 December 2022, and

(b) further to motion S6M-01333, Friday 23 December 2022 (pm).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06710—That the Parliament agrees—

Ash Regan be appointed to replace Natalie Don as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

James Dornan be appointed to replace Elena Whitham as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Greenock and Inverclyde Faced with Higher Forecourt Prices that Rest of Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-05607 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament rejects what it sees as the unfair fuel-pricing policy reportedly facing the people of Greenock and Inverclyde; understands that reports from BBC Scotland and the Greenock Telegraph suggest that forecourt prices in the area are significantly higher than in other parts of Scotland, including in more rural constituencies; believes that fuel retailers operating in Inverclyde have failed to acknowledge the impact of what it sees as a localised approach to pricing on people and businesses in the area, which, based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), ranks highest in Scotland for levels of deprivation; welcomes the announcement that the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) will conduct a market study into the supply of road fuel in the UK; notes the view that changes are needed to prevent fuel retailers from charging significantly higher prices in one area compared to nearby locations; believes that reducing reliance on petrol and diesel vehicles is crucial, in light of the climate emergency; considers, however, that some people rely on their car for work or health reasons, and that purchasing a hybrid or electric vehicle, or using public transport, is not always an option; highlights what it sees as the vast profits being made by big businesses, including oil and gas companies; believes that this is in sharp contradiction to the cost of living crisis facing society that is plunging more households into poverty; notes the view that the UK Government must extend measures to help households, including through a cut in VAT and reduction in fuel duty; further notes the calls on the UK Government to act immediately, before autumn and winter 2022; notes the view that, if immediate action is not taken, the oil and gas sector in Scotland will carry a disproportionate burden of funding a UK-wide response to the cost of living crisis; notes calls on fuel retailers to reduce forecourt prices in Greenock and Inverclyde so that they are in line with the rest of Scotland, and looks forward to the CMA's report into the supply of road fuel across the UK being published later in 2022.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

No. 42, Thursday 10 November 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

3. Mental Health Stigma in the Workplace: The Parliament debated S6M-05911 in the name of Emma Roddick—That the Parliament is concerned by what it sees as continued stigmatisation of mental health issues and those who experience them; considers that, while wider understanding of depression and anxiety is progressing, organisations such as the Royal College of Psychiatrists have noted a pervasive stigma relating to personality, dissociative, and psychosis-related disorders; understands that this stigma is particularly concentrated in the world of work, meaning that people with psychiatric conditions are less likely to be employed or remain so; notes efforts such as SeeMe Scotland's See Me in Work scheme, which aim to support employers to tackle mental health discrimination; understands that a survey by SeeMe was explored in a recent report, *Mental Health – Exploring the Current Landscape*, published by Centred, a mental health charity based in the Highlands of Scotland, which showed around half of people believe someone would not disclose a mental illness at work for fear of adverse effects on their employment; considers that this report contains valuable research around stigma, rural mental health, and the overall situation in Scotland; further notes the belief that this demonstrates that more work needs to be done by employers, public health agencies and government to tackle mental health stigma, and notes the calls for these issues to be addressed in the new Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Alternative Pathways to Primary Care: Gillian Martin, on behalf of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, moved S6M-06702—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6), *Alternative pathways to primary care* (SP Paper 201).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06711—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 43, Tuesday 15 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Lucy McKee, Membership Ambassador for ENABLE, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. The Future of Gaelic and Scots:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-06763—That the Scottish Government recognises the value of Gaelic and Scots and welcomes efforts of public bodies, stakeholders and the communities in supporting their growth and development; welcomes the progress that has been made in recent years with support for Gaelic in community initiatives, guidance and legislation, national structures and a wide range of projects and educational resources; further welcomes Scottish Government commitments to build on this progress, including the introduction of a Scottish Languages Bill in this parliamentary session, the establishment of a new strategic approach to Gaelic Medium Education, the development of a Gàidhealtachd, and reviewing the structure and functions of Bòrd na Gàidhlig, and calls on all MSPs to promote the Scottish Government’s ongoing consultation on these commitments, to encourage people across Scotland to play their part in supporting a vibrant future for Gaelic and Scots.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-06763.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06763 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (The Future of Gaelic and Scots), insert at end “; acknowledges that challenges exist in the promotion of Gaelic, in particular, the difficulties facing local authorities in filling Gaelic Medium Education teacher vacancies at primary and secondary level, with a consequential impact on subject choice in schools, and urges MSPs to unite collectively to address these issues so that all of Scotland’s languages can flourish.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-06763.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06763 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (The Future of Gaelic and Scots), insert at end “; highlights the importance of protecting Gaelic and halting its decline in its heartlands in recent decades, by ensuring the increase of Gaelic speakers and protecting current Gaelic speaking communities by providing good quality jobs and housing to arrest depopulation in these areas, and by addressing current issues around regional economic inequality, connectivity and transport infrastructure as a matter of urgency; recognises the diversity of learners and speakers of Gaelic and Scots, and believes that more must be done to bring the promotion of these languages closer to communities across Scotland, and understands that cultural and social infrastructure across the country plays a key role in promoting local histories and languages that must be protected and enhanced.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Scottish Government recognises the value of Gaelic and Scots and welcomes efforts of public bodies, stakeholders and the communities in supporting their growth and development; welcomes the progress that has been made in recent years with support for Gaelic in community initiatives, guidance and legislation, national structures and a wide range of projects and educational resources; further welcomes Scottish Government commitments to build on this progress, including the introduction of a Scottish Languages Bill in this parliamentary session, the establishment of a new strategic approach to Gaelic Medium Education, the development of a Gàidhealtachd, and reviewing the structure and functions of Bòrd na Gàidhlig; calls on all MSPs to promote the Scottish Government's ongoing consultation on these commitments, to encourage people across Scotland to play their part in supporting a vibrant future for Gaelic and Scots; acknowledges that challenges exist in the promotion of Gaelic, in particular, the difficulties facing local authorities in filling Gaelic Medium Education teacher vacancies at primary and secondary level, with a consequential impact on subject choice in schools; urges MSPs to unite collectively to address these issues so that all of Scotland's languages can flourish; highlights the importance of protecting Gaelic and halting its decline in its heartlands in recent decades, by ensuring the increase of Gaelic speakers and protecting current Gaelic speaking communities by providing good quality jobs and housing to arrest depopulation in these areas, and by addressing current issues around regional economic inequality, connectivity and transport infrastructure as a matter of urgency; recognises the diversity of learners and speakers of Gaelic and Scots, and believes that more must be done to bring the promotion of these languages closer to communities across Scotland, and understands that cultural and social infrastructure across the country plays a key role in promoting local histories and languages that must be protected and enhanced.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

5. Improving Outcomes for People with Neurological Conditions: The Parliament debated S6M-06230 in the name of Alexander Burnett—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the *Together for the One in Six* report from the Neurological Alliance of Scotland; understands that the report draws its conclusions and recommendations from a survey of over 800 people living in Scotland with a neurological condition; notes that the report found there were delays in the diagnosis of and treatment for neurological conditions; considers that these findings are the result of pre-existing structural problems, exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; further considers that the Scottish Government's plan to implement the Strategic Framework for Action on Neurological Care and Support has been delayed, and is unlikely to have achieved its objectives by its end point in 2025; highlights the view that services for children and young people with neurological conditions should be included in future strategic work; understands that the report concluded that there was a lack of data around the wider prevalence of neurological conditions, and notes the view that the Scottish Government must now address this and begin work to develop a comprehensive plan that ensures Scotland, including Aberdeenshire West,

has the workforce and resources to support people with neurological conditions now and deliver better outcomes for them in the future.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

No. 44, Wednesday 16 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Veterans, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Improving Care and Services for People with Chronic Pain: The Minister for Public Health, Women’s Health and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-06779 in the name of Humza Yousaf—That the Parliament recognises the impact of chronic pain on people’s health and wellbeing in Scotland; welcomes the publication of the Framework for Pain Management Service Delivery - Implementation Plan; notes the actions to improve care and services being taken in partnership with people with chronic pain, NHS staff and services, the third sector and other key stakeholders; supports the focus on delivering person-centred care and improving access to local support for pain; recognises the efforts to increase NHS staff skills and knowledge of chronic pain and its impact, and agrees with the commitment to improve the consistency and quality of pain management services across Scotland.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-06779.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06779 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Improving Care and Services for People with Chronic Pain), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “commends the Cross Party Group on Chronic Pain for its work; notes that the publication of the Framework for Pain Management Service Delivery - Implementation Plan does not outline the “implementation” or explain how patients will access services or any detail on staffing, investment or involvement of patients; further notes with concern that chronic pain patients often have mental health problems and are at a higher risk of suicide, and calls on NHS Scotland to develop access to new specialist services with the potential provision of new one-stop injections and infusions regional clinics to help reduce waiting times and improve follow-up appointments for patients.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 62, Abstentions 20).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-06779.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06779 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Improving Care and Services for People with Chronic Pain), leave out from “notes the actions” to end and insert “notes the concerns from some chronic pain patients regarding the Scottish Government’s lack of meaningful engagement with their representatives, which is causing upset and distrust; supports the focus on delivering person-centred care and improving access to local support for pain; recognises the efforts to increase NHS staff skills and knowledge of chronic pain and its impact, and agrees with the commitment to improve the consistency and quality of pain management services across Scotland; regrets, however, the continued reports of many vulnerable people with chronic pain being forced into unsuitable self-management pathways, with increased pressures on primary care, due to a lack of access to specialist

services; recommends that the Scottish Government works in partnership with patient groups to ensure a truly collaborative approach to improving the treatment and wellbeing of chronic pain patients, and calls on Scottish Government ministers to protect specialist chronic pain services, and provide greater transparency around waiting times for return patients.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 34, Abstentions 20).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06792—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Approach to 2022 Coastal States Negotiations - Securing Principled Sustainable Outcomes

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 23 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 24 November 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The National Drugs Mission: Taking Concrete Action to Tackle Stigma

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 November 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06793—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 December 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06794—That the Parliament agrees that the Homeless Persons (Suspension of Referrals between Local Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06795—That the Parliament agrees that the Pavement Parking Prohibition (Exemption Orders Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Co-op, SAMH, Mind and Inspire’s Together Through Tough Times Report: The Parliament debated S6M-06215 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the SAMH, Mind, Inspire and Co-op report, Together Through Tough Times; notes that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers surveyed 4,500 people and conducted qualitative research with two demographic groups from four regions of the UK, including Yoker in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency; further notes that this research investigated communities experiencing higher than expected wellbeing outcomes, particularly in areas with high deprivation, to look at how communities can strengthen an individual’s mental wellbeing and what makes a community resilient; recognises the findings that three protective factors build

resilience, which are talking about mental wellbeing, the existence of community hubs where people can access informal support, and the development of strong and collaborative community and voluntary sectors, where people can build lasting friendships; supports the Co-op's fundraising efforts, which reached £8 million from its colleagues, customers and members, and which will fund SAMH, Mind and Inspire to deliver mental health support in 50 local communities, reaching an estimated 10,000 people, and commends the work of all charities and local groups across Scotland that are helping strengthen community resilience.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 45, Thursday 17 November 2022

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. Higher Education Workers' Dispute: The Parliament debated S6M-06216 in the name of Katy Clark—That the Parliament notes the recent industrial action by university staff following the closure of the UNISON higher education pay ballot on 19 August 2022; further notes that staff at the University of Glasgow, Edinburgh Napier University and Robert Gordon University represented by UNISON, which include cleaners, administrators and library, catering and security workers, most recently took strike action on 3 and 4 October; understands that the Universities and Colleges Employers Association's (UCEA) final offer of 3%, or 7.2% for the lowest paid workers, is sub-inflationary as the current CPI rate is 9.9% and the current RPI rate is 12.3%; considers that UCEA's offer has been imposed on university staff despite being subject to a live dispute with the trade unions, and that such impositions also occurred in 2021 and 2020; understands that the trade unions, University and College Union, Educational Institute of Scotland-University Lecturers' Association and Unite, are at varying stages of consulting or balloting their members for action in the same dispute; believes that industrial relations in the sector have deteriorated to an unacceptable level; notes the view that the staff do incredible work and deserve to be recognised fairly and paid properly; further notes the belief that the Scottish Government must urge universities and UCEA to take meaningful steps to negotiate a fair resolution to these disputes, and notes the calls on universities and UCEA to return to the negotiating table in the interests of workers and students.

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

5. The Impact of Brexit on Devolution: Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, moved S6M-06732—That the Parliament notes the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Impact of Brexit on Devolution (SP Paper 223).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

No. 46, Tuesday 22 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mgr. John A. Hughes, Parish Priest, St. Joseph's, Helensburgh, Former Rector of the Pontifical Scots College Rome, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. Scotland's Approach to 2022 Coastal States Negotiations - Securing Principled Sustainable Outcomes:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-06889—That the Parliament acknowledges the ongoing negotiations with international partners to agree fishing opportunities for 2023, including coastal state and regional fisheries management organisation negotiations, and bi- and tri-lateral negotiations with the EU, Norway and the Faroe Islands; notes that the outcome of these negotiations will be pivotal in providing fishing opportunities to the Scottish industry, and in ensuring the sustainable management of fish stocks in the long term, and supports the Scottish Government's efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland's fishers, the wider seafood sector, coastal communities and the environment through a collaborative and co-management approach with stakeholders.

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-06889.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06889 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Scotland's Approach to 2022 Coastal States Negotiations - Securing Principled Sustainable Outcomes), insert at end “; believes that distribution of fish quotas secured at these negotiations must follow key tests, including catch limits that meet scientific advice for maximum sustainable yield, as well as socially, economically and environmentally beneficial fisheries being given preferable access to quota, Scottish seafood being landed in Scotland, and securing the maximum share of sustainable fishing opportunities for Scottish fishers; recognises the importance of the transition to low-impact fishing; calls on the Scottish Government to report yearly on how it incentivises the use of selective fishing gear and the use of techniques that have a reduced impact on the environment, when distributing catch quotas and effort quotas to fishing boats, in line with Section 25 of the Fisheries Act 2020; notes the value of the fishing sector and the jobs that it provides, often in rural communities; further notes the need to support and develop Scotland's fish processing industry; commends those working in the sector, and recognises the resilience and bravery of Scotland's fishermen.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06912—That the

Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 23 November 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Forth Valley Update

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Brexit's Impact on Inflation: The Parliament debated S6M-05709 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported impact of Brexit on inflation and the cost of living across Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and elsewhere in Scotland; further notes that research by the UK in a Changing Europe think tank reportedly revealed that Brexit has increased food prices by 6%; notes reports that sterling has lost 10% of its value, leaving households poor by increasing import costs and inflation while lowering wage growth; is aware of research published by the London School of Economics and Resolution Foundation stating that Brexit has reduced how open and competitive Britain is, leading to, it believes, reduced productivity and wages over the next decade; recognises that the Office for Budget Responsibility reportedly says that Brexit will have the long-term effect of cutting UK GDP by 4%; understands that the Financial Times agreed that such a decline will mean £100 billion of lost output and £40 billion less revenue for the Treasury each year; is concerned by reports that the UK has now fallen behind all other G7 countries in the pace of its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, with, it understands, exports down significantly, and notes the view that Scotland will prosper more by regaining its independence and re-joining the EU than by remaining in the UK.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

No. 47, Wednesday 23 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the UK Supreme Court’s ruling on the legality of an independence referendum bill, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson).

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then Finance and the Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. Protecting Primary Care: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-06899—That the Parliament notes the recent warnings by BMA Scotland about the pressures on general practice, with 81% of practices surveyed reporting that demand was exceeding capacity and it estimating that an extra 1,000 whole time equivalent (WTE) GPs are needed now; understands that not all practices have access to full multi-disciplinary teams, limiting GPs’ ability to focus on the patients that need them most, and therefore regrets the Scottish Government’s decision to cut £65 million from primary care services and £5 million from the Sustainability Payment to practices; considers that this diminishes the ability of GPs to respond to winter pressures and will exacerbate the crisis in primary care, with serious consequences for staff and patients and the wider NHS this winter; is alarmed by reports that NHS board chief executives are considering the implementation of a two-tier system of access within the NHS, and considers this to be privatisation through the back door; remains committed to the founding principle of the NHS of being freely available at the point of need; calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider the cuts to primary care and to give an urgent update on where the 800 additional GPs it pledged in 2017 will be located, and regrets that the Scottish National Party administration is considering the privatisation of the NHS in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-06899.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06899 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Protecting Primary Care), leave out from “notes” to end and insert “recognises the pressures on primary care and right across the NHS and social care due to the effects of Brexit, the global pandemic and the cost of living crisis; notes that the overriding priority for the delivery of healthcare must be to deliver the best outcomes for patients; supports the actions of the Scottish Government to abolish prescription charges and recognises that, under the current administration, they will remain free for all; believes that prescription charges are a tax on illness and that healthcare must be based on the clinical needs of patients and not their ability to pay; recognises that primary care provision extends beyond the work of general practice and welcomes that free eye care tests continue to be protected, that dental charges have been abolished for young people, and that, through NHS Pharmacy First, more first-line care is being provided for free through community pharmacies; recognises, in general practice, that Scotland currently has a record high level of GPs and that Scotland has proportionately more GPs than any other nation in the UK; welcomes that

efforts to recruit 800 additional GPs by 2027 are on track, with 277 already in post by 2021; understands that, to support GP practices, over 3,220 multidisciplinary healthcare professionals have been recruited since 2018; acknowledges that primary care funding has increased again in the current financial year and understands that integration joint board reserves provided for primary care are to be utilised for primary care; recalls that it was the current administration that took the legislative steps necessary to stop the privatisation and commercialisation of GP services that was permitted by the previous Labour-led administration; further recalls that it was the current administration that brought Stracathro back into the NHS after its work was put into private hands by the previous Labour-led administration, and shares the Scottish Government's unwavering commitment to the founding principles of the NHS to be publicly owned, publicly operated and free at the point of need."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0)

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-06899.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06899 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Protecting Primary Care), insert “, and finds it extremely concerning that there are siloed conversations within the Scottish Government occurring without the Chief Medical Officer or Chief Nursing Officer, and that there is a lack of clinical input into political decision-making, leading to Scottish Government announcements being divorced from the reality of life and purpose of the service.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the pressures on primary care and right across the NHS and social care due to the effects of Brexit, the global pandemic and the cost of living crisis; notes that the overriding priority for the delivery of healthcare must be to deliver the best outcomes for patients; supports the actions of the Scottish Government to abolish prescription charges and recognises that, under the current administration, they will remain free for all; believes that prescription charges are a tax on illness and that healthcare must be based on the clinical needs of patients and not their ability to pay; recognises that primary care provision extends beyond the work of general practice and welcomes that free eye care tests continue to be protected, that dental charges have been abolished for young people, and that, through NHS Pharmacy First, more first-line care is being provided for free through community pharmacies; recognises, in general practice, that Scotland currently has a record high level of GPs and that Scotland has proportionately more GPs than any other nation in the UK; welcomes that efforts to recruit 800 additional GPs by 2027 are on track, with 277 already in post by 2021; understands that, to support GP practices, over 3,220 multidisciplinary healthcare professionals

have been recruited since 2018; acknowledges that primary care funding has increased again in the current financial year and understands that integration joint board reserves provided for primary care are to be utilised for primary care; recalls that it was the current administration that took the legislative steps necessary to stop the privatisation and commercialisation of GP services that was permitted by the previous Labour-led administration; further recalls that it was the current administration that brought Stracathro back into the NHS after its work was put into private hands by the previous Labour-led administration, and shares the Scottish Government's unwavering commitment to the founding principles of the NHS to be publicly owned, publicly operated and free at the point of need.

4. Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme: Mark Griffin moved S6M-06898— That the Parliament notes the increase in mortgage costs due to the sharp rise in interest rates following the UK Government's disastrous mini-budget; believes that, combined with wider cost of living pressures, higher mortgage repayments will push some households into poverty and that action is needed to prevent a spike in arrears and homelessness; recognises that the Scottish Government's Mortgage to Shared Equity scheme has not had a successful application since 2015-16, and calls for the Scottish Government to relaunch and revamp the scheme so that it is not limited to only those with existing high levels of equity, that eligibility thresholds reflect true house price values and that there is a maximum application turnaround time of two months.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-06898.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06898 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme), leave out from "Scottish Government's" to end and insert "Home Owners' Support Fund is a demand-led mortgage rescue programme to support low-income homeowners facing difficulty meeting payments to stay in their property through moving to either a rent or shared-equity scheme; notes that the Scottish Government is already reviewing the eligibility criteria of the Fund in light of the cost of living crisis; acknowledges the actions taken by the Scottish Government to also support people in the rented sector during the current cost crisis through the actions in the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 and through up to £86.6 million in Discretionary Housing Support; calls on the UK Government to ensure that there is an adequate social security net to support people in time of hardship, including homeowners with mortgages; believes that the current nine-month wait for loan-only support with mortgages within Universal Credit is too long, and agrees that this is one of the many areas where Universal Credit is not fit for purpose."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-06898.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06898 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living: Mortgage Rescue Scheme), leave out from "following" to end and insert

“due to Vladimir Putin’s illegal invasion of Ukraine and the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the billions of pounds in cost of living support packages announced by the UK Government to support the most vulnerable households during this difficult period; recognises that Scottish Government decisions have contributed to the cost of living crisis by failing to address the housing crisis that exists in Scotland; condemns the Scottish Government for scrapping the Help to Buy scheme that helped prospective homeowners to get on the property ladder, and calls on the Scottish Government to reintroduce a Help to Buy scheme and develop a Rent to Buy scheme.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 72, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the increase in mortgage costs due to the sharp rise in interest rates following the UK Government’s disastrous mini-budget; believes that, combined with wider cost of living pressures, higher mortgage repayments will push some households into poverty and that action is needed to prevent a spike in arrears and homelessness; recognises that the Home Owners’ Support Fund is a demand-led mortgage rescue programme to support low-income homeowners facing difficulty meeting payments to stay in their property through moving to either a rent or shared-equity scheme; notes that the Scottish Government is already reviewing the eligibility criteria of the Fund in light of the cost of living crisis; acknowledges the actions taken by the Scottish Government to also support people in the rented sector during the current cost crisis through the actions in the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 and through up to £86.6 million in Discretionary Housing Support; calls on the UK Government to ensure that there is an adequate social security net to support people in time of hardship, including homeowners with mortgages; believes that the current nine-month wait for loan-only support with mortgages within Universal Credit is too long, and agrees that this is one of the many areas where Universal Credit is not fit for purpose.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Forth Valley Update.

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06914—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 November 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: EU Retained Law

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 November 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 1 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: World Aids Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate:

Proxy Voting

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 November 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

8. Recognising the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women: The Parliament debated S6M-06299 in the name of Pam Gosal—That the Parliament recognises the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on 25 November, and the 16 Days of Activism following this, which run from 25 November to 10 December 2022, Human Rights Day; recognises that the 2022 global theme is “UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls”; notes the view that this is an opportunity to come together with the global women’s movement to call for an end to gender-based violence; further notes reports that the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG); believes that VAWG remains the most pervasive human rights violation worldwide; understands that it affects more than an estimated 1 in 3 women; notes that it is estimated that on average a woman or girl is killed by someone in her own family every 11 minutes across the globe; welcomes that, during the pandemic, UN Women, women’s rights organisations and others acted with urgency to secure policy changes aimed at eradicating VAWG; believes that there is growing evidence that VAWG is preventable; commends the hard work of organisations and individuals that aim to eradicate any and all forms of violence against women, and notes the view that Parliament should do everything in its power to contribute to the work to stop violence against women and girls.

9. Motion Without Notice: Pam Gosal 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 7.27 pm.

No. 48, Thursday 24 November 2022

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. The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2022 Update: The Parliament debated S6M-06229 in the name of Paul McLennan—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2022 Update, by Scottish Renewables and the Fraser of Allander Institute, which it understands provides the latest economic output and job figures for Scotland's renewables energy industry; understands that the report demonstrates that Scotland's renewable energy industry and its supply chain supported more than 27,000 full time equivalent jobs, and that onshore wind supported the most employment across Scotland's economy from the renewable energy sector, with 10,120 full time equivalent roles, followed by offshore wind with 6,735 full-time equivalent roles, and hydropower with 4,395 full-time equivalent roles; highlights the report's findings that Scotland's renewable energy industry generated £5.6 billion of output in 2020; considers that the report found onshore wind had the largest estimated economic output, generating nearly £2.5 billion, with offshore wind and hydropower both supporting more than £1.1 billion output, and welcomes what it sees as the strength of Scotland's renewable energy industry and the energy security, economic, environmental and social benefits that it brings to communities across Scotland, including in East Lothian.

4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Ministers.

6. The National Drugs Mission: Taking Concrete Action to Tackle Stigma: The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved S6M-06924—That the Parliament acknowledges that stigma prevents people from seeking the help and support that they need and that using language that de-humanises people is harmful; recognises that tackling stigma is everyone's responsibility and that the existence of stigma diminishes all communities as it creates unreasonable and unnecessary barriers for people in all aspects of their lives; agrees that problem drug use is a health issue and that people who experience it deserve parity of treatment as with any other long-term, life-affecting health condition; believes that every individual's experience of recovery is unique and should not be stigmatised, and that people with experience of problem drug use and their families should be treated with dignity, respect and equity; recognises that treating substance dependence as if it were included as part of the protected characteristic of disability, would contribute to a more fair and just society; supports strengthening the meaningful involvement of people with experience of problem drug use in their local communities and wider society in the development and implementation of policy; calls on all MSPs to lead by example in challenging the

stigma of people who use drugs and their families, and welcomes the planned publication by the Scottish Government of a Stigma Action Plan, which should embed these principles and drive action on the stated commitments.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-06924.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06924 in the name of Angela Constance (The National Drugs Mission: Taking Concrete Action to Tackle Stigma), leave out from “calls” to end and insert “notes that FAVOR UK’s report, One Year Report - Blueprint to Save Lives, published on 21 November 2022, highlights significant challenges faced by those affected by a drug addiction, including many individuals being required to wait for years to access vital treatment; is concerned that, despite multiple action plans, Scotland still has the highest drug death rate in Europe, and 3.7 times higher than the UK as a whole; expresses concern that stigma is especially problematic amongst those with hepatitis C, with 90% of new hepatitis C infections occurring through sharing contaminated injecting equipment; urges the Scottish Government to implement the recommendations of the Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce, particularly in regards to the “no wrong door” approach, which will stop people struggling with drug use being turned away from service providers, and calls on the Scottish Government to back the Proposed Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill, which would enshrine in law a right to treatment, so that all those affected by addiction in Scotland can get the support they need.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 67, Abstentions 23).

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-06924.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06924 in the name of Angela Constance (The National Drugs Mission: Taking Concrete Action to Tackle Stigma), insert at end “; recognises that drug deaths and wider drug-related harms disproportionately impact on the most deprived communities; believes that tackling substance use requires policies that address poverty, deprivation and Scotland’s wider health inequalities; agrees that people with an addiction should be able to access the full range of drug treatment and mental health services wherever they live; regrets the delays in fully implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards, and agrees that the standards have an essential role to play in tackling the drug deaths crisis and wider drug-related harms; acknowledges that there is a need to know not only the number of people who have tragically lost their lives to a drug overdose, but also due to health conditions caused by long-term problematic drug use, including, for example, cardiovascular disease, end-stage liver disease, HIV or hepatitis C, and believes that such information is essential to inform policy, direct resources and save lives.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges that stigma prevents people from seeking the help and support that they need and that using language that de-humanises people is harmful; recognises that tackling stigma is everyone's responsibility and that the existence of stigma diminishes all communities as it creates unreasonable and unnecessary barriers for people in all aspects of their lives; agrees that problem drug use is a health issue and that people who experience it deserve parity of treatment as with any other long-term, life-affecting health condition; believes that every individual's experience of recovery is unique and should not be stigmatised, and that people with experience of problem drug use and their families should be treated with dignity, respect and equity; recognises that treating substance dependence as if it were included as part of the protected characteristic of disability, would contribute to a more fair and just society; supports strengthening the meaningful involvement of people with experience of problem drug use in their local communities and wider society in the development and implementation of policy; calls on all MSPs to lead by example in challenging the stigma of people who use drugs and their families; welcomes the planned publication by the Scottish Government of a Stigma Action Plan, which should embed these principles and drive action on the stated commitments; recognises that drug deaths and wider drug-related harms disproportionately impact on the most deprived communities; believes that tackling substance use requires policies that address poverty, deprivation and Scotland's wider health inequalities; agrees that people with an addiction should be able to access the full range of drug treatment and mental health services wherever they live; regrets the delays in fully implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards, and agrees that the standards have an essential role to play in tackling the drug deaths crisis and wider drug-related harms; acknowledges that there is a need to know not only the number of people who have tragically lost their lives to a drug overdose, but also due to health conditions caused by long-term problematic drug use, including, for example, cardiovascular disease, end-stage liver disease, HIV or hepatitis C, and believes that such information is essential to inform policy, direct resources and save lives.

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

No. 49, Tuesday 29 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell, Minister of Humble I/w Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **EU Retained Law:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-06984—That the Parliament agrees that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill threatens vital standards and protections built up over 47 years of EU membership and undermines devolution, and should, therefore, be scrapped by the UK Government.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-06984.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06984 in the name of Angus Robertson (EU Retained Law), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government has lodged a legislative consent memorandum to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill and that two separate committees are involved in extensive scrutiny of the bill, and have yet to formally report in line with the established process; considers that, by proceeding with a substantive debate on this issue, the Scottish Government is undermining the entire scrutiny process of the Scottish Parliament and the work of the members and staff of parliamentary committees, and agrees that this is against the spirit of the Scottish Parliament’s Standing Orders and contrary to the principle of proper and objective scrutiny by the Scottish Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-06984.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06984 in the name of Angus Robertson (EU Retained Law), leave out from “standards” to “membership” and insert “environmental and health standards and protections built up over 47 years of EU membership, creates enormous uncertainty for workers and businesses,”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-06984.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-06984 in the name of Angus Robertson (EU Retained Law), insert at end “; believes that there are clear opportunities available to each of the UK and Scottish governments to build stronger relationships with European neighbours, and considers that both governments should be compelled to cooperate and agree where their work overlaps, backed by common frameworks and a new dispute resolution process so that differences can be resolved maturely between administrations, to share power

and to deliver better governance across the whole of the UK in accordance with the principles of federalism.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill threatens vital environmental and health standards and protections built up over 47 years of EU membership, creates enormous uncertainty for workers and businesses, and undermines devolution, and should, therefore, be scrapped by the UK Government.

4. 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 be brought forward to 4.54 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-05853 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place in November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which takes place on 17 November 2022; understands that pancreatic cancer is the deadliest common cancer in Scotland and the UK, with more than half of people diagnosed dying within three months; further understands that survival rates have barely changed in 50 years; considers that data on the experience of patients with this disease is incredibly scarce and poor, leading to concerns of patients’ voices being lost in the system; believes that support and information for patients with pancreatic cancer is often neither readily available nor forthcoming; applauds the work of the range of pancreatic cancer charities that do provide information and support for patients and their families; notes the view that more needs to be done to ensure that all patients get immediate and easy access to such support as soon as they are diagnosed, given that, it understands, currently only 12% of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in Scotland are using such support channels; commends all the charities and activist organisations and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month every success in their endeavours.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

No. 50, Wednesday 30 November 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to reduce deaths in custody, in light of new statistics showing that a record number of people have died in prisons in the past three years, was answer by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown).
3. **Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls:** The Minister for Equalities and Older People (Christina McKelvie) moved S6M-07002—That the Parliament recognises that violence against women and girls is abhorrent and has both a devastating impact on those affected and a destructive impact on the wellbeing of society; acknowledges that the global theme of 2022’s 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence is “UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls”; recognises that the eradication of violence against women and girls cannot be achieved without men recognising the vital role they must play on a daily basis in tackling deep-rooted sexism and misogyny that is inherent in the perpetrating of such violence; welcomes Police Scotland’s Don’t be that Guy campaign as a positive contribution in promoting a wider cultural shift to encourage men to take responsibility for stopping violence and discrimination against women and girls across all settings, and challenging the idea that it is the responsibility of women and girls to protect themselves from male violence, and is united in wanting a strong and flourishing Scotland, where all individuals are equally safe and respected.

Pam Gosal moved amendment S6M-07002.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07002 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls), insert at end “, and notes the comments made by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, Reem Alsalem, regarding the possible safety risks to women and girls of the Scottish Government’s Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-07002.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07002 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls), after “such violence;” insert “understands that concerted efforts are required to enhance the criminal justice response to cybercrimes that specifically target women and girls, and to ensure that women can access justice when they do become victims of cyberviolence, such as

‘cyberflashing’, revenge porn and threats of rape, as well as encourage the collection of data on cyberviolence;”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07018—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—
Tuesday 6 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: COP27 Outcomes

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate:
Proxy Voting

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 7 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 8 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Attainment Challenge - Local Authority
Stretch Aims for Recovery and Accelerating Progress in 2022-23

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Human Rights Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance
and the Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 December 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07019—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 16 December 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07020—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. Stroke Association's Report, Keeping Stroke Recoveries in Mind, Launched on World Stroke Day: The Parliament debated S6M-06461 in the name of Gillian Mackay—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Stroke Association's report, Keeping Stroke Recoveries in Mind, on World Stroke Day, 29 October, which focusses on patient experiences of the hidden effects of strokes; notes the key message in the report that emotional and psychological wellbeing for someone after a stroke is just as important as their physical recovery; further notes that the report outlines the results of the charity's lived experience of stroke survey showing that almost all, 95%, of stroke survivors report experiencing psychological or an emotional impact as a result of their stroke, yet only 25% report having received enough support, and provides recommendations on a new approach for stroke services in Scotland as devised by the Scottish Stroke Psychology Forum and included in the Progressive Stroke Pathway, endorsed by the National Advisory Committee for Stroke earlier this year; understands that this new approach is a holistic model involving all stroke clinical and social care staff, and one which treats strokes as

having an emotional and psychological impact from the point of diagnosis; further understands that there are around 15,000 people in Central Scotland who are living with the effects of their stroke; notes the calls for all 14 geographical NHS boards to appropriately resource and deliver the model for psychological care as part of a progressive stroke pathway and thus involve all those working in stroke care to improve the recovery experience for all stroke survivors, and warmly commends those people with lived experience of stroke who shared their experience to inform and shape this report.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

No. 51, Thursday 1 December 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Small Business Saturday 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-06414 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of the Small Business Saturday initiative that is taking place across Scotland and other parts of the UK, on 3 December 2022; understands that Small Business Saturday aims to promote the work of small businesses, highlight their positive impact on their communities throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis, and encourage people to shop local and recognise the value of small businesses within their communities across Scotland; notes that Small Business Saturday involves support for a range of SMEs, including self-run companies, family businesses, local community stores, small manufacturers, wholesalers, business services and online stores; further notes figures from the Scottish Parliament SPICe briefing, Scotland's Business Base: Facts and Figures, showing that, in 2020, sole proprietors, owner-manager or employee director companies, mainly in the arts or education fields, accounted for 70% of the 364,310 private sector enterprises in Scotland and contributed 14% of employment in Scotland, and small businesses employing up to 49 employees accounted for 28% of all private sector enterprises and 29% of total employment in Scotland; considers that these figures show that the majority of enterprises in Scotland are small businesses; understands that the Small Business Saturday initiative is a grassroots campaign, which is in its 10th year and is sponsored in its efforts by American Express; congratulates the initiative on the work that it has done to support and recognise small businesses thus far, looks forward to the initiative's continued success in the future during what it sees as these uncertain and challenging times, and appreciates the work done across Scotland, including in the Falkirk East constituency, to support local small businesses.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. World AIDS Day: The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-07025—That the Parliament believes that, to mark World AIDS Day, everyone should commit to the goal of ending AIDS, and support the World Health Organization's call to recognise and address the inequalities that are holding back progress; recognises that key to this is ensuring there is equalised access to essential HIV services for all; welcomes progress in recent years in the decline of HIV diagnoses in Scotland, and supports the ambition of ensuring there are zero transmissions in Scotland by 2030; notes the encouraging impact of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and that HIV incidence rates fell by 43% in a large cohort of men attending sexual health clinics following its introduction in Scotland; further notes that over 6,500 people have accessed PrEP in Scotland already, and endorses the widening access to ensure that everyone at risk of acquiring HIV is eligible to be

prescribed PrEP; appreciates that everyone in society has a role to play in the goal of eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland, and commends the HIV Transmission Elimination Oversight Group's recommended population-based approach of testing, education and stigma reduction, combined with prevention, specialist care and contact tracing.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-07025.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07025 in the name of Maree Todd (World AIDS Day), insert at end “; notes a rise in demand for access to appropriate sexual health services, and believes that timely access to such services is paramount in successful early detection, treatment and prevention strategies.”

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-07025.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07025 in the name of Maree Todd (World AIDS Day), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline a clear timescale for eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland by 2030 and commit to providing the Scottish Parliament with an annual progress report.”

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that, to mark World AIDS Day, everyone should commit to the goal of ending AIDS, and support the World Health Organization's call to recognise and address the inequalities that are holding back progress; recognises that key to this is ensuring there is equalised access to essential HIV services for all; welcomes progress in recent years in the decline of HIV diagnoses in Scotland, and supports the ambition of ensuring there are zero transmissions in Scotland by 2030; notes the encouraging impact of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and that HIV incidence rates fell by 43% in a large cohort of men attending sexual health clinics following its introduction in Scotland; further notes that over 6,500 people have accessed PrEP in Scotland already, and endorses the widening access to ensure that everyone at risk of acquiring HIV is eligible to be prescribed PrEP; appreciates that everyone in society has a role to play in the goal of eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland; commends the HIV Transmission Elimination Oversight Group's recommended population-based approach of testing, education and stigma reduction, combined with prevention, specialist care and contact tracing; notes a rise in demand for access to appropriate sexual health services; believes that timely access to such services is paramount in successful early detection, treatment and prevention strategies, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline a clear timescale for eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland by 2030 and commit to providing the Scottish Parliament with an annual progress report.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

No. 52, Tuesday 6 December 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Gareth Edwards, Perth Gospel Hall, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. COP27 Outcomes:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan—That the Parliament notes the outcome of COP27; recognises the ground-breaking global agreement to give formal recognition to the fact of loss and damage as a result of the climate crisis and to establish a fund under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), alongside other financial mechanisms, to provide support to those countries suffering loss and damage; commends the commitment of the Global South and campaigners over 30 years in arguing for such a fund; notes that the agreement at COP27 follows the commitment by the Scottish Government at COP26 of £2 million for loss and damage, making Scotland the first developed nation to recognise its obligations in this area; is disappointed that COP27 was unable to build on the progress made in Glasgow towards keeping 1.5 degrees alive, and failed to extend the language of the Glasgow pact on a phasedown of unabated coal-use to include other fossil fuels, despite support from the EU, USA, UK and others for doing so, and calls for a coalition of action to be built ahead of COP28 to secure greater progress in global efforts to tackle the climate crisis; welcomes the focus on human rights during COP27 and urges the Egyptian government to take firm action to ensure that human rights in Egypt are fully respected, protected and fulfilled; notes that COP15, the biodiversity COP, begins on 7 December 2022 in Montreal and that it is vitally important that nations reach an ambitious global agreement on the protection and restoration of nature, including reaching agreement on protecting 30% of land and seas by 2030, and welcomes the conclusion of the Edinburgh Process, which collated views from over 400 subnational governments, cities and local authorities, and resulted in nearly 300 signatories to the Edinburgh Declaration committed to take action for biodiversity.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-07093.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan (COP27 Outcomes), leave out from “, and failed” to “Egypt” and insert “; recognises that the Scottish Government has failed to meet a host of climate change targets and is on track to miss future targets; acknowledges that the ethos of COP27 was around working together and collaboratively across borders, and sees, therefore, that working with the UK Government as part of the UK is the best way to move Scotland towards net zero and meet future targets; calls for a coalition of action to be built ahead of COP28 to secure greater progress in global efforts to tackle the climate crisis; welcomes the focus on human rights during COP27 and urges all governments to take firm action to ensure that human rights across the world”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-07093.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan (COP27 Outcomes), insert at end “; notes that the Scottish Government has repeatedly not met its own annual target for emissions; agrees that it is important for Scotland to lead by example through action and delivery, and calls on the Scottish Government to use all the powers available to it to realise Scotland’s full potential in the renewable energy sector, including consideration of establishing a publicly-owned energy company, to improve public transport, including by providing adequate funding for councils to establish municipal bus companies, to implement a bold industrial strategy to grow domestic supply chains and create local green jobs in communities across Scotland, and to take all necessary steps to secure a just transition to net zero.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

4. Standing Orders Temporary Rule Change – Proxy Voting Pilot: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-07078—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Report on a Proxy Voting pilot (SP Paper 270), and agrees that the temporary rule change to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 4 January 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported claims that there was a cover up in relation to the publication of the Royal College of Physicians report into breast cancer care in NHS Tayside, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

6. 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 be brought forward to 5.09 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

8. Carers Rights Day 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-06783 in the name of Paul O’Kane—That the Parliament recognises that Carers Rights Day 2022 takes place on 24 November 2022; understands that Carers Rights Day is about raising the awareness of the rights that carers have, but also of what carers still lack in rights and representation; notes the view that amplifying the voice of carers has become even more vital; believes that they have been demonstrably impacted by particular pressures, from the COVID-19 pandemic to the rise in the cost of living; notes the view that, as the cost of living crisis continues, carers must be listened to and their concerns

taken seriously and acted upon by the Scottish and UK governments; notes that the State of Caring in Scotland 2022 survey, conducted by Carers Scotland, found that 40% of carers on carers allowance are cutting back on food and heat to make ends meet; celebrates what it sees as the immense contribution that carers make, firstly to their own families and loved ones, who they take care of and support, but also to their wider communities, and believes that their efforts, in turn, prevent added pressures being put onto health and social care services.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

No. 53, Wednesday 7 December 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then on Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Climate Change Committee's reports Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland: 2022 Report to Parliament and Scottish Emission Targets - first five-yearly review, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson).
- 3. The State of the Scottish Education System:** Stephen Kerr moved S6M-07111—That the Parliament believes that access to a first-class education is the right of all children; notes that teachers have been neglected and let down by the Scottish Government, that young people, from early years education to further and higher education, have suffered from failures in government, and that the people of Scotland have been let down by the undermining of an education system of which they were once proud; believes that, through badly-drawn reform, inaction and a failure to innovate, the Scottish Government has fundamentally undermined the education system in Scotland, meaning that action is required now to address these problems, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently outline a new education plan with a focus on respect for Scotland's teachers, opportunities for its young people and growth for the whole sector, so that education in Scotland can once again be the best gift for its children.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S6M-07111.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07111 in the name of Stephen Kerr (The State of the Scottish Education System), leave out from "that access" to end and insert "that all children, young people and adult learners have the right to a first-class education; recognises that there is much to be proud of and to celebrate in Scottish education; commends the hard work of all staff and teaching professionals in Scotland's schools, colleges, universities and early learning and childcare centres, and welcomes the comprehensive programme of reform underway in Scottish education, which includes the National Discussion to shape the future vision for Scottish education, the independent review of qualifications and assessment, the establishment of a new independent inspectorate, a new national agency and a new qualifications body, plans to expand Scotland's early learning and childcare (ELC) offer, the introduction of a new shared inspection framework for early learning and childcare (ELC), the development of purpose and principles of post-school education, research and skills, and the independent review of the skills delivery landscape."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-07111.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07111 in the name of Stephen Kerr (The State of the Scottish Education System), insert at end “; recognises that strike action by teachers continues across Scotland; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that negotiations urgently progress to ensure a fair pay deal and minimal disruption to pupils’ learning; notes the widespread disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic to education; calls on the Scottish Government to urgently carry out a full assessment of the impact of the pandemic so that pupils, parents and teachers can receive the support that they need; notes the increased absence rate of pupils from Scottish schools, and calls for an action plan to aid re-engagement; notes the decline in the number of STEM teachers in secondary schools, and asks for an update from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills on what actions are being taken to reverse this decline, and believes that the Scottish Government should reform Scottish education by implementing the recommendations of the Muir report.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that all children, young people and adult learners have the right to a first-class education; recognises that there is much to be proud of and to celebrate in Scottish education; commends the hard work of all staff and teaching professionals in Scotland’s schools, colleges, universities and early learning and childcare centres, and welcomes the comprehensive programme of reform underway in Scottish education, which includes the National Discussion to shape the future vision for Scottish education, the independent review of qualifications and assessment, the establishment of a new independent inspectorate, a new national agency and a new qualifications body, plans to expand Scotland’s early learning and childcare (ELC) offer, the introduction of a new shared inspection framework for early learning and childcare (ELC), the development of purpose and principles of post-school education, research and skills, and the independent review of the skills delivery landscape.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07120—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 13 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Medication Assisted Treatment and Workforce Update

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 14 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Health Inequalities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 15 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Asset Transfers and Community Empowerment - Five Years On

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 20 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 21 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 12 December 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-07120.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07120 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from “Tuesday 20 December 2022” to “12.45 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 91 Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07121—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 17 March 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07122—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [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-07123—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Act 1997 (Offences in Schedules 8A and 8B) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [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-07124—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Suspension and Variation to Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau,

moved S6M-07155— That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of meetings of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee during December 2022, Rule 12.2ZA be suspended and replaced with—

1. Where a member who—

(a) has made a complaint about any of the matters set out in rule 6.4.1(b),

(b) is the subject of such a complaint, or

(c) has given evidence in the course of the Ethical Standards Commissioner’s investigations into such a complaint,

is a member of (or a committee substitute for) the committee considering this complaint, or any related question of sanctions or withdrawal of a member’s rights and privileges, that member shall not participate in that capacity in any such consideration by that committee.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7 and 9 as noted above.

11. #IWill Week 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-06631 in the name of Jackie Dunbar—That the Parliament recognises #IWill Week 2022, which takes place from 21 to 25 November; understands that the #IWill movement is part of a UK-wide initiative, which aims to bring together the wealth of youth volunteering, fundraising, campaigning and mentoring that young people are doing to benefit others, the environment and the causes that they believe in; further understands that Youthlink, the charity behind this movement, looks to put a spotlight on the issues that it believes are affecting young people, notably with its annual conference on 8 November 2022 being focused on youth work and poverty, and wishes #IWillScotland all the best for its upcoming week, bringing awareness to the young people actively making a change.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 54, Thursday 8 December 2022

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. How Will We Survive: Steps to Preventing Destitution in the Asylum System: The Parliament debated S6M-05880 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament notes the impact of the cost of living crisis on people seeking asylum in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency, and across Scotland; further notes the research published by the British Red Cross and Refugee Survival Trust, *How Will We Survive? Steps to preventing destitution in the asylum system*; understands that the report was written by peer researchers with lived experience of the asylum system, through the Destitute Asylum Seeker Service; further understands that it outlines seven overarching recommendations, covering both the Home Office and Scottish Government, including that the Scottish Government should pilot a peer support system to ensure new arrivals through the asylum system can access support, guidance and friendship from people who have shared experiences of navigating the asylum system, that people with no recourse to public funds should have access to adequate support and increased access to health services, including mental health support, and that the Home Office should automatically grant people the right to work if they have been waiting for longer than six months for a decision on their initial asylum claim, or following the submission of further evidence, and that such a right should not be restricted to jobs on the shortage occupation list, and notes the view in the report that the Home Office should also offer an initial grant to asylum seekers to help them set up life in the UK, which it considers would lessen the likelihood of destitution.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Attainment Challenge – Local Authority Stretch Aims for Recovery and Accelerating Progress in 2022-23.

6. International Human Rights Days: The Minister for Equalities and Older People (Christina McKelvie) moved S6M-07133—That the Parliament recognises the significance of Human Rights Day and International Human Rights Defenders Day; reaffirms its own commitment to the universal and inalienable rights and freedoms originally set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; commends the work of human rights defenders in all nations and territories, and the importance of their work to ensure that human rights are fully respected, protected and fulfilled; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to giving full domestic effect to international human rights obligations through future human rights legislation within the limits of devolved competence; agrees that the Convention rights established by the Human Rights Act 1998, and embedded in the Scotland Act 1998, are fundamental to the Scottish Parliament and to Scotland's devolution settlement, and reiterates its

unequivocal opposition to the UK Government’s proposals to undermine and weaken the Human Rights Act 1998 through its flawed and misconceived Bill of Rights Bill.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-07133.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07133 in the name of Christina McKelvie (International Human Rights Days), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “expresses concern for the abuse of human rights across the world, particularly in Ukraine, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the People’s Republic of China; welcomes the UK Government’s commitment of £2.3 billion in military aid towards Ukraine; recognises that the UK Government has been at the forefront of developing human rights laws and norms and expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government has politicised human rights, particularly when it comes to the rights of children, and, to this end, regrets that the Parliament has still not been provided with a timescale for the return of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill, over one year after the Supreme Court declared that the Bill had been drafted in terms that ‘deliberately exceed the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament’, and calls on the Scottish Government to make the necessary amendments to the Bill as a matter of urgency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-07133.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07133 in the name of Christina McKelvie (International Human Rights Days), leave out from “recognises the Scottish Government’s” to end and insert “notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to giving full domestic effect to international human rights obligations through future human rights legislation within the limits of devolved competence; agrees that the Convention rights established by the Human Rights Act 1998, and embedded in the Scotland Act 1998, are fundamental to the Scottish Parliament and to Scotland’s devolution settlement, and reiterates its unequivocal opposition to the UK Government’s proposals to undermine and weaken the Human Rights Act 1998 through its flawed and misconceived Bill of Rights Bill, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish its timetable for reintroducing its United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill in order to ensure children and young people’s rights are protected in domestic legislation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 55, Tuesday 13 December 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Neil Gardner, Minister, Canongate Kirk, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and the Lord Advocate.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Medication Assisted Treatment and Workforce Update.
4. **Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-07210—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-06641—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill, agrees—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Revised Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07236—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 15 December 2022—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. 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 be brought forward to 4.44 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

9. Free Rail Travel for Blind and Partially Sighted People and Companions: The Parliament debated S6M-06145 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament notes that there is no national entitlement to free rail travel for companions under the National (Scotland) Concessionary Travel for Blind Persons card; understands that this is in contrast to the provision afforded to bus travel; is concerned that cost was named by more disabled people than non-disabled people as a reason not to use the train in the 2021 Scottish Household Survey; believes that a national rail concession policy for companions would improve safety, access to employment and social connections for the estimated 180,000 people living with sight loss in Scotland, including in the Central Scotland region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to establish a national policy.

The meeting closed at 5.21 pm.

No. 56, Wednesday 14 December 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then Finance and the Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Tackling Health Inequalities in Scotland: Gillian Martin moved S6M-07198— That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee’s 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Tackling health inequalities in Scotland (SP Paper 230).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to Lady Haldane’s opinion on the petition of For Women Scotland Limited for Judicial Review, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07242—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

8.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 21 December 2022

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members’ Business

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

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 19 December 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-0742.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07242 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from “*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill” to “12.45 pm Decision Time” and insert—

“*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Report

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 21 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Planning Framework 4 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Agriculture Bill: Next Steps

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 22 December 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics

followed by Ministerial Statement: Biodiversity Strategy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) 2 Report

4.25 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 68 Abstentions 21).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 89, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07243—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 May 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07244—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 [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-07245—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Transforming Scotland’s Vacant and Derelict Sites: The Parliament debated S6M-06302 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that Scotland has almost 9,500 hectares of vacant and derelict urban land, and that just over one quarter of Scotland’s 5.4 million population is estimated to live within 500 metres of a derelict site, with this percentage increasing in communities on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD); believes that Scotland’s stock of vacant and derelict land is a legacy of the nation’s industrial past, with many of these sites, including across the South Scotland Region, such as the George Hotel in Stranraer, former Interfloor Factory in Dumfries, Central Hotel in Annan and N Peal Building in Hawick, being in their derelict condition for many years; notes research, including from the Scottish Land Commission, University of Glasgow and Green Space Scotland, which shows that vacant and derelict sites can harm the wellbeing of communities, with findings reportedly showing that these sites can contribute to poor mental health, feelings of a lack of safety, anxiety and a persistent low mood; further notes reported concerns from communities around the traceability of the ownership of vacant and derelict sites, which, it understands, are often owned by absentee landlords and corporations as part of property and financial portfolios; considers that Scotland has a huge potential to lead the UK in transforming these sites into useful community assets; notes the view that focussing on these sites as a vehicle for delivery could help to enhance policy coordination across civic Scotland by concentrating effort and resources where they are most needed to benefit communities; welcomes the Scottish Land Commissions report, *Transforming Scotland’s Approach to Vacant and Derelict Land*, Recommendations from the Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce; notes calls on the Scottish Government to set out its progress towards implementing these recommendations, and to outline its engagement with the Scottish Land Commission’s joint Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce; further notes what it sees as the role of communities, as, it understands, has been seen in Heathhall, Dumfries and Galloway, in calling on Dumfries and Galloway Council to address the former Interfloor Factory, and notes the view that communities across Scotland should become involved in taking transformative action to ensure these sites dealt with as a priority.

10. Motion Without Notice: Emma Harper 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 6.37 pm.

No. 57, Thursday 15 December 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **UNISON Year of Disabled Workers 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-06755 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy—That the Parliament celebrates UNISON and its recognition of 2022 as the Year of Disabled Workers; understands that UNISON is using these 12 months to promote disability in the workplace by highlighting the experiences of its disabled members as well as the value and insight that they bring to the union and workplace; notes that, with 200,000 disabled members, UNISON calls for a greater enforcement of legal rights, including the fundamental right to reasonable adjustments at work; recognises that the main aims of the Year of Disabled Workers include raising awareness of the social model of disability and the importance of changes to the workplace and working practices, explaining the implications of the disability pay gap as well as how it may be addressed, increasing members' confidence to self-define as disabled, and increasing the number of disabled activists in the union, and thanks UNISON for its continued representation of disabled workers, including in the Glasgow region.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Budget 2023-24.
6. **Asset Transfers and Community Empowerment – Five Years On:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-07247—That the Parliament welcomes the progress that has been made to date in implementing Part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; recognises that ownership, lease or management of land and buildings are powerful tools for communities to drive change and achieve their shared ambitions; acknowledges the programme of support for participatory budgeting that has given communities a stronger voice in decisions on how public money is spent, and agrees that place-based, community-led regeneration can help local areas, individuals and businesses to tackle poverty and inequality, and build community wealth, on their own terms.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-07247.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07247 in the name of Tom Arthur (Asset Transfers and Community Empowerment - Five Years On), insert at end “; welcomes the UK Government's Community Ownership Fund, which will allow communities to take ownership of local institutions that have fallen into disrepair

or are under threat of closure, and further welcomes that there are projects in Scotland benefiting from this fund.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-07247.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07247 in the name of Tom Arthur (Asset Transfers and Community Empowerment - Five Years On), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “fully supports measures to empower communities and devolve power away from the Scottish Parliament, and considers that part 5 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was a positive step, allowing local groups to take ownership of assets for the benefit of their community; believes that pushing power into the hands of local people is a key part of unlocking the potential that exists across the whole country; recognises that, in communities across Scotland, there are positive examples of local groups taking control of assets and helping their area to flourish; regrets that communities still face significant barriers in exercising the rights given to them under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; believes that there is still much to be done to ensure that communities across Scotland are given the resources and support they need to benefit from the Act, and calls on the Scottish Government to take all necessary steps to remove remaining barriers and push more power into the hands of communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

7. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07271—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 December 2022—

delete

followed by Members’ Business

(b) Wednesday 21 December 2022—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Committee’s Review of Scottish Emissions Targets and Progress Report 2022

delete

5.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm.

No. 58, Tuesday 20 December 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev. Dr Bruce Ritchie, Church of Scotland Minister and Tutor in Scottish Church History at HTC, the University of the Highlands and Islands, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07320—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 20 December 2022—

delete

8.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

10.20 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 21 December 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice,

Housing and Local Government

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Committee's Review of Scottish Emissions Targets and Progress Report 2022

and insert

2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

3.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice,

Housing and Local Government

delete

5.45 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 22 December 2022—

after

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Climate Change Committee's Review of Scottish Emissions Targets and Progress Report 2022

delete

12.45 pm Decision Time

and insert

1.15 pm Decision Time

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-07320.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07320 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "3.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government" insert—

"delete

Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

and insert

Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 31, Against 96 Abstentions 0).

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-07320.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07320 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "3.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government" insert "followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Transport Projects Review 2".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 31, Against 96 Abstentions 0).

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-07320.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07320 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "3.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government" insert "followed by Ministerial Statement: Biodiversity Strategy".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 31, Against 96 Abstentions 0).

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-07320.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07320 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “3.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government” insert “followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 31, Against 96 Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 95, Against 10, Abstentions 21).

4. Suspension of Standing Orders: Alexander Burnett moved motion S6M-07325, without notice under Rule 8.2.6 of the Standing Orders—That the Parliament agrees that for the purposes of consideration of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 3, Rule 9.8.4A be suspended and that debate on each grouping of amendments continues until each Member who wishes to speak in a group has an opportunity to do so.

The motion was disagreed to (by division: For 51, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

5. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07321—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 45 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours 30 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 3 hours 50 minutes

Groups 10 to 12: 5 hours 30 minutes

Groups 13 and 14: 6 hours 30 minutes

Groups 15 and 16: 8 hours

Groups 17 to 19: 9 hours 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 95, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

6. Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

19 (For 76, Against 27, Abstentions 23)
99 (For 103, Against 23, Abstentions 1)
27 (For 111, Against 1, Abstentions 11)
29 (For 118, Against 1, Abstentions 7)
40A (For 119, Against 2, Abstentions 2)
40B (For 118, Against 1, Abstentions 3)
40C (For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
40D (For 119, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
40E (For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
40 (For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 1)
41 (For 121, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
42 (For 120, Against 2, Abstentions 1)
47 (For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
48 (For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 6)
49 (For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 6)

The following amendments, as amended, were agreed to (by division)—

40 (For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 3)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

6 (For 37, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
93 (For 9, Against 115, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 59, Against 64, Abstentions 2)
94 (For 11, Against 113, Abstentions 1)
7 (For 37, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
22 (For 60, Against 64, Abstentions 2)
23 (For 56, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
95 (For 35, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 51, Against 73, Abstentions 2)
96 (For 34, Against 92, Abstentions 1)
21 (For 51, Against 74, Abstentions 1)
97 (For 31, Against 95, Abstentions 1)
24 (For 24, Against 101, Abstentions 1)
15 (For 16, Against 109, Abstentions 2)
8 (For 36, Against 89, Abstentions 2)
26 (For 25, Against 101, Abstentions 0)
9 (For 36, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
10 (For 36, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
11 (For 35, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
28 (For 60, Against 65, Abstentions 2)
16 (For 31, Against 95, Abstentions 1)
100 (For 42, Against 72, Abstentions 10)
1 (For 54, Against 70, Abstentions 1)
12 (For 35, Against 90, Abstentions 0)

30 (For 33, Against 89, Abstentions 3)
31 (For 33, Against 89, Abstentions 3)
32 (For 33, Against 89, Abstentions 3)
102 (For 31, Against 92, Abstentions 1)
33 (For 33, Against 90, Abstentions 2)
103 (For 52, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
104 (For 50, Against 73, Abstentions 1)
140 (For 52, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
34 (For 27, Against 94, Abstentions 2)
35 (For 28, Against 95, Abstentions 1)
36 (For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 1)
37 (For 32, Against 90, Abstentions 1)
105 (For 9, Against 111, Abstentions 2)
38 (For 36, Against 86, Abstentions 0)
106 (For 25, Against 95, Abstentions 1)
2 (For 54, Against 65, Abstentions 2)
3 (For 54, Against 65, Abstentions 3)
39A (For 60, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
39B (For 60, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
39C (For 35, Against 87, Abstentions 1)
39 (For 61, Against 62, Abstentions 0) – amendment disagreed to by casting vote
107 (For 29, Against 91, Abstentions 1)
43 (For 36, Against 87, Abstentions 0)
44 (For 36, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
45 (For 36, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
46 (For 49, Against 74, Abstentions 1)
47A (For 32, Against 70, Abstentions 22)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn:

The following amendments were not moved: 98, 25, 101, 4 and 5

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the first time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Deputy Presiding Officer accepted a motion without notice to suspend the last sentence of Rule 9.8.5A. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

7. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice to remove the Members' Business debate in the name of Jim Fairlie from Wednesday's Business and resume consideration of amendments at 1.15 pm on Wednesday.

The meeting closed at 00.14 am.

No. 59, Wednesday 21 December 2022

The meeting opened at 1.15pm.

1. Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Parliament continued consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

108 (For 94, Against 16, Abstentions 16)
109 (For 116, Against 4, Abstentions 5)
110 (For 92, Against 13, Abstentions 19)
54 (For 94, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

50 (For 62, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
52 (For 61, Against 63, Abstentions 1)
53 (For 60, Against 62, Abstentions 2)
51 (For 26, Against 98, Abstentions 0)

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the fourth time limit by up to 2 hours. The motion was agreed to.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).
The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the sixth time limit by up to 2 hours. The motion was agreed to.

2. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07334—That the Parliament agrees that the Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Poultrymeat) (Miscellaneous Temporary Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/352) be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Parliament continued consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were not moved: 112, 84A, 88 and 141

The following amendments were agreed without division; 89, 138 and 139

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

55 (For 119, Against 3, Abstentions 4)
114 (For 98, Against 14, Abstentions 14)
115 (For 100, Against 10, Abstentions 17)
114 (For 98, Against 14, Abstentions 14)

56 (For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
60 (For 122, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
63 (For 123, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
64 (For 121, Against 0, Abstentions 4)
65 (For 122, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
66 (For 122, Against 0, Abstentions 3)
71 (For 64, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
75 (For 120, Against 5, Abstentions 2)
76 (For 123, Against 2, Abstentions 2)
77 (For 124, Against 1, Abstentions 2)
78 (For 124, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
79 (For 125, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
80 (For 125, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
81 (For 125, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
82 (For 124, Against 1, Abstentions 1)
83 (For 125, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
84 (For 125, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
85 (For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
86 (For 124, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
87 (For 124, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
90 (For 124, Against 0, Abstentions 2)
91 (For 123, Against 0, Abstentions 3)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

111 (For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 2)
113 (For 60, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
116 (For 37, Against 76, Abstentions 12)
117 (For 59, Against 67, Abstentions 1)
118 (For 57, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
119 (For 56, Against 70, Abstentions 1)
120 (For 59, Against 67, Abstentions 1)
121 (For 59, Against 67, Abstentions 1)
122 (For 59, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
57 (For 38, Against 64, Abstentions 23)
58 (For 61, Against 64, Abstentions 1)
59 (For 58, Against 67, Abstentions 1)
61 (For 40, Against 66, Abstentions 20)
62 (For 54, Against 68, Abstentions 2)
123 (For 36, Against 67, Abstentions 22)
124 (For 30, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
125 (For 36, Against 90, Abstentions 0)
67 (For 55, Against 69, Abstentions 1)
68 (For 58, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 55, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 53, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
126 (For 58, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
72 (For 32, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
73 (For 54, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
74 (For 54, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
127 (For 54, Against 68, Abstentions 5)

128 (For 58, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
129 (For 59, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
130 (For 60, Against 66, Abstentions 1)
13 (For 62, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 59, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
131 (For 53, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
132 (For 54, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
133 (For 53, Against 73, Abstentions 1)
76A (For 54, Against 69, Abstentions 3)
83A (For 53, Against 73, Abstentions 1)
90A (For 52, Against 71, Abstentions 3)
134 (For 54, Against 70, Abstentions 1)
135 (For 54, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
92 (For 37, Against 89, Abstentions 0)
136 (For 32, Against 95, Abstentions 0)
137 (For 34, Against 93, Abstentions 0)

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the seventh time limit by up to 1 hour and 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

4. Revised Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07367—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 21 December 2022—

delete

3:15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

delete

followed by Members' Business — S6M-07192 Douglas Ross: Maternity Services at Dr Gray's

(b) Thursday 22 December 2022—

after

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

delete

1.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business — S6M-07192 Douglas Ross: Maternity Services at Dr Gray's

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-07367.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07367 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after

“12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

insert”

leave out—

“*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill”

and insert

“*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Strikes

followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 29, Against 96 Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-07367.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07367 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out “4.30 pm Decision Time” and insert—

“followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Strikes

followed by Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics

5.30 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 55, Against 70 Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 97, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07332—That the Parliament agrees—

That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Ministerial Statement: Proposed Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Fourth National Planning Framework

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act

followed by Scottish Government Debate: National Drugs Mission: Our Cross Government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report - Changing Lives

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 17 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Committee Debate

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 January 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07333—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07335— That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (UK Legislation).

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 1.34 am.

No. 60, Thursday 22 December 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-07312—That the Parliament agrees that the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 39, Abstentions 0).

4. Revised Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07375—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 10 January 2023—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: People's Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland's Democratic Mandate.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-07375.2

As an amendment to motion S6M-07375 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out "Scottish Government Debate: People's Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland's Democratic Mandate" and insert—

"Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics

followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Transport Projects Review 2

followed by Ministerial Statement: Biodiversity Strategy".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 68 Abstentions 24).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-07375.1

As an amendment to motion S6M-07375 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out "People's Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland's Democratic Mandate" and insert "A New NHS Recovery Plan".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 54, Against 68 Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 68, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, then on Health and Social Care, and then on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Climate Change Committee’s Review of Scottish Emissions Targets and Progress Report 2022.

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

8. Maternity Services at Dr Gray’s: The Parliament debated S6M-07192 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that Moray women and families are now in the fifth winter of living with what it considers downgraded maternity services; believes that this is unacceptable and notes the view that the full focus of the Scottish Government and NHS Grampian should be on delivering on model six, which is a return to a consultant-led maternity unit in Elgin; acknowledges the reported significant objections from campaigners and clinicians to model four, which is a community maternity unit linked mainly to Raigmore; understands that clinicians have stated that plans for model four are “predicated on a transparently and wildly inaccurate underestimate of the number of Moray patients who would deliver at Raigmore Hospital”, and that they are “fundamentally flawed”; believes that NHS Grampian will detail its plan for model six at a meeting of its board on 15 December 2022, and notes the view that the Parliament should have an early opportunity to debate this plan and hear the Scottish Government’s response to it.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

No. 61, Tuesday 10 January 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Susan Henderson, Inverclyde United Reformed Churches, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revised Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07455—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 10 January 2023—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Winter Pressures

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-07455.2

As an amendment to motion S6M-07455 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out from “5.00 pm” to end and insert “followed by Scottish Government Debate: People’s Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland’s Democratic Mandate”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 94 (including 1 proxy vote) Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-07455.1

As an amendment to motion S6M-07455 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “NHS Winter Pressures” insert—

“delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: People’s Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland’s Democratic Mandate

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A New NHS Recovery Plan”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 55, Against 69 (including 1 proxy vote) Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 99 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 25, Abstentions 0).

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Winter Pressures.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland’s Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.

6. People’s Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland’s Democratic Mandate: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-07429—That the Parliament acknowledges the decision of the UK Supreme Court in the reference by the Lord Advocate of devolution issues under paragraph 34 of schedule 6 to the Scotland Act 1998; reaffirms its belief that people in Scotland have the sovereign right to determine the form of government best suited to their needs; believes that the United Kingdom should be a voluntary association of nations and that it should be open to any of its parts to choose by democratic means to withdraw from the union, and calls on the UK Government to respect the right of people in Scotland to choose their constitutional future.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-07429.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07429 in the name of Angus Robertson (People’s Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland’s Democratic Mandate), leave out from “reaffirms its belief” to end and insert “recognises that the people of Scotland voted decisively to remain within the United Kingdom in 2014; agrees that another divisive referendum should not be a priority during the ongoing cost of living crisis, and believes that it should focus its time on addressing the pressing issues that the country faces, including the current issues facing the NHS.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 94 (including 1 proxy vote) Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-07429.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07429 in the name of Angus Robertson (People’s Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland’s Democratic Mandate), leave out from “United Kingdom” to end and insert “people of Scotland are frustrated with two governments that are more focused on division and their own priorities, rather than the people’s priorities; considers that they should be focusing their time, energy and resources on addressing the cost of living crisis, and the NHS

crisis, which is costing lives, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on delivering the recovery that the NHS urgently needs, as committed to in the Scottish National Party's 2021 manifesto.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 24, Against 100 (including 1 proxy vote) Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 70 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 54, Abstentions 0).

7. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its urgent response is to the reported announcement regarding the closure of the Amazon Gourrock site, was answered by Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee).

8. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) made a statement and answered questions on Proposed Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill.

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

10. Programme Promoting the Benefits of Shared Parenting: The Parliament debated S6M-06610 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the importance of the involvement of both parents when bringing up a child; asserts that every child of separated parents deserves the love and support of both of their parents; believes in the need for parents to co-operate where appropriate; understands that research has shown that there is a lack of support for children of separated parents; considers that parents, including in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, may need help to make important decisions about sharing the care of their children; acknowledges the view that there is a need for public policy to recognise these challenges; praises Shared Parenting Scotland for piloting the New Ways for Families programme; recognises that the online programme focuses on the key skills of emotion management, flexible thinking and behaviour moderation; applauds the ethos of the programme, which, it considers, puts children first, as well as focusing on improving co-parenting and making decisions together out of court; notes reports that a similar programme introduced in Canada saw a significant increase in parenting co-operation upon completion, and congratulates Shared Parenting Scotland for securing £16,500 worth of funding from the Scottish Government, The National Lottery, and an anonymous trust in order to deliver the programme.

The meeting closed at 7.39 pm.

No. 62, Wednesday 11 January 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. The Fourth National Planning Framework: The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-07442—That the Parliament gives its approval, as required by section 3CA(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, to the draft revised National Planning Framework 4 laid in the Parliament by the Scottish Government on 8 November 2022, enabling the Scottish Ministers to proceed to adopt and publish the Framework in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 30, Abstentions 1).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07457—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving the Education and Life Chances of all Children and Young People

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition

PE:1865 Suspend all Surgical Mesh and Fixation Devices

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Carbon Neutral Islands Project - First Steps

Towards Decarbonisation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 16 January 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07458—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 April 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07459—That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance (Low Income) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 0, Abstentions 52).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07460—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Debt Arrangement Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Long and Short Term Improvements Required on A75: The Parliament debated S6M-07301 in the name of Finlay Carson—That the Parliament notes the view that the Scottish Government needs to work with the UK Government to deliver what it considers much needed improvements on the A75, which were identified and recommended in the Sir Peter Hendy Union Connectivity Review and the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (STPR2); further notes the view that, given the recent accident in Crocketford village, average speed cameras should be installed in what it understands to be the only two communities still not served by a bypass on the whole length of this international European E-road E18, running from Craigavon in Northern Ireland, through Scotland, Norway, Sweden and Finland, before ending in St Peterburg, Russia, and notes that, according to figures from Transport Scotland in its report, Transporting Scotland's Trade, the A75, along with the A77, carry an estimated combined total of £67 million worth of goods on a daily basis which flow through the port of Cairnryan.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

No. 63, Thursday 12 January 2023

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Caledonian Sleeper Service:** The Parliament debated S6M-07156 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament welcomes that ScotRail Services transferred into public ownership on 1 April 2022 and that Scotland's rail passenger services are operated by Scottish Rail Holdings Ltd, a company owned and controlled by the Scottish Government; notes that the sleeper service between Scotland and England is approaching its 150th anniversary; recognises what it sees as the significant social, economic and environmental values of the Caledonian Sleeper service, including for the Central Scotland region; notes that the current franchise is due to end in June 2023, following the Scottish Government's decision not to rebase the franchise; further notes that the Scottish Government has not yet confirmed how sleeper services will be operated from June 2023 onwards; notes the view that this is the ideal opportunity to bring the Caledonian Sleeper Service into public ownership via established structures and reintegrate the sleeper service with ScotRail and that, in so doing, the public purse would not be expected to fund profits for a private operator of the service, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to confirm that it will not give Serco a further contract for the Caledonian Sleeper service and that it will instead use a Scottish Government-owned company to run the service from June 2023.
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 Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act.
6. **National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved S6M-07469—That the Parliament welcomes the cross-government response to the Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce final report, Changing Lives; supports the transformational principles underpinning that response of treating problem drug use as any other health condition is treated, and ensuring that people with lived and living experience of problem drug use are included in the co-production of policy and strategy development in any area of government policy or delivery that affects them; recognises that cross-government planning and activity is needed to support the National Mission, and that this has resulted in over 80 actions; acknowledges the publication of the stigma action plan, which will play a vital role in the culture change required, and recognises the role of the Scottish Parliament in this regard, and believes that, with commitment across government, the Parliament and beyond, it is possible to save lives and improve health and wellbeing.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-07469.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07469 in the name of Angela Constance (National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives), leave out from “cross-government response” to end and insert “publication of the Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce final report, Changing Lives; supports the transformational principles of treating problem drug use as any other health condition is treated, and ensuring that people with lived and living experience of problem drug use are included in the co-production of policy and strategy development in any area of government policy or delivery that affects them; recognises that cross-government planning and activity is needed to support the National Mission, and that this has resulted in over 80 actions; acknowledges the publication of the stigma action plan, which will play a vital role in the culture change required, and recognises the role of the Scottish Parliament in this regard; believes that, with commitment across government, the Parliament and beyond, it is possible to save lives and improve health and wellbeing; welcomes many of the report’s recommendations, including that individuals should never be turned away from treatment and therefore urges the Scottish Government to back Douglas Ross’s Proposed Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill, which would enshrine in law a right to treatment, so that all people with addiction in Scotland can get the support they need; notes that the report states that “While we believe legislative change is required, more should - and can - be done in Scotland under current constitutional arrangements”; believes that the Scottish Government should accelerate its focus on tackling drug-related deaths until there is a meaningful and sustained downward trend in the number of drug-related deaths; regrets, therefore, the recent decision to cut the alcohol and drugs budget for 2022-23 by £1 million; notes, with disappointment, that the Scottish Government failed to introduce Medication Assisted Treatment standards by April 2022, and calls for urgent action to be taken to ensure standards 1-5 and 6-10 are fully implemented by April 2023 and April 2024, respectively.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 23).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-07469.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07469 in the name of Angela Constance (National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives), insert at end “; regrets that over 12,000 people in Scotland have tragically lost their lives to drugs since 2007; notes that it is three and a half years since the Scottish Government established its Drug Deaths Taskforce, but that the most recent figures show the second highest number of drug-related fatalities on record; is concerned by the slow progress with implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment standards, in addition to concerns that the proposed National Care Service could distract from Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADP) in delivering these standards, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently publish a workforce action plan for ADPs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-07469.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07469 in the name of Angela Constance (National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives), insert at end “; further believes that the Scottish Government must use its response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce report to propel effective and immediate action to tackle the continuing high numbers of drugs deaths in Scotland; asserts that there are some actions which can be undertaken now, such as the implementation of drugs testing facilities, as seen in other parts of the UK, at events such as festivals, to prevent harm; acknowledges the current work being done to implement safe consumption facilities in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and calls on the Scottish Government to start preparing plans immediately for a Scotland-wide network of facilities so that those outside of the central belt have access to lifesaving spaces.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 93 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Circular Fashion: Looping the Thread: The Parliament debated S6M-06368 in the name of Stephanie Callaghan—That the Parliament encourages the adoption of circular fashion methods that ensure clothing is produced in a more considered way that closes the loop on production, including responsible manufacturing, use, and the end-of-life stage, emphasising the value of utilising a garment right to the end; understands that, over the past decades, the production and consumption of clothing has increased exponentially around the world leading to a dramatic increase in the negative social and environmental consequences; notes that a report by Zero Waste Scotland, which assessed the carbon impact of Scotland’s household waste, showed that textiles account for nearly a third of emissions even though they only make up 4% of waste by weight; further notes that Scotland is home to what it understands is the UK’s leading circular fashion hub, Advanced Clothing Solutions (ACS), offering fashion brands and retailers a carbon neutral, rental and resale fulfilment service from a developing biodiversity area in Holytown, North Lanarkshire; welcomes the Scottish Government’s £2 million Circular Textiles Fund, as well as the £18 million Circular Economy Investment Fund, administered by Zero Waste Scotland, offering investment for SMEs based in Scotland and supporting work that will deliver circular economy growth; considers that there is need for transparency in the fashion supply chain; notes the calls for legislation that helps to achieve fair pay for textile and garment workers around the world, in light of reports that modern slavery runs deep within the industry, and further notes the growing calls to incentivise responsible and circular consumption through fiscal and regulatory levers that reward fashion companies that design products with lower environmental impacts and penalise those that do not.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

No. 64, Tuesday 17 January 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Tom Kisitu, Minister, Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Improving the Education and Life Chances of all Children and Young People.
4. **PE1865 Suspend all Surgical Mesh and Fixation Devices:** Jackson Carlaw moved S6M-07487—That the Parliament notes public petition PE1865 on suspending the use of all surgical mesh and fixation devices while a review of all surgical procedures which use polyester, polypropylene or titanium is carried out, and guidelines for the surgical use of mesh are established.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the Secretary of State for Scotland making an order under section 35 of the Scotland Act 1998, preventing the Scottish Parliament's Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill from proceeding to Royal Assent, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison).
6. **Committee Announcement:** Siobhian Brown, on behalf of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee, made an announcement on its Inquiry into Long COVID.
7. **Revised Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07545—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 18 January 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Addressing the Crisis in the NHS and Social Care

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish and UK Government Selection of Green Freeports

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

9. Ferrier Family Raises £30,280.90 for Cardiomyopathy UK: The Parliament debated S6M-06325 in the name of Evelyn Tweed—That the Parliament congratulates the Ferrier family from Doune and Deanston on their incredible efforts raising £30,280.90 for Cardiomyopathy UK, which will assist the charity in providing support advice and nursing support; understands that the Ferrier family began fundraising following the death of Callum Ferrier on 12 February 2008, and that Callum, a 6-foot-tall rugby player, aged 16, went to bed complaining of a headache and was found the next day by his dad, having died from cardiomyopathy, something the family had never heard of; further understands that, since Callum’s death, the family has focused on fundraising for Cardiomyopathy UK through arranging ceilidhs, treks of the Sahara, Machu Picchu and the Great Wall of China, coffee mornings, Tough Mudder competitions, running the Stirling and London marathons and the Great British 10k Run, kids treasure hunts, a skydive, funeral collections, online collections, a Gargunnoch songster concert and supper, selling wristbands, raffles, a fashion show and dinner, barn dance and many more fundraising efforts; understands that the family has had assistance from a number of individuals and businesses to help in their fundraising including Craig Johnstone, Craig Mair of Skelpit Lug Ceilidh Band, St. Modans High School, Souters, Gargunnoch Songsters choir, Graeme Morgan of Natural Choice, Doune, Woodlane of Doune and McLaren Rugby Club; notes that cardiomyopathy is a disease of the heart muscle, with “cardio” meaning heart, “myo” muscle and “pathy” disease, and that it is not a single condition, but a group of conditions that affect the structure of the heart and reduce its ability to pump blood around the body, and understands that it affects around 1 in 250 people in the UK.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

No. 65, Wednesday 18 January 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then on Finance and the Economy, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Addressing the Crisis in the NHS and Social Care: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-07538—That the Parliament is deeply concerned about the experiences of patients and staff across Scotland’s NHS; notes that in recent weeks A&E has recorded the worst ever performance against the 4-hour target, levels of delayed discharge have reached their highest ever and record numbers of people are waiting for appointments, tests and treatment; considers that this has not been caused by short-term problems, but is the result of 15 years of the Scottish Government failing to tackle systemic issues in Scotland’s health and social care system, and believes that, instead of sticking plaster solutions, Scotland needs an NHS Recovery Plan that is community care-led, focuses on preventative healthcare, properly values social care and delivers £15 per hour for social care staff, and has a fully-funded and sustainable workforce plan for health and care services so that Scotland’s NHS is fit for the 21st century.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-07538.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07538 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Addressing the Crisis in the NHS and Social Care), leave out from “is deeply” to end and insert “recognises the unprecedented pressure that NHS and care staff have faced over the winter and thanks them for all their efforts in caring for the people of Scotland at this challenging time; notes that these are challenges that are being faced across the UK and beyond; recognises that the triple impact of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic and the UK Government’s cost of living crisis has exacerbated the pressures faced by the health service; believes that freedom of movement within Europe would be beneficial to help addressing recruitment challenges, and that the only route to securing that is membership of the European Union; welcomes that constructive industrial relations in Scotland’s health service mean that Scotland is the only part of the UK not experiencing strike action from health staff this winter; notes the ongoing £1 billion NHS Recovery Plan, which is supporting new ways of delivering care that are creating additional capacity for inpatients, day case patients and outpatients, including investment to support the four National Treatment Centres (NTC) due to open over 2023; recognises that the expanded NTC network will provide additional capacity of eight additional orthopaedic theatres, an additional inpatient/day case ward, five endoscopy rooms and two general theatres, initially providing over 12,250 additional procedures, dependent on workforce; welcomes the Scottish Government’s draft Budget, which included additional investment to increase adult social care wages, and believes that, through the creation of the National Care Service, there is a real opportunity for underpinning fair work in social care and delivering national sectoral bargaining for social care workers.”

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-07538.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07538 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Addressing the Crisis in the NHS and Social Care), leave out from “, and believes” to end and insert “; recognises in evidence of this fact that the 62-day cancer treatment target has not been met in a decade, and that the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services target has never been met since its introduction in 2014, and calls on the Scottish Government to take action by introducing new crisis maximum waiting times, increasing GP capacity by introducing a full electronic repeat prescription system, introducing an NHS care app to allow patients to see live hospital waiting times, introducing prehab for those awaiting treatment, and expanding rehabilitation and assessment in the community and home (ReACH) teams across all health boards to prevent older individuals from having to return to hospital.”

After debate, amendment S6M-07538.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-07538.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the unprecedented pressure that NHS and care staff have faced over the winter and thanks them for all their efforts in caring for the people of Scotland at this challenging time; notes that these are challenges that are being faced across the UK and beyond; recognises that the triple impact of Brexit, the COVID-19 pandemic and the UK Government’s cost of living crisis has exacerbated the pressures faced by the health service; believes that freedom of movement within Europe would be beneficial to help addressing recruitment challenges, and that the only route to securing that is membership of the European Union; welcomes that constructive industrial relations in Scotland’s health service mean that Scotland is the only part of the UK not experiencing strike action from health staff this winter; notes the ongoing £1 billion NHS Recovery Plan, which is supporting new ways of delivering care that are creating additional capacity for inpatients, day case patients and outpatients, including investment to support the four National Treatment Centres (NTC) due to open over 2023; recognises that the expanded NTC network will provide additional capacity of eight additional orthopaedic theatres, an additional inpatient/day case ward, five endoscopy rooms and two general theatres, initially providing over 12,250 additional procedures, dependent on workforce; welcomes the Scottish Government’s draft Budget, which included additional investment to increase adult social care wages, and believes that, through the creation of the National Care Service, there is a real opportunity for underpinning fair work in social care and delivering national sectoral bargaining for social care workers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish and UK Government Selection of Green Freeports.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07557—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 25 January 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 26 January 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Transport Projects Review 2

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 January 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 2 as noted above.

6. Developing an Economy Driven by New Robotic Technology at Heriot-Watt University: The Parliament debated S6M-07286 in the name of Gordon MacDonald— That the Parliament commends the ongoing research at the newly opened National Robotarium, based at the Heriot-Watt University campus in Edinburgh and developed in partnership with the University of Edinburgh; understands that the centre is the largest and most advanced applied research facility for robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) in the UK; further understands that the National Robotarium is supported through the £1.3 billion Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal; considers that the National Robotarium has unrivalled technology and facilities, central to the development and testing of robotics and AI solutions across the three distinct areas of robotics and autonomous systems, human and robot interaction, and high-precision manufacturing; understands that the centre leverages existing research and industry expertise to address global challenges in areas such as hazardous environments, offshore energy, manufacturing, construction, healthcare, human-robot interaction, assisted living, and agritech; applauds what it sees as the ability of the National Robotarium to move innovative products and services rapidly from laboratory to market, to develop new prototypes, and support early stage product development within an incubator environment that drives productivity; thanks staff and researchers at the centre for promoting what it considers Scotland's role as a world-leading international hub for robotics, autonomous systems and AI, and notes the view that Scotland will need to develop a manufacturing base and train a qualified workforce in order to embrace new opportunities in a future economy driven by modern robotic technology.

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm.

No. 66, Thursday 19 January 2023

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Fire Brigades Union DECON Campaign: The Parliament debated S6M-06671 in the name of Maggie Chapman—That the Parliament commends the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) in Scotland for leading the DECON Campaign, whose aim is to protect the health and save the lives of firefighters by reducing exposure to harmful contaminants that cause cancer and disease; recognises what it sees as the fundamental role that research and data play in fully understanding the risks that firefighters face in their day-to-day working lives; understands that in 2022 the World Health Organization declared occupational exposure experienced by firefighters as carcinogenic, a preventable cause of human cancer; further understands that, in the UK, the FBU, alongside Professor Anna Stec from the University of Central Lancashire, has led research into the links between cancer and firefighting, as well as best practices that can help mitigate potential risks from fire contaminants, including commissioning and working with independent researchers to develop a Firefighters Cancer and Disease Registry; applauds the FBU and its partners for producing best practice guidance and training for firefighters alongside the DECON campaign; understands that DECON is the largest study of its kind in the UK; expresses its solidarity with all involved in the campaign, and wishes them every success in improving the lives of firefighters in the North East Scotland region, more widely across Scotland and throughout the UK.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy.

6. Carbon Neutral Islands Project – First Steps Towards Decarbonisation: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-07558—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's publication of a progress report on the Carbon Neutral Islands Project; notes that the first steps to support the six islands towards becoming fully carbon neutral by 2040 are underway; recognises that the six islands included in the project will act as lighthouse communities, spreading knowledge and good practices to other Scottish islands; acknowledges that communities are at the heart of the project and that they will be supported to take advantage of the opportunities that the transition to net zero presents; continues to support this initiative and the soon-to-be-published community climate change action plans, and acknowledges that the six Carbon Neutral Islands will demonstrate Scotland's climate change ambitions on the international stage.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-07558.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07558 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Carbon Neutral Islands Project - First Steps Towards Decarbonisation), insert at end “; welcomes UK Government investment in carbon-reducing initiatives on Scotland’s islands, such as the work of Reflex Orkney; notes the good work currently underway at a local level in many island communities; believes that Carbon Neutral Islands can only be achieved through a co-ordinated cross-government approach; emphasises that the desired outcome will require adequate, timely and demonstrably beneficial, targeted investment and resource in transport to and within the islands; recognises the need for a fit-for-purpose ferry fleet that achieves equally carbon-neutral objectives, adequate EV charging or hydrogen alternatives and opportunities to enable islanders, businesses and public transport to move to non-carbon or electric vehicles; advocates for a holistic approach to housing stock and insulation, transport, localised energy provision and storage and support for small businesses working towards net-zero operability, and believes that full decarbonisation of these islands will only be successful if all cogs of the governmental wheel back up that ambition with suitable investment.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 60 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-07558.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07558 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Carbon Neutral Islands Project - First Steps Towards Decarbonisation), insert at end “; recognises that the cost of living crisis is hitting some of the islands’ communities hardest, including fuel poverty being highest among some of the islands that are not included in the Carbon Neutral Islands Project, and therefore awaits Scottish Government plans to assist all islands during the energy crisis; calls for guarantees that a just transition for workers is included in all areas of the strategy, and believes that the Scottish Government, UK Government, local authorities and all other island-related agencies must be involved to truly reach net zero.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S6M-07558.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07558 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Carbon Neutral Islands Project - First Steps Towards Decarbonisation), insert at end “, which it believes must also be underpinned by a commitment to decarbonise lifeline ferry services across all routes that serve Scotland’s island communities.”

After debate, the amendment pre-empted (DT).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's publication of a progress report on the Carbon Neutral Islands Project; notes that the first steps to support the six islands towards becoming fully carbon neutral by 2040 are underway; recognises that the six islands included in the project will act as lighthouse communities, spreading knowledge and good practices to other Scottish islands; acknowledges that communities are at the heart of the project and that they will be supported to take advantage of the opportunities that the transition to net zero presents; continues to support this initiative and the soon-to-be-published community climate change action plans; acknowledges that the six Carbon Neutral Islands will demonstrate Scotland's climate change ambitions on the international stage; recognises that the cost of living crisis is hitting some of the islands' communities hardest, including fuel poverty being highest among some of the islands that are not included in the Carbon Neutral Islands Project, and therefore awaits Scottish Government plans to assist all islands during the energy crisis; calls for guarantees that a just transition for workers is included in all areas of the strategy, and believes that the Scottish Government, UK Government, local authorities and all other island-related agencies must be involved to truly reach net zero.

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07585—That the Parliament agrees that—

Paul Sweeney be appointed to replace Carol Mochan as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Paul Sweeney as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Paul Sweeney as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07586—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Carol Mochan as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

No. 67, Tuesday 24 January 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Holly Cameron and Aidan Coleman, Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revised Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07629—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 24 January 2023—

delete

7.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 January 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Order Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Infrastructure Bank Bill - UK Legislation

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 26 January 2023—

after

followed by Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

insert

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of a New Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07608—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 4: 1 hour 40 minutes

Groups 5 and 6: 3 hours 40 minutes

Groups 7 and 8: 5 hours 10 minutes

Groups 9 to 11: 6 hours 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed without division: 5, 6, 7, 8

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 30, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 30, Abstentions 0)

69 (For 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 27, Abstentions 0)
12 (For 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
95 (For 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 29, Abstentions 0)
98 (For 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 28, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 30, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 28, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)

19 (For 24, Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
20 (For 28, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
21 (For 27, Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
22 (For 28, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
23 (For 28, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
24 (For 27, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
25 (For 24, Against 94 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
26 (For 28, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
27 (For 28, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
28 (For 25, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
29 (For 28, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
30 (For 28, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
31 (For 25, Against 94 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
32 (For 28, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
33 (For 28, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
34 (For 25, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
35 (For 29, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
36 (For 28, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
37 (For 25, Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
38 (For 26, Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
39 (For 26, Against 95 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
40 (For 26, Against 95 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
41 (For 29, Against 93 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
42 (For 30, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
43 (For 29, Against 93 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
44 (For 26, Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
46 (For 26, Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
47 (For 26, Against 94 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
48 (For 29, Against 93 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
49 (For 25, Against 93 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
50 (For 26, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
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54 (For 28, Against 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
56 (For 26, Against 94 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
58 (For 28, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
59 (For 26, Against 95 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
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67 (For 29, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
68 (For 30, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
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89 (For 29, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
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91 (For 28, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
93 (For 25, Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
94 (For 29, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
96 (For 33, Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
97 (For 29, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
99 (For 28, Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
101 (For 30, Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
103 (For 28, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
104 (For 29, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
100 (For 29, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
102 (For 29, Against 91 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
105 (For 26, Against 93 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)
106 (For 27), Against 92 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 13

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 45, 3, 4, 55, 57, 62, 63, 65, 66, 71, 75, 79, 92

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

6. 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 be brought forward to 9.03 pm

The motion was agreed to.

7. Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-07600—That the Parliament agrees that the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to by division ((DT) For 90 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 30, Abstain 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

No. 68, Wednesday 25 January 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands and then on Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Minister.
- 2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the Scottish Prison Service's Gender Identity and Gender Reassignment Policy Review, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown).
- 3. Homeless Emergency:** Miles Briggs moved S6M-07613—That the Parliament recognises the large number of homeless people in Scotland, people in temporary accommodation and people on social housing waiting lists; expresses particular concern at the number of vulnerable people in these categories, such as veterans, children and disabled people, and calls on the Scottish Government to declare a homeless emergency and to prioritise finding suitable accommodation for people in need.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-07613.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07613 in the name of Miles Briggs (Homeless Emergency), leave out from “expresses” to end and insert “shares concern at all people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, which is why tackling homelessness is a national priority through the joint Scottish Government/COSLA Ending Homelessness Together action plan; acknowledges that a Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group, co-chaired by Shelter Scotland and the Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers, has been established with the aim of reducing the number of households in temporary accommodation; notes that the Scottish Government has delivered 115,558 affordable homes since 2007, of which, over 81,300 were for social rent, including 20,520 council homes; notes the Scottish Government's intention to legislate on both homelessness prevention and the right to housing in this parliamentary session; regrets that the UK Government's mismanagement of the economy has caused increased inflation and significant rises in energy and basic day-to-day living costs, which has led to a cost of living crisis affecting most households that has a disproportionate impact on those on the lowest incomes, and calls on the UK Government to use all the powers at its disposal to tackle the cost of living crisis on the scale required, remove the so-called bedroom tax and benefit cap, increase the Local Housing Allowance, which, as of 2023-24, has been frozen for the third year, and change the no recourse to public funds rules to allow all people, regardless of their nationality, to access homelessness support.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-07613.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07613 in the name of Miles Briggs (Homeless Emergency), insert at end “; notes that the continued lack of sufficient funds for local authorities granted by the Scottish Government is having a direct effect on the ability of councils to meaningfully tackle the housing emergency in Scotland; urges the Scottish Government to designate a single housing minister with overall and direct responsibility for tackling Scotland’s housing emergency and addressing the housing needs of people in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to use all the policy levers at its disposal to tackle this crisis, including reversing the delay to its proposed Housing Bill, urgently extending and revamping the Home Owners’ Support Fund Mortgage to Shared Equity scheme, and making changes to its affordable housing supply programme grant rules to facilitate the purchases of properties with tenants in-situ to expand stock and prevent further homelessness.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 71 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the large number of homeless people in Scotland, people in temporary accommodation and people on social housing waiting lists; shares concern at all people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, which is why tackling homelessness is a national priority through the joint Scottish Government/COSLA Ending Homelessness Together action plan; acknowledges that a Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group, co-chaired by Shelter Scotland and the Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers, has been established with the aim of reducing the number of households in temporary accommodation; notes that the Scottish Government has delivered 115,558 affordable homes since 2007, of which, over 81,300 were for social rent, including 20,520 council homes; notes the Scottish Government’s intention to legislate on both homelessness prevention and the right to housing in this parliamentary session; regrets that the UK Government’s mismanagement of the economy has caused increased inflation and significant rises in energy and basic day-to-day living costs, which has led to a cost of living crisis affecting most households that has a disproportionate impact on those on the lowest incomes, and calls on the UK Government to use all the powers at its disposal to tackle the cost of living crisis on the scale required, remove the so-called bedroom tax and benefit cap, increase the Local Housing Allowance, which, as of 2023-24, has been frozen for the third year, and change the no recourse to public funds rules to allow all people, regardless of their nationality, to access homelessness support.

4. Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs: Miles Briggs moved S6M-07614— That the Parliament believes that building new homes is the best way to address the housing crisis; expresses disappointment that the Scottish Government missed its housebuilding target deadline by a year; is dismayed by the cuts to the housing budget in the Scottish Government’s proposed Budget 2023-24 and that residents in Scotland will be forced to pay higher property taxes than in the rest of the UK; believes that restrictions on rent and evictions reduce investment in housing markets; recognises that Scotland is currently experiencing a housing crisis, and calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise the delivery of new homes, particularly for the social rent sector and in rural and remote areas.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-07614.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07614 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs), leave out from “building new” to end and insert “everyone should have access to a warm and affordable home that meets their needs; notes that the previous 50,000 affordable homes target was met in March 2022 following delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes that global supply issues, rising costs and the impact of Brexit have affected the delivery of homes; acknowledges that £752 million is being made available in 2023-24 as part of more than £3.5 billion in the current parliamentary session towards the delivery of the Scottish Government’s commitment to delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, of which at least 70% will be for social rent and 10% in remote, rural and island communities, and agrees with the importance of giving tenants stability in their housing costs and housing security at a time of an unprecedented rise in the cost of living.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-07614.1 was pre-empted.

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-07614.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07614 in the name of Miles Briggs (Delivering the Homes Scotland Needs), leave out from “expresses” to end and insert “urges the Scottish Ministers to remove local authorities’ liability for additional dwelling supplement when purchasing second hand and off-the-shelf homes, which risks councils’ ability to increase affordable stock; agrees that the UK Government’s disastrous mini-budget has vastly increased lending costs for owner occupiers, registered social landlords and investors in all housing tenures, exacerbating Scotland’s housing and cost of living crisis; believes that protections for tenants, and proposed changes to the Home Owners’ Support Fund Mortgage to Shared Equity scheme, which would reduce equity requirements and increase price thresholds to reflect true house values, are vital interventions to support people to stay in their homes during a cost of living crisis made worse by the UK Conservative administration; believes that urgent interventions are required to unlock the 67,152 empty and second homes across Scotland and return them to their primary purpose as residential dwellings; is disappointed that the Scottish Government missed its housebuilding target deadline by a year; is dismayed by the cuts to the housing budget in the Scottish Government’s proposed Budget 2023-24; notes with concern further declines in affordable housing approvals and starts in the year to September 2022, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently prioritise the delivery of new homes, particularly for the social rent sector and in rural and remote areas.”

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that everyone should have access to a warm and affordable home that meets their needs; notes that the previous 50,000 affordable homes target was met in March 2022 following delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; further notes that global supply issues, rising costs and the impact of Brexit have affected the delivery of homes; acknowledges that £752 million is being made available in 2023-24 as part of more than £3.5 billion in the current parliamentary session towards the delivery of the Scottish Government's commitment to delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032, of which at least 70% will be for social rent and 10% in remote, rural and island communities, and agrees with the importance of giving tenants stability in their housing costs and housing security at a time of an unprecedented rise in the cost of living.

5. Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-07615—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 12 December 2022; agrees not to give consent to the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Bill to restrict the geographical application of clause 42, or to otherwise make it a requirement for it to seek the consent of the Scottish Ministers when making provision within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, in order to properly respect devolved responsibilities.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

6. Public Order Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-07617—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant amendments of the Public Order Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 9 November 2022, relating to the extension of existing powers at Part II of the Public Order Act 1986 to the British Transport Police (BTP) in Scotland for policing public processions and assemblies on the railway, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. UK Infrastructure Bank Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-07616—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 11 May 2022 and subsequently amended, relating to the investment activities of the UK Infrastructure Bank in Scotland so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive function of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07643—That the Parliament—

(a) the following programme of—

Tuesday 31 January 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Three Years On - Brexit and Workers' Rights

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Electoral Reform Consultation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Budget 2023-24

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 February 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2023-24

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 January 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-07643.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07643 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from “Scottish Government Debate: Three Years On – Brexit and Workers' Rights” to “Tuesday 7 February” and insert—

“Scottish Government Debate: Three Years On – Brexit and Workers' Rights

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Electoral Reform Consultation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

1.40 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.40pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans; Education and Skills

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 7 February 2023."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to by division: For 21, Against 96 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to by division: For 101 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 21, Abstentions 0).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07644—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/375) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 0, Abstentions 34).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07645—That the Parliament agrees that the Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07646—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Criminal Justice Committee be

designated as a secondary committee, in consideration of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. Future of Childcare: The Parliament debated S6M-07412 in the name of Meghan Gallacher—That the Parliament notes what it considers the serious concerns reportedly raised by stakeholders in the Central Scotland region and throughout the country regarding the roll-out of the 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare programme; understands that the issues raised by nursery owners in the private, voluntary and independent sector relate to the fairness of the 1,140 hours roll-out and their ability to run a successful business while providing first-class childcare; notes the reported comments by the National Day Nurseries Association that what it considers the emerging “crisis” in the early learning and childcare sector is attributed to the growth of the local authority sector and the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that the Scottish Government has failed to address embedded issues such as staffing, childminders leaving the profession and private nursery pay, which have led to this reported crisis; considers that the Scottish Government has a responsibility to ensure that this programme is a success, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to address these issues as a matter of urgency to secure the future of the 1,140 hours programme, in order to give children the best possible start in life.

The meeting closed at 7.04 pm.

No. 69, Thursday 26 January 2023

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Holocaust Memorial Day 2023:** The Parliament debated S6M-07477 in the name of Fergus Ewing— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of continuing to impart the lessons of the Holocaust to each generation; considers that the Holocaust was the systematic attempt by a genocidal regime in Europe to murder all Jewish people on the continent between the years 1941 and 1945, with six million men, women and children tragically losing their lives; notes that the annual Holocaust Memorial Day will be held on 27 January 2023, and that the chosen theme for this year's event is "ordinary people"; recognises that this particular theme has been chosen to highlight the ordinary people who were involved in all elements of, not just the Holocaust, but later genocides including in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur; acknowledges that, to better understand ordinary people, the theme has been subdivided into five categories: perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses and crucially, victims; further acknowledges that, according to the theme, particular groups of people do not always belong to just one of the categories, with railway workers cited as an example where some in this job at the time of the Holocaust are considered as perpetrators, for driving trains to concentration camps, and others as rescuers, for hiding Jewish people; understands that the theme can be widened to include ordinary locations and sites, including schools and hospitals, as such buildings can be used to perpetrate genocide; notes that the theme also highlights that there are extraordinary individuals in all genocides, including those who were part of what it considers remarkable efforts to rescue and save the lives of people targeted by murderous regimes, and believes that underpinning the theme is the powerful narrative that everyone living today is an ordinary person, who is able to be extraordinary in their actions through making the choice to challenge prejudice, stand up against hatred, and speak out against identity-based persecution.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Ministers.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Strategic Transport Projects Review 2.
6. **Scottish Budget 2023-24:** Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-07602—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Appointment of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland: Christine Grahame, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-07650—That the Parliament agrees to the appointment of Ian Bruce as the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07666—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 15.2.1 of Standing Orders be suspended on 1 February 2023.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 25, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.23 pm.

No. 70, Tuesday 31 January 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Fr Matthew Carlin, Parish Priest of St Francis of Assisi Parish, Port Glasgow, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07734—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 31 January 2023—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on the Management of Transgender Individuals within Prison Custody

(b) Thursday 2 February 2023—

after

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

followed by Members' Business

Russell Findlay moved amendment S6M-07734.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07734 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out “Ministerial Statement” and insert “First Minister’s Statement”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to by division: For 51, Against 67, Abstentions 0.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Update on the Management of Transgender Individuals within Prison Custody.

5. Three Years On - Brexit and Workers' Rights: The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-07710—That the Parliament acknowledges that, post-Brexit, the UK Government’s Retained EU Law

Bill poses a significant risk to workers' rights; further acknowledges that this is further compounded by anti-trade union legislation, such as the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022, and the new Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill; agrees that a progressive approach to industrial relations along with greater, not fewer, protections for workers is at the heart of a fairer and stronger economy; recognises trade unions as key social partners in delivering economic and social aspiration, and as vital for ensuring that the voices of workers are heard; calls on the UK Government not to erode the hard-won rights of workers, and confirms it is committed to continuing to work in partnership as it responds to the current crisis posed by UK Government legislation post-Brexit.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S6M-07710.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07710 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Three Years On - Brexit and Workers' Rights), leave out from "acknowledges that, post-Brexit" to end and insert "welcomes the UK's proud record of protecting and enhancing workers' rights and welcomes the fact that it has gone further than the EU in a number of areas; notes that, from April 2023, the UK's minimum wage of £10.42 per hour will be among the highest in the world; understands that maternity leave entitlement is nearly three times higher in the UK compared to the EU equivalent and that the UK introduced the right to paternity leave 17 years before the EU did; recognises that the UK Government is working with industry to reduce labour shortages through programmes such as the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme, and calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government to ensure that workers in Scotland continue to experience the high standard of rights that they rightly expect."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-07710.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07710 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Three Years On - Brexit and Workers' Rights), leave out from "anti-trade" to end and insert "the UK Conservative administration's anti-trade union legislation, such as the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses (Amendment) Regulations 2022, and the new Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill; agrees that a progressive approach to industrial relations along with greater, not fewer, protections for workers is at the heart of a fairer and stronger economy; recognises trade unions as key social partners in delivering economic and social aspiration, and as vital for ensuring that the voices of workers are heard; calls on the UK Government not to erode the hard-won rights of workers; further calls on the UK and Scottish Governments to work together to solve the problems of the post-Brexit settlement over workers' rights in a way that respects devolution and does not sideline the devolved legislatures, and notes that the next UK General Election is the best opportunity for replacing the current UK Conservative administration, repealing its anti-union legislation and reinforcing workers' rights with a better deal for workers, including ending fire-and-rehire practices, banning zero hour contracts, and delivering government-backed pay negotiations between unions and employers on a sector by sector basis."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

6. Committee Announcement: Claire Baker, on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, made an announcement on Inquiries into Just Transition for the Grangemouth Area and Disabled Employment Gap.

7. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07735—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 February 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Day of Women and Girls in Science

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2023-24

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 February 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 February 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-07735.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07735 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from “Tuesday 7 February 2023” to “*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund” and insert—

Tuesday 7 February 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Teacher Strikes

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to by division: For 54, Against 66, Abstentions 0.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07736—That the Parliament agrees that Paul Sweeney be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 and 8 as noted above.

10. Concern Regarding Youth Vaping: The Parliament debated S6M-07290 in the name of Siobhian Brown—That the Parliament notes reports of concern regarding vaping and a surge in young people using e-cigarettes; believes that vaping products are not for children, young people or non-smokers and are useful only as a potential route towards stopping smoking; understands from reports that there is potentially strong evidence that e-cigarettes, which can be bright and colourful and come in thousands of e-liquid flavours, can increase attractiveness to children and young people; further understands that the long-term risks of vaping cannot yet be definitively confirmed by research studies; considers that these products are not harmless and are a risk to the long-term health of young people, and notes the view that it is important to highlight this for forthcoming generations in Ayr and across the country.

11. Motion Without Notice: Siobhian Brown moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm.

No. 71, Wednesday 1 February 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then on Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Electoral Reform Consultation: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-07721—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government’s consultation on electoral reform, which seeks views on how to improve the process of taking part in elections for voters, candidates, campaigners, and administrators; welcomes that the proposals in the consultation include improvements in relation to standing for election, the accessibility of voting, the scheduling of elections, campaigning, and the administration and governance of elections; notes that views are sought on a range of measures introduced by the UK Elections Act 2022 and the impact they have on Scottish devolved elections, and encourages interested individuals and organisations to respond to the consultation and ensure their views are heard before the consultation closes on 15 March 2023.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-07721.1

As an amendment to motion S6M-07721 in the name of George Adam (Electoral Reform Consultation), insert at end “; acknowledges that the safeguarding of young people must be at the heart of any proposal, and believes that any new measures that affect candidacy and voting rights should be subject to a full impact assessment.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government’s consultation on electoral reform, which seeks views on how to improve the process of taking part in elections for voters, candidates, campaigners, and administrators; welcomes that the proposals in the consultation include improvements in relation to standing for election, the accessibility of voting, the scheduling of elections, campaigning, and the administration and governance of elections; notes that views are sought on a range of measures introduced by the UK Elections Act 2022 and the impact they have on Scottish devolved elections; encourages interested individuals and organisations to respond to the consultation and ensure their views are heard before the consultation closes on 15 March 2023; acknowledges that the safeguarding of young people must be at the heart of any proposal, and believes that any new measures that affect candidacy and voting rights should be subject to a full impact assessment.

3. Committee remits: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07746—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the remit of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be amended—

To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, with the exception of matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare.

(b) the name and remit of the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee be amended—

Name of Committee: Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands; and on matters relating to rural land use, wildlife crime and animal welfare falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07747—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Monday 8 May 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. 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 be brought forward to 4.38 pm. The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 4 as noted above.

7. Heart Month, February 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-07161 in the name of Paul McLennan —That the Parliament recognises that February 2023 is heart month; understands that ischaemic heart disease is still the single biggest killer in Scotland and that British Heart Foundation Scotland estimates that 11,000 people in East Lothian and 700,000 people in Scotland are currently living with the effects of heart disease; further understands that British Heart Foundation currently funds £53.1 million in ongoing research in Scotland across 10 universities in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, St Andrews and Stirling, which is 54% of publicly funded cardiovascular research, and notes that British Heart Foundation Scotland's priorities for heart disease services in East Lothian and across Scotland are to tackle heart disease risk factors, ensure timely and equitable care, and improve the collection and use of data.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

No. 72, Thursday 2 February 2023

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Scottish Government Commissioned Review of ME Services and Future Action: The Parliament debated S6M-06112 in the name of Sue Webber—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Government commissioned and welcomed an independently-produced stakeholder review of the NICE guideline on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), published on 5 July 2022; further notes that the review states that myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) or chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) is a complex chronic medical condition affecting an estimated 250,000 people in the UK and that around 20,000 people in Scotland are living with the condition, including in the Lothian region; highlights the four key symptoms characteristic of the condition, which are debilitating fatigue that is worsened by activity, post-exertional malaise (PEM)/symptom exacerbation, unrefreshing sleep and/or sleep disturbance, and cognitive dysfunction, and which affect multiple physiological systems and can fluctuate from mild to very severe in individuals and across the population affected; understands that the review recommends consideration be given to identifying the most effective approaches to improving GP knowledge, confidence and understanding of ME/CFS through an appropriate education programme, and further understands that the review recommends that pilot services should be funded in a selection of NHS boards to test the development of specialist services with patient involvement and third sector collaboration embedded in the design.

4. Motion Without Notice: Sue Webber moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-07727—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 56, Abstentions 0)

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

8. Male Suicide in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-06977 in the name of Jim Fairlie—That the Parliament is concerned by Scotland's suicide rate and the latest statistics showing that 75.03% of people who died by suicide in 2021 were men, continuing a long-term trend whereby men are more likely than women to take their

own life across all age groups; notes that in Perth and Kinross, during 2017-2021, the overall rate of suicide was 16.8 per 100,000, which is higher than the national average of 14.1 per 100,000; understands that suicide is a complex behaviour and there is rarely a single factor involved, but that there is strong evidence of associations with financial difficulties and mental health; is concerned, in the midst of an ongoing and deepening cost of living crisis, by the statistic from Samaritans Scotland, highlighted at a recent Cost of Living Summit, that men living in the most deprived areas are up to 10 times more at risk of suicide than those living in the most affluent areas; welcomes the Scottish Government's 10-year strategy to tackle the factors and inequalities that can lead to suicide; commends groups such as Andy's Man Club that offer a safe environment for men to talk about issues and problems that they have faced and are currently facing, and notes the view that, by discussing this issue openly, MSPs can follow what it sees as this good example, which could have an effect in reducing existing stigma and encouraging people across Scotland to have important conversations addressing their mental health.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

No. 73, Tuesday 7 February 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Carol Wilde, Communication Director Scotland, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07834—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 7 February 2023—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Protecting Teacher Numbers and Children's Learning Hours at School

(b) Wednesday 8 February 2023—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: A9 Dualling Update

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government's Response to the Second Round of the Levelling Up Fund.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting Teacher Numbers and Children’s Learning Hours at School.

6. Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-07805—That the Parliament notes the updated social security programme business case; recognises the delivery of 12 Scottish social security benefits, seven of which are new forms of support only available in Scotland, including the Scottish Child Payment, which is a vital part of the collective national mission to tackle child poverty; acknowledges the imminent payment of the Scottish Government’s 13th benefit, the Winter Heating Payment, which, in 2022-23, will provide 415,000 low-income households with a reliable £50 payment, and thereafter an annual reliable payment, backed by approximately £20 million; acknowledges the UK Government’s contribution to the joint programme of delivery of Scottish Government benefits, and that the commitment of both governments will be required to deliver the programme business case; looks forward to the introduction of further Scottish Government benefits; agrees that social security is an essential investment in the people of Scotland; appreciates the important financial support that Scottish Government benefits provide to people, particularly during the current cost of living crisis, and welcomes the record investment of £5.2 billion in benefit expenditure in 2023-24, which will provide meaningful support to over one million people, including low-income households, disabled people and carers.

Jeremy Balfour moved amendment S6M-07805.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07805 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case), insert at end “; acknowledges that the Parliament was only given sight of the updated social security programme business case one day before it was debated; notes that the Winter Heating Payment will not be paid to many households until March 2023, which will likely be after the worst of the winter weather is over, and affirms that the Scottish Government’s social security programme has run over budget and over time and, in many cases, has underdelivered for the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-07805.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07805 in the name of Ben Macpherson (Update on the Social Security Programme Business Case), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “notes that the Scottish Government has ceded control of vital benefits to the Department for Work and Pensions until the second half of the decade, creating a further year’s delay for hundreds of thousands of potential recipients of Scottish benefits; further notes that costs for delivering the social security programme are spiralling out of control, with higher than predicted estimates for IT and staffing; acknowledges that the Scottish Government’s changes to the winter payment will leave many people in Scotland out of pocket over winter, during a cost of living crisis; calls on the Scottish Government to

commit to no one losing out financially from its new Winter Heating Payment, and notes that the lack of transparency on plans to fund increased costs of Social Security Scotland’s implementation have led to the inability of key organisations such as Audit Scotland to properly scrutinise Scottish Government policy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

7. 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 be brought forward to 4.58 pm.

The motion was agreed to

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

9. UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill: The Parliament debated S6M-07485 in the name of Martin Whitfield—That the Parliament notes that 16 March 2023 will mark two years since, it considers, the Scottish Parliament committed to delivering a “revolution in children’s rights”, by unanimously passing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill; believes that, by taking what it sees as a maximalist approach to incorporating children’s rights into Scots law, Scotland would deliver a fundamental cultural shift that would transform the life chances and outcomes for children and young people, including in the South Scotland region; understands that the Bill was passed after over 10 years of campaigning by children, young people and their families, and was supported by children’s organisations across Scotland; acknowledges reports that the passage of the Bill was celebrated widely by children and young people through to teachers, social workers, the police, MSPs across all political parties and members of UN committees; accepts that the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom ruled that the Bill needs to be amended to bring it within the competence of the Scottish Parliament; welcomes the Deputy First Minister’s commitment to address the Supreme Court judgment through the Scottish Parliament’s reconsideration process; acknowledges the view that children and young people still do not know what timescale the Scottish Government is working to, or how long this process will take, and understands that, as the second anniversary of the Bill being passed approaches, charities are urging MSPs to set out to children their continued commitment to the incorporation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into Scots law and to supporting reconsideration of the Bill that brings it within the Parliament’s competence, and are requesting that the Scottish Government sets out a timescale for the reconsideration process so that children and young people know when UNCRC incorporation will be a reality in their lives.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

No. 74, Wednesday 8 February 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then on Finance and the Economy, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on A9 Dualling Update.
- 3. Addressing the Crisis in NHS Dentistry:** Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S6M-07812—That the Parliament believes that there is a crisis in NHS dentistry; notes that the number of NHS dental check-ups and treatments being conducted are dramatically below pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels; further notes with concern that the number of dentists who are carrying out NHS work has fallen in 11 NHS boards, with the chair of the British Dental Association’s Scottish Dental Practice Committee warning of a “wholesale exodus” from the sector; understands that most dentists are not accepting new NHS patients and that polling has shown that many of those registered have been unable to get appointments; believes that the lack of government action to resolve this is leaving people in pain and will cause wider mouth health issues to be missed, and calls on the Scottish Government to rewrite the NHS Recovery Plan so that it includes dentistry fully and properly recognises the importance of dentists in the course of the recovery, and to urgently reform the funding structures so that dentists can return to taking on NHS activity and enable more patients to be seen.

The Minister for Public Health, Women’s Health and Sport (Maree Todd) moved amendment S6M-07812.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07812 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Addressing the Crisis in NHS Dentistry), leave out from the first “believes” to end and insert “recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the provision of dental services; thanks all NHS dentists, dental nurses and wider staff for their efforts to provide dental care for the people of Scotland; supports the reform of the NHS dentistry payment system to ensure that the recovery that has been seen in the last year can be built upon; understands that the bridging and multiplier arrangements supported significant increases in activity; notes that, since the start of the pandemic, dentistry has been provided with over £150 million of additional support to sustain the sector; further notes that 95.4% of people in Scotland are registered with a dentist, an increase of 44.3% since 2007; commends the work of the Childsmile programme, which is delivering preventative efforts to improve dental health now and in the future; welcomes the abolition of NHS dental charges for everyone under the age of 26, and supports the removal of all such charges by the end of the current parliamentary session.”

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-07812.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07812 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Addressing the Crisis in NHS Dentistry), insert at end “; believes that a root and branch reform of dental tariffs is required to ensure that dentists can holistically manage oral health; recognises what it sees as increasingly worrying

reports from dentists of poor child oral hygiene, especially in areas with higher deprivation, and a growing requirement for early tooth extractions, and believes that the Scottish Government's lack of a dentistry recovery plan will only exacerbate this growing health inequality."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-07812.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07812 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Addressing the Crisis in NHS Dentistry), after "Scottish Government to" insert "provide an update to the Parliament on the progress made in delivering on its Oral Health Improvement Plan, which was published over five years ago,".

After debate, amendment S6M-07812.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-07812.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the provision of dental services; thanks all NHS dentists, dental nurses and wider staff for their efforts to provide dental care for the people of Scotland; supports the reform of the NHS dentistry payment system to ensure that the recovery that has been seen in the last year can be built upon; understands that the bridging and multiplier arrangements supported significant increases in activity; notes that, since the start of the pandemic, dentistry has been provided with over £150 million of additional support to sustain the sector; further notes that 95.4% of people in Scotland are registered with a dentist, an increase of 44.3% since 2007; commends the work of the Childsmile programme, which is delivering preventative efforts to improve dental health now and in the future; welcomes the abolition of NHS dental charges for everyone under the age of 26, and supports the removal of all such charges by the end of the current parliamentary session.

4. Investing in the Future of Social Care: Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S6M-07813—That the Parliament thanks all those who work in the social care sector for their dedication, but believes that they have been undervalued for years; acknowledges that there is a shortage of staff working throughout social care; believes that this shortage is impacting the waiting times of those who require care packages and leading to year-on-year increases in delayed discharges, which the Scottish Government promised to eradicate within a year in 2015, contributing to the crisis in the NHS, and calls on the Scottish Government and its social care partners to reward staff with better pay, conditions and career progression, backed by the introduction of powerful national bargaining beginning in 2023-24, the acceleration of new national standards and entitlements for users, and the abolition of the SNP-Scottish Green Party administration's plans for a National Care Service, which will not address the problems, will consume considerable staff time, and will cut the funds available for social care.

The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S6M-07813.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07813 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Investing in the Future of Social Care), leave out from “but” to end and insert “and welcomes that increased funding is being delivered to ensure that all adult social care workers are paid at least the real Living Wage, and notes the desire to go further when possible; recognises that social care recruitment has faced the devastating impact of Brexit and an immovable visa system and immigration system from the UK Government; notes the impact that increased energy costs and high inflation are having on care service operators; supports the creation of the National Care Service to end the postcode lottery of care, help deliver fair work national pay bargaining for the adult social care sector, and ensure ethical commissioning of services as well as better support for unpaid carers; believes that the voices of people with lived experience must be central to the development of the National Care Service, and commends that the National Care Service will be built on local co-design and local delivery of services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-07813.2 was pre-empted.

Craig Hoy moved amendment S6M-07813.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07813 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Investing in the Future of Social Care), leave out from “, backed” to end and insert “; further calls on the Scottish Government to explain why it took back £331 million from the struggling social care sector, at a time when the sector is urgently calling for more investment; urges the Scottish Government to scrap its plans for a National Care Service, which has been derided by a variety of stakeholders, including unions, local government and Scottish Parliament committees, and calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Local Care Service underpinned by a Local Care Guarantee, which will ensure that people in Scotland are able to access social care in their local area.”

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-07813.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07813 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Investing in the Future of Social Care), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to immediately uplift social care pay to £12 per hour with a plan to raise it to £15 per hour and, as recommended in the Feeley Review, remove non-residential care charges.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 95, Abstentions 4).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament thanks all those who work in the social care sector for their dedication, and welcomes that increased funding is being delivered to ensure that all adult social care workers are paid at least the real Living Wage, and notes the desire to go further when possible; recognises that social care recruitment has faced the devastating impact of Brexit and an immovable visa system and immigration system from the UK Government; notes the impact that increased energy costs and high inflation are having on care service operators; supports the creation of the National Care Service to end the postcode lottery of care, help deliver fair work national pay bargaining for the adult social care sector, and ensure ethical commissioning of services as well as better support for unpaid carers; believes that the voices of people with lived experience must be central to the development of the National Care Service, and commends that the National Care Service will be built on local co-design and local delivery of services.

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07836—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 February 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 February 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Shark Fins Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 February 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Marking One Year of War in Ukraine

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 February 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Economy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Retail and Town Centres in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 February 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07837—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 23 June 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07838—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Council Tax Reduction Review Panel) Regulations 2023 [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-07839—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07840—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Valuation Appeals Committees) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07841—That the Parliament agrees that the Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Valuation for Rating Appeal Functions of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07842—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07843—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Public Audit Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as Members' Business on Thursday 23 February 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07844—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S6M-04616 and under Rule 2.3.1, that the parliamentary recess dates of 1 July to 27 August 2023 (inclusive) be replaced with 1 July to 3 September 2023 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

15. Cervical Cancer Prevention Week: The Parliament debated S6M-07546 in the name of Ruth Maguire — That the Parliament recognises that 23 to 29 January 2023 is Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, which encourages women to reduce their risk of the disease by promoting the steps that they can take to look after their health; understands that cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer among women globally, with nine new diagnoses and two women losing their lives every day in the UK; is concerned by the reported statistic from Jo’s Cervical Cancer Trust that one in three women and people with a cervix do not take up their screening invite; highlights tools such as the HPV vaccination and cervical screening, which can help screen and prevent, and, it considers, one day end, cervical cancer; notes the support for the global strategy for cervical cancer elimination, which suggests that each country should meet the 90-70-90 targets by 2030; acknowledges that these targets are for 90% of girls to be fully vaccinated with the HPV vaccine by the age of 15, for 70% of women to be screened using a high-performance test by the age of 35, and again by the age of 45, and for 90% of women with pre-cancer to be treated, and 90% of women with invasive cancer to be managed; understands that cervical cancer is preventable and curable, as long as it is detected early and managed effectively, and notes the calls for all women and people with a cervix to attend invitations to screening appointments and vaccinations.

16. Final Report of the Independent Oversight and Assurance Group on Tayside’s Mental Health Services: The Parliament debated S6M-07514 in the name of Michael Marra — That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the final report from the Independent Oversight and Assurance Group on Tayside’s Mental Health Services; understands that the report tracks progress against the 51 recommendations made by Dr David Strang in his report, Trust and Respect; recognises that the group has met with staff, third sector and community groups, patients and families while compiling the report; notes the view that progress has been made, including on changes of leadership and clarifying of roles; believes that the report also highlights key areas where recommendations have not seen sufficient action taken, including in the areas of strategic planning, staff appraisals, governance and public performance reporting; thanks the oversight group and all those who contributed to its work, and notes the calls for reassurances that outstanding recommendations will be enacted.

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm.

No. 75, Thursday 9 February 2023

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **UK Income Inequality:** The Parliament debated S6M-07249 in the name of Emma Roddick—That the Parliament notes with alarm a recent Financial Times analysis, which shows the scale of income inequality in the UK relative to other countries in Europe; records its concern over the implications for people across Scotland, including rural and island constituents in the Highlands and Islands, amid what it considers an unprecedented cost of living crisis; recognises that, according to the analysis, the average Slovenian household is set to be better off than its British counterpart by 2024, and that the richest will get richer; believes that this analysis has reinforced the findings of the Scottish Government's Building a New Scotland papers, which, it considers, demonstrate how independent European countries comparable to Scotland are wealthier and fairer than the UK, and considers that it is important to learn from comparator countries and create a fairer Scotland, combining economic dynamism with social solidarity.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
5. **International Day of Women and Girls in Science:** The Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-07852—Pam Gosal moved amendment S6M-07852.2—That the Parliament commends the International Day of Women and Girls in Science as a celebration of the achievements of generations of female scientists; recognises that female scientists and innovators are integral to Scotland's world-leading science and research excellence, and addressing the global challenges faced; affirms its commitment to tackle gender inequality across different areas of the education and learning landscape, and commends the support given by a range of organisations in helping to drive forward the Scottish Government's commitment to gender equality in science.

Pam Gosal moved amendment S6M-07852.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07852 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (International Day of Women and Girls in Science), insert at end “; notes that the Parliament must build on the work being done by a range of organisations to inspire young women and girls to engage in science and STEM subjects from early years education and throughout their education journey; recognises the need to improve diversity and inclusion for women; commits to exploring further pathways to ensure that no woman is denied the ability to enter the science and STEM sector as a result of their gender, ethnicity or disability, and further commits to removing the barriers that are hindering diversity and inclusion in science.”

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-07852.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07852 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (International Day of Women and Girls in Science), insert at end “; recognises that gender inequality in participation in science and other STEM subjects starts at a young age, and considers that Scotland’s schools have a vital role to play in ensuring that STEM subjects are available to young women and encouraging young women to consider careers in science.”

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament commends the International Day of Women and Girls in Science as a celebration of the achievements of generations of female scientists; recognises that female scientists and innovators are integral to Scotland’s world-leading science and research excellence, and addressing the global challenges faced; affirms its commitment to tackle gender inequality across different areas of the education and learning landscape; commends the support given by a range of organisations in helping to drive forward the Scottish Government’s commitment to gender equality in science; notes that the Parliament must build on the work being done by a range of organisations to inspire young women and girls to engage in science and STEM subjects from early years education and throughout their education journey; recognises the need to improve diversity and inclusion for women; commits to exploring further pathways to ensure that no woman is denied the ability to enter the science and STEM sector as a result of their gender, ethnicity or disability; further commits to removing the barriers that are hindering diversity and inclusion in science; recognises that gender inequality in participation in science and other STEM subjects starts at a young age, and considers that Scotland’s schools have a vital role to play in ensuring that STEM subjects are available to young women and encouraging young women to consider careers in science.

6. Scottish Rate Resolution: The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-07853—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for Income Tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2023-24 are as follows—

(a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,162,

(b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,162 and up to a limit of £13,118,

(c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £13,118 and up to a limit of £31,092,

(d) a higher rate of 42%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £125,140, and

(e) a top rate of 47%, charged on income above £125,140.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to by division: For 90, Against 2, Abstentions 28).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

No. 76, Tuesday 21 February 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Rose Reilly MBE led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-07968—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.
5. **Victims Awareness Week, Championing the Rights of Crime Victims:** The Parliament debated S6M-07559 in the name of Russell Findlay—That the Parliament welcomes Victim Support Scotland’s Victims Awareness Week, which will take place from 20 to 26 February 2023; understands that the awareness week will highlight the work undertaken by Victim Support Scotland to support those affected by crime by hearing their voices, highlighting their experiences and championing their rights; notes that Victim Support Scotland is a charity that provides specialist support to people impacted by crimes, including murder, terrorism, rape and sexual assault, domestic violence and hate crime; acknowledges that the impact of crime is wide-ranging and can affect people emotionally, mentally, physically and financially; understands that the week will celebrate the practical assistance and emotional support, including financial support, that can be provided by Victim Support Scotland, and other organisations, to crime victims, their families and friends, and witnesses to empower them to cope with the aftermath of crime and move forward with their lives; notes that Victim Support Scotland also advocates for positive improvements in the criminal justice system and works alongside criminal justice partners, the third sector and local organisations, and further notes the calls on MSPs to commend the work of victim support organisations and raise awareness of what it considers the vital work that they do to help victims and survivors.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

No. 77, Wednesday 22 February 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Launching a Successful Deposit Return Scheme: Maurice Golden moved S6M-07975—That the Parliament believes that a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) can make a positive contribution to increasing the rate of recycling and reducing litter for drinks containers; recognises that the Scottish Government has been committed to introducing a DRS since 2013; welcomes the widespread support that the scheme’s environmental objectives have received from businesses, and recognises their concerns over key operational elements of the scheme; understands that businesses, and waste management experts have called for at least 18 months’ notice prior to the scheme launch, and that, with less than six months until the proposed launch, information is still required by stakeholders to both ensure compliance and maximise the operational success of the scheme; notes the findings of the Gateway Review Final Report, which stated that “...a fully functioning and compliant DRS cannot be in operation for the revised August 2023 schedule”, and calls for an urgent independent review of the launch date to enable a successful launch as soon as practically possible.

The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) moved amendment S6M-07975.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07975 in the name of Maurice Golden (Launching a Successful Deposit Return Scheme), leave out from “Scottish Government” to end and insert “Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020, which establish the approach and structure of Scotland’s DRS, were agreed by the Parliament in May 2020; welcomes the recent progress made by Circularity Scotland, SEPA, the Scottish Government and the UK Government in finalising the key operational elements of the scheme; further welcomes the package of measures recently announced by Circularity Scotland to support producers; notes that the most recent review in October 2022 concluded that ‘the DRS Programme has gained increased momentum and is in a much improved position’; understands that Scotland’s DRS will make an important contribution to cutting climate emissions, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue to take a pragmatic approach to implementation, working with industry to identify and address concerns.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-07975.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07975 in the name of Maurice Golden (Launching a Successful Deposit Return Scheme), insert at end “; acknowledges that an effective modern deposit return scheme reduces carbon emissions and waste; welcomes the changes that have been made to the proposals since the regulations were first made; recognises that concerns from

some businesses, in particular small producers and retailers, remain over operational elements of the scheme, and urges the Scottish Government to consider further changes ahead of any introduction, including a grace period for small producers, exemptions for low volume producers, and an opt-in for small retailers to ensure delivery of a viable Deposit Return Scheme that helps meet Scotland’s net zero ambitions.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

—That the Parliament believes that a Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) can make a positive contribution to increasing the rate of recycling and reducing litter for drinks containers; recognises that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Regulations 2020, which establish the approach and structure of Scotland’s DRS, were agreed by the Parliament in May 2020; welcomes the recent progress made by Circularity Scotland, SEPA, the Scottish Government and the UK Government in finalising the key operational elements of the scheme; further welcomes the package of measures recently announced by Circularity Scotland to support producers; notes that the most recent review in October 2022 concluded that ‘the DRS Programme has gained increased momentum and is in a much improved position’; understands that Scotland’s DRS will make an important contribution to cutting climate emissions, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue to take a pragmatic approach to implementation, working with industry to identify and address concerns.

3. A9 Dualling: Graham Simpson moved S6M-07977—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government’s failure to deliver on its promise to dual the A9 between Perth and Inverness by 2025 is a betrayal; recognises the vital importance of this route to the economic and social wellbeing of the communities it serves; notes the serious safety implications of failing to meet the commitment to dual, with lives lost and serious accidents having occurred since the commitment was made, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide a specific date for when a revised timescale of works and costs will be published, and to ensure that Transport Scotland publishes a quarterly update setting out progress against published targets.

The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-07977.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07977 in the name of Graham Simpson (A9 Dualling), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “acknowledges the significant investment by the Scottish Government in sustainable transport infrastructure in the Highlands, including the £330 million enhancements to the Inverness to Aberdeen railway line, the £57 million upgrade of the Highland Main Line between Perth and Inverness, the new £42 million Inverness Airport train station, passing loop and signalling, and over £430 million invested to date on dualling the A9 between Perth and Inverness; notes the progress on dualling this part of the A9, including the opening of two sections, as well as the confirmation by the Scottish Ministers that the statutory process for a further

eight sections will be completed; is concerned by the impact of Brexit and the UK Government's economic mismanagement, which have caused increased labour and material costs, on the A9 dualling programme, including the Tomatin to Moy project; welcomes the intention of the Scottish Government to engage further with the relevant local members on the A9 dualling programme and to set out a renewed timescale for completion of the dualling programme to the Parliament later in 2023, and further welcomes the early progress being made on the £5 million package of short-term measures to make the A9 safer for all road users."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-07977.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07977 in the name of Graham Simpson (A9 Dualling), insert at end “; notes the statement made by the Minister for Transport on 8 February 2023 that the Scottish Government is still ‘absolutely committed’ to dualling the A9, and believes that this project is a priority and should be progressed as a matter of urgency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

—That the Parliament acknowledges the significant investment by the Scottish Government in sustainable transport infrastructure in the Highlands, including the £330 million enhancements to the Inverness to Aberdeen railway line, the £57 million upgrade of the Highland Main Line between Perth and Inverness, the new £42 million Inverness Airport train station, passing loop and signalling, and over £430 million invested to date on dualling the A9 between Perth and Inverness; notes the progress on dualling this part of the A9, including the opening of two sections, as well as the confirmation by the Scottish Ministers that the statutory process for a further eight sections will be completed; is concerned by the impact of Brexit and the UK Government's economic mismanagement, which have caused increased labour and material costs, on the A9 dualling programme, including the Tomatin to Moy project; welcomes the intention of the Scottish Government to engage further with the relevant local members on the A9 dualling programme and to set out a renewed timescale for completion of the dualling programme to the Parliament later in 2023, and further welcomes the early progress being made on the £5 million package of short-term measures to make the A9 safer for all road users.

4. Shark Fins Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-07983—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Shark Fins Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 June 2022, and as amended at its committee stage on 16 November 2022, relating to shark finning, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the

Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07994—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 February 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Economy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Retail and Town Centres in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Dementia Strategy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Caledonian Sleeper Train

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Arctic Connections - Scotland's Growing Links with the Arctic

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 February 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-07994.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07994 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after first “*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)” insert “*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Teacher Strikes”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 57, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07995—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Energy Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4 and 6 as noted above.

8. Special Tribunal on Russian Aggression in Ukraine: The Parliament debated S6M-07345 in the name of Jenni Minto—That the Parliament notes the support, including among people in the Argyll and Bute constituency, for efforts to seek justice and accountability for the reported atrocities committed by Russian troops during their invasion of Ukraine, as well as for what it sees as the crime of the war itself; considers that the decision by the Russian Federation to launch attacks on Ukraine poses a grave challenge to the post-1945 international order; believes that, in line with international law, the invasion has provided for individual criminal responsibility for those who plan, initiate or execute wars of aggression; notes the support for the ongoing investigations into Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine, including those before the International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court and European Court of Human Rights; further notes the calls for the establishment of

an ad hoc special tribunal with a mandate to investigate and prosecute the crime of aggression allegedly committed by the political and military leadership of the Russian Federation; notes the suggestions to apply the definition of the crime of aggression based on Article 8 bis of the Rome Statute; further notes the calls for guarantees that accountability will extend to government and political officials; welcomes the reported exercise of jurisdiction by the International Criminal Court over war crimes, crimes against humanity, and attempted genocide on the territory of Ukraine; considers that Russian co-operation with such a trial may be one key metric by which we can judge that Europe is on a path towards peace; believes that a Ukrainian victory is necessary for the integrity of the international system, as are, it considers, justice and accountability for Russian crimes, and notes the view that accountability for the crime of aggression against Ukraine must be secured.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.

No. 78, Thursday 23 February 2023

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Chinese State Surveillance: The Parliament debated S6M-07832 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the reported shooting down of a Chinese state surveillance balloon over the United States on 5 February 2022; understands that this is not the first occasion that such a balloon has been deployed over the sovereign territory of another state; considers this to be a worrying expansion of attempts by the People's Republic of China to monitor and gather information in a covert way; expresses concern about the reported implications of China's National Intelligence Law regarding the ability of the state to gather private data and information from within the UK, including through those companies required to cooperate; notes the reported call by Alicia Kearns MP, Chair of the UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, for UK citizens to delete the TikTok app from their phones; further notes the reported remarks of the UK Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner, who likened the use of Hikvision technology in public surveillance infrastructure to "digital asbestos"; understands that such technology is used by public bodies across Scotland, including in Edinburgh; notes the reports of the intimidation of dissidents, challenges to freedom of expression and the existence of unofficial so-called "Chinese police stations", including in Glasgow, and notes the calls for both the Scottish and UK governments to undertake a comprehensive investigation into the reach of Chinese surveillance in Scotland.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-07997—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation in the Scottish Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum to withhold consent for the UK Government's Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

6. Marking One Year of War against Ukraine: The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) moved S6M-07998—That the Parliament condemns in the strongest possible terms the illegal Russian war against Ukraine, which began on 24 February 2022; reiterates its solidarity with the people and government of Ukraine; repeats its concern about the grave threat to the safety and security of Ukrainian citizens, and mourns each and every death caused by Russia's illegal aggression; asserts the vital importance of Ukraine defeating Russia's aggression and calls upon the international community to provide Ukraine with the necessary military, financial and humanitarian support; rejects Russia's illegal attempts to annex the Ukrainian

regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia via sham referenda; commends all countries who have welcomed displaced Ukrainians and are providing crucial life-saving humanitarian assistance to Ukrainians in need of support; thanks the organisations and people that have supported displaced Ukrainians to settle in Scotland; declares unequivocally that all Ukrainians who have made Scotland their temporary home will be welcome for as long as they need; welcomes the poignant Postcards from Ukraine exhibition hosted in the Scottish Parliament, and wishes a speedy and peaceful resolution to the war that ensures Ukrainian sovereignty, democracy, independence and territorial integrity within its internationally-recognised borders.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. 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 be brought forward to 4.57 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

No. 79, Tuesday 28 February 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Mike Gargrave, Minister, Thornliebank Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Retail and Town Centres in Scotland: Claire Baker, on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, moved S6M-07942—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy and Fair Work Committee’s 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Inquiry into Retail and Town Centres in Scotland (SP Paper 268).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government for what reason the constitution secretary reportedly referred to the statistic that Scotland has 25% of Europe’s offshore wind resources at a meeting with European delegates on 4 October and in newspaper columns of 17 and 18 October 2022, in light of an email indicating that officials had advised that the statistic was inaccurate on 28 September 2022, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson).

5. Revised Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08062—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 1 March 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland’s Deposit Return Scheme

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Dementia Strategy

insert

followed by Scottish Parliament Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 2 March 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Policing in Scotland – Ten Years on from Reform

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-08062.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08062 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland’s Deposit Return Scheme” insert “*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Teacher Strikes”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

6. Referral of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08063— That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.

8. Celebrating LGBT+ History Month: The Parliament debated S6M-07857 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick—That the Parliament recognises that February is LGBT+ History Month; notes that LGBT+ History Month exists to raise awareness of the LGBT+ community’s history and promote equality; welcomes the theme for 2023 LGBT+ History Month, “Behind the Lens”, which aims to celebrate LGBT+ people’s hard work and contributions made to the production of film and cinema from “behind

the lens”, such as directors, producers, cinematographers, screenwriters, costume designers, musical score composers, choreographers, special effects artists, makeup artists, set designers, lighting specialists, sound specialists, and support staff, such as caterers; further welcomes LGBT+ History Month’s celebration of people in all their diversity, through raising awareness and tackling prejudice with education; understands that LGBT+ History Month is coordinated by LGBT Youth Scotland, a national charity aimed at promoting health and wellbeing among LGBTQIA young people aged 13 to 25 across the country, hosting in-person and online events in partnership with other organisations; wishes all involved every success in their endeavours, and notes the call for everyone to support the campaign and raise awareness of the part that everyone can play in making Scotland a fairer, just and more equal society for all.

9. Motion Without Notice: Joe Fitzpatrick 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 6.21 pm.

No. 80, Wednesday 1 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.
- 2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-08007— That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 4, Abstentions 30).

- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.
- 4. Dementia Strategy:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved S6M-08053—That the Parliament welcomes the holding of a National Conversation to inform a New Dementia Strategy for Scotland in late 2022; recognises the key themes that have emerged from this National Conversation, including the need to change how dementia is talked about; supports the Scottish Government's commitment to challenge stigma and promote and protect the rights of people with dementia as valued citizens of Scotland, to value the importance of grassroots community projects to individuals, families and local communities, and to build on Scotland's world-leading commitment to post-diagnostic support to ensure that all people with dementia have the opportunity to benefit from it; supports the need for a long-term vision and set of priorities to improve the experiences and quality of support and services for people living with dementia and those who provide them with care and support; recognises the value of established lived experience groups, and welcomes action by the Scottish Government to build on this and work with the National Dementia Lived Experience Panel and other key stakeholders to develop a new Dementia Strategy for Scotland.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-08053.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08053 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Dementia Strategy), insert at end “; recognises that improvements in social care, primary care and delayed discharge would make a huge improvement to the quality of life of people with dementia, and calls on the Scottish Government to make these improvements at pace.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-08053.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08053 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Dementia Strategy), insert at end “; regrets that the current NHS workforce challenges are

impacting on dementia care, with timely access to diagnosis and post-diagnostic support becoming a postcode lottery, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish a plan for ending the high level of delayed discharge among dementia patients, and to improve support for people with dementia by removing non-residential social care charges and increasing the availability of care packages, supported by efforts to grow the social care workforce by delivering an immediate increase in pay to at least £12 per hour, and a plan to increase pay to £15 per hour by the end of the current parliamentary session.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 93, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland:

Maggie Chapman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-08037—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Helen Donaldson and Anne-Marie O’Hara as Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08064—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls’ Safety on Public Transport

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 8 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Women’s Day 2023 - Embrace Equity

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Reforming the Criminal Law to Address Misogyny

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Role of Local Government and its Cross-sectoral Partners in Financing and Delivering a Net-zero Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 March 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-08064.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08064 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from "*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport" to "5.00 pm Decision Time"

and insert—

"followed by Ministerial Statement: National Treatment Centres

followed by Ministerial Statement: NHS Tayside

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08065—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08066—That the Parliament agrees that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Scotland's Hospitality and Brewing Sector: The Parliament debated S6M-07499 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported current pressures facing Scotland's pubs, bars, breweries and wider hospitality sector, including in the South Scotland region; understands that the sector was amongst the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that ongoing current inflationary pressures and impacts on customer spending power makes trading exceptionally difficult; believes that Scottish hospitality businesses will not receive the 75% business rates relief that businesses in England and Wales will receive in 2023-24; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to reconsider the support on offer to the sector, and further notes with concern the number of policies being introduced or consulted on that it believes will put additional pressure on the sector, including the Deposit Return Scheme and restrictions to alcohol advertising and sponsorship.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.

No. 81, Thursday 2 March 2023

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. **Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2023:** The Parliament debated S6M-07887 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes that Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2023 will take place from 27 February to 5 March; recognises that the focus of this year's Eating Disorders Awareness week is eating disorders in males; understands that around 1.25 million people in the UK of all ages, genders, and backgrounds have these illnesses, and that around one in four people with eating disorders are male; acknowledges the work of the organisation, Beat, which is the UK's Eating Disorder charity whose mission is to end the pain and suffering caused by eating disorders; notes that the work of this organisation through its national helpline, which is supported by funding from the Scottish Government as per the recommendations of the National Review of Eating Disorder Services, exists to encourage and empower people to get help quickly; recognises the work that has been undertaken by the National Review of Eating Disorder Services Implementation Group to develop an approach for taking forward the recommendations of the review; understands that the review will pave the way to more equitable, accessible and supportive services in Scotland; encourages the Scottish Government to continue to work with NHS boards and Beat to ensure that people needing treatment in the Cunninghame North constituency, and elsewhere, have the support that they require, and wishes Beat and all those involved in this year's awareness week every success in their efforts to heighten awareness of eating disorders and their impact on society.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Policing in Scotland – 10 Years on from Reform.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Caledonian Sleeper Train.
7. **Arctic Connections – Scotland's Growing Links with the Arctic:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-08073—That the Parliament acknowledges Scotland's strategic role as the world's most northerly non-Arctic nation; agrees on the value of increasing collaboration between Scotland and its Arctic partners; welcomes the distinctive profile and reputation that Scotland has built internationally as an expert contributor to Arctic cooperation; recognises the importance of offering knowledge to promote sustainable development in the region, while learning from best practice developed there; calls for the Arctic to remain safe, stable and peaceful; acknowledges the particular threat posed to the Arctic by the climate crisis, and the need for climate action to be at the

heart of Arctic cooperation, and supports the continued engagement with Arctic states, nations and regions to pursue sustainable trade opportunities, develop joint solutions that strengthen community resilience and mark longstanding cultural ties.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-08073.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08073 in the name of Angus Robertson (Arctic Connections - Scotland's Growing Links with the Arctic), insert at end “, and acknowledges the UK Government's updated Arctic Policy Framework, which commits to cooperating with Arctic countries where necessary, as well as protecting their environment and the UK's security.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-08073.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08073 in the name of Angus Robertson (Arctic Connections - Scotland's Growing Links with the Arctic), leave out from “Scotland's strategic role” to “developed there” and insert “the value of Scotland's involvement in multilateral relations with Arctic nations; agrees on the value of increasing collaboration and building stronger relationships between Scotland and Arctic nations; recognises the importance of participation in educational programmes and sharing knowledge to promote sustainable development in the region and learn from best practice developed there; notes with concern Russia's recent changes to its Arctic Policy, which remove reference to cooperation with the Arctic Council and instead prioritise ‘the national interests of the Russian Federation’; believes that any framework for Arctic cooperation must respect sovereignty and the rule of law, and that this is incompatible with the invasion and annexation of the sovereign territory of neighbouring states”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the value of Scotland's involvement in multilateral relations with Arctic nations; agrees on the value of increasing collaboration and building stronger relationships between Scotland and Arctic nations; recognises the importance of participation in educational programmes and sharing knowledge to promote sustainable development in the region and learn from best practice developed there; notes with concern Russia's recent changes to its Arctic Policy, which remove reference to cooperation with the Arctic Council and instead prioritise ‘the national interests of the Russian Federation’; believes that any framework for Arctic cooperation must respect sovereignty and the rule of law, and that this is incompatible with the invasion and annexation of the sovereign territory of neighbouring states; calls for the Arctic to remain safe, stable and peaceful; acknowledges the particular threat posed to the Arctic by the climate crisis, and the need for climate action to be at the heart of Arctic cooperation; supports the continued engagement with Arctic states, nations and regions to pursue sustainable trade opportunities, develop joint solutions

that strengthen community resilience and mark longstanding cultural ties, and acknowledges the UK Government's updated Arctic Policy Framework, which commits to cooperating with Arctic countries where necessary, as well as protecting their environment and the UK's security.

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 be brought forward to 4.56 pm. The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.57 pm.

No. 82, Tuesday 7 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mollie Hughes, Mountaineer, Adventurer and Motivational Speaker, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

3. Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport: The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved S6M-08122—That Parliament notes the publication of new Scottish Government research on Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport; encourages operators, police authorities and other stakeholders to adopt the recommendations put forward by the report; regrets that women and girls are adapting their behaviour to try to feel safe when travelling or working on public transport; notes that wider systemic changes, supported by more practical interventions, are required, and supports a commitment to engage stakeholders in the Scottish transport sector in a summit, which will progress the recommendations from this report, to ensure that Scotland's public transport is made safer for women and girls.

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-08122.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08122 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport), insert at end “; notes the 10th anniversary of British Transport Police's (BTP) Text 61016 service in March 2023, and encourages people to use BTP's free Railway Guardian app, which helps the travelling public and rail staff to report crime to BTP and offers information on what to do if people see sexual harassment on trains or at stations.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-08122.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08122 in the name of Jenny Gilruth (Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport), insert at end “; believes that in order for women and girls to feel safe and be safe, the public transport network needs to be accessible and properly staffed; rejects proposals for any cuts to ScotRail ticket office opening hours, which would be a retrograde step in this regard, and calls for assurances that trade unions and women's organisations will be actively included in the work for safety on public transport.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That Parliament notes the publication of new Scottish Government research on Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport; encourages operators, police authorities and other stakeholders to adopt the recommendations put forward by the report;

regrets that women and girls are adapting their behaviour to try to feel safe when travelling or working on public transport; notes that wider systemic changes, supported by more practical interventions, are required; supports a commitment to engage stakeholders in the Scottish transport sector in a summit, which will progress the recommendations from this report, to ensure that Scotland's public transport is made safer for women and girls; notes the 10th anniversary of British Transport Police's (BTP) Text 61016 service in March 2023, and encourages people to use BTP's free Railway Guardian app, which helps the travelling public and rail staff to report crime to BTP and offers information on what to do if people see sexual harassment on trains or at stations.

4. 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 be brought forward to 4.59 pm.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. The Cost to Families of Imprisonment and Release: The Parliament debated S6M-07522 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the deepening financial and emotional hardship of families with a loved one in prison after a decade of austerity, the COVID-19 pandemic and the present cost of living crisis; notes the impact of what it considers this harsh reality in a new report by Families Outside, the only national charity that works solely on behalf of families in Scotland, including in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, who are affected by imprisonment; understands that one in three children in disadvantaged areas of the country are now living in poverty; believes that the cost of imprisonment is overwhelmingly borne by single women on low incomes, with single parents hit especially hard financially, along with the added adverse impact on mental health as a consequence of supporting someone in prison; notes the view that more support is needed for people on release from prison, which it considers would in turn help their families; highlights what it considers the role of prison in creating, sustaining and deepening poverty among children and families, and notes the view that more must be done to relieve what it sees as the financial and mental burden carried silently by families for too long, and to ensure that their voices are heard.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

No. 83, Wednesday 8 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then on Finance and the Economy were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. International Women’s Day 2023 – Embrace Equity: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-08137—That the Parliament welcomes the 2023 International Women’s Day theme of #EmbracingEquity, which recognises that each person has different circumstances, and that there is a need to focus resource and opportunity where it is most needed to reach an equal outcome; recognises that it is the responsibility of everyone to end the discrimination that women and girls face; acknowledges that, while much progress towards achieving equity has been made, there is more to do in Scotland and around the world to achieve and maintain equity; welcomes the independent Stewart review into increasing women’s participation in entrepreneurship; recognises and takes up the challenges given by the National Advisory Council on Women and Girls to address systemic inequality; further recognises that cultural shifts are needed alongside legislation; recognises the tireless work of organisations and communities across Scotland to promote equity and support all women, and agrees that equity is necessary for society and the economy to thrive, and that everyone should work together to embrace equity on, and beyond, International Women’s Day.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-08137.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08137 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (International Women’s Day 2023 - Embrace Equity), after “maintain equity” insert “; expresses disappointment in the backsliding of women’s rights across the world in the past year, and particularly in Iran and Afghanistan”.

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-08137.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08137 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (International Women’s Day 2023 - Embrace Equity), insert at end “; believes that using Scottish choices to implement split payments for Universal Credit is key to this, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide an update on progress made on this within this calendar year.”

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT)

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the 2023 International Women’s Day theme of #EmbracingEquity, which recognises that each person has different circumstances, and that there is a need to focus resource and opportunity where it is most needed to

reach an equal outcome; recognises that it is the responsibility of everyone to end the discrimination that women and girls face; acknowledges that, while much progress towards achieving equity has been made, there is more to do in Scotland and around the world to achieve and maintain equity; expresses disappointment in the backsliding of women's rights across the world in the past year, and particularly in Iran and Afghanistan; welcomes the independent Stewart review into increasing women's participation in entrepreneurship; recognises and takes up the challenges given by the National Advisory Council on Women and Girls to address systemic inequality; further recognises that cultural shifts are needed alongside legislation; recognises the tireless work of organisations and communities across Scotland to promote equity and support all women; agrees that equity is necessary for society and the economy to thrive, and that everyone should work together to embrace equity on, and beyond, International Women's Day; believes that using Scottish choices to implement split payments for Universal Credit is key to this, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide an update on progress made on this within this calendar year.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08150—That the Parliament—

(a) the following programme of—

Tuesday 14 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Role of Local Government and its Cross-sectoral Partners in Financing and Delivering a Net-zero Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering the Scottish Government's Vision for Agriculture through the Agricultural Reform Route Map

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Procurement Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 March 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-0 8150.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08150 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out—

“2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government”

and insert

“2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Children's Orchestras Funding U-turn

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine and Ferry Services Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme Update”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 56, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-0 8150.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08150 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from first “*followed by Committee Announcements*” to “Tuesday 21 March 2023” and insert—

“followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering the Scottish Government’s Vision for Agriculture through the Agricultural Reform Route Map

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 16 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

followed by Members’ Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Procurement Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.25 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Tuesday 21 March 2023”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 22, Against 94, Abstentions 5).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 97, Against 22, Abstentions 1).

4. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08151—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 30 June 2023.

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-0 8151.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08151 in the name of George Adam (Stage 1 Timetable), leave out “30 June 2023” and insert “1 November 2023”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08152—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 March 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08153—That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Dates and Rent Cap Modification) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. Save Loch Lomond: The Parliament debated S6M-08046 in the name of Ross Greer—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the popularity of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park as a result of the area’s world famous natural landscape and wildlife; considers that, while this popularity brings economic benefits to local communities, it also results in challenges such as traffic and parking congestion, antisocial behaviour and disruption for residents; believes that Flamingo Land’s recently revised plans for a massive tourist development at Balloch, including 104 lodges, two hotels, a water park and 372 parking spaces, would significantly worsen these problems, while providing insufficient benefit to the local economy; notes the work undertaken by Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, VisitScotland and other stakeholders to encourage green tourism; considers that there is still much

more to be done to achieve the collective aspiration for a more sustainable and respectful use of the park by visitors, and notes the calls on Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park to recognise what it sees as the overwhelming view of the local community, shared by the National Trust, Woodland Trust, Ramblers Scotland and others, and reject what it considers Flamingo Land's latest unwelcome application.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

No. 84, Thursday 9 March 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40 pm.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Scotland's Forgotten Children:** The Parliament debated S6M-07728 in the name of Roz McCall—That the Parliament notes, with concern, the findings of the Adoption Barometer 2022, published by Adoption UK, which found that more than four out of five children (81%) represented in the survey were reported to need more support in education than their peers, rising to 85% of secondary school-aged children; considers that children who are adopted in Scotland are, under the current arrangements, disadvantaged when it comes to support offered in primary and secondary education, when compared to other children who are care-experienced; recognises what it sees as the challenges of the adoption process and its impact on the ability of education providers to deliver relevant and prompt support for adopted children; understands that care-experienced children in the education system may display signs of attachment issues due to previous trauma; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to increase the level of support that adopted children receive to match the level of support given to fostered children, to ensure that both groups of children receive additional support within the education system; further notes the findings of the Scotland Foster Care Allowances Survey 2021-22, conducted by The Fostering Network, which showed the differences in weekly allowances for children and young people in foster care and those in a continuing care arrangement across Scotland's 32 local authorities, including those in the Mid Scotland and Fife region; understands that, despite a commitment in the Scottish Government's 2021-2022 Programme for Government to implement a national allowance for foster care and a national review of care allowances in 2017, Scotland remains the only part of the UK to not have a national minimum allowance, and notes the further calls on the Scottish Government to honour the commitment it made to implement the Independent Care Review's The Promise, in which it states that "to provide the care that children require, foster carers must be sufficiently financially maintained".
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
5. **Reforming the Criminal Law to Address Misogyny:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-08159—That the Parliament condemns the misogynistic behaviour, harassment, threats and abuse experienced by women and girls; notes that such behaviour is carried out mainly by men and represents a barrier to achieving equality by restricting the ability of women and girls to achieve their full potential in all aspects of everyday life; is concerned at the increase in online spaces being used to perpetrate such misogynistic behaviours, allowing people to hide behind anonymity; agrees that action needs to be taken to address such behaviour; thanks the independent Working Group on Misogyny, which is chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy, for its considered report on how to reform criminal law to address misogyny; welcomes the publication of a consultation paper on draft

legislative provisions to implement the Group’s recommendations; notes that the Scottish Government will carefully consider responses to the consultation to ensure that legislation introduced in the Parliament appropriately and effectively criminalises this type of pernicious behaviour, and recognises that legislation alone will not eradicate the centuries-old cultural attitudes that drive such behaviour, and that wider action to address misogyny and promote equality is equally important to change male behaviour and deliver equality for women and girls.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-08159.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08159 in the name of Keith Brown (Reforming the Criminal Law to Address Misogyny), insert at end “; supports these efforts as part of wider reforms to the criminal justice system, and urges the Scottish Government to consider how its proposed Criminal Justice Reform Bill might also be used to deliver better outcomes for women and girls.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-08159.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08159 in the name of Keith Brown (Reforming the Criminal Law to Address Misogyny), insert at end “; appreciates that this is complicated work that needs scrutiny, but regrets that it has taken so many years only to get to consultation level; recognises how important wider education is, particularly for young people, to generate the fundamental shift in attitude that is needed, and notes the importance of recognising the toxicity of social media.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament condemns the misogynistic behaviour, harassment, threats and abuse experienced by women and girls; notes that such behaviour is carried out mainly by men and represents a barrier to achieving equality by restricting the ability of women and girls to achieve their full potential in all aspects of everyday life; is concerned at the increase in online spaces being used to perpetrate such misogynistic behaviours, allowing people to hide behind anonymity; agrees that action needs to be taken to address such behaviour; thanks the independent Working Group on Misogyny, which is chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy, for its considered report on how to reform criminal law to address misogyny; welcomes the publication of a consultation paper on draft legislative provisions to implement the Group’s recommendations; notes that the Scottish Government will carefully consider responses to the consultation to ensure that legislation introduced in the Parliament appropriately and effectively criminalises this type of pernicious behaviour; recognises that legislation alone will not eradicate the centuries-old cultural attitudes that drive such behaviour, and that wider action to address misogyny and promote equality is equally important to change male behaviour and deliver equality for women and girls; supports these efforts as part of wider reforms to the criminal justice system; urges the

Scottish Government to consider how its proposed Criminal Justice Reform Bill might also be used to deliver better outcomes for women and girls; appreciates that this is complicated work that needs scrutiny, but regrets that it has taken so many years only to get to consultation level; recognises how important wider education is, particularly for young people, to generate the fundamental shift in attitude that is needed, and notes the importance of recognising the toxicity of social media.

6. Motion Without Notice: Neil Bibby, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.53 pm.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.54 pm.

No. 85, Tuesday 14 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Father Gregory E Umunna, Parish Priest, St. Stephen's Parish Blairgowrie, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
3. **Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-08205—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 13 June 2022; agrees not to give consent to the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Bill to confer the power in clause 1 solely on the Scottish Ministers in relation to devolved matters, or to otherwise make it a requirement for it to secure the consent of the Scottish Ministers when making provision within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, in order to properly respect devolved responsibilities.

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-08205.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08205 in the name of Ivan McKee (Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill - UK Legislation), leave out from “confer” to end and insert “ensure the referral of the use of powers in clause 1 to the Scottish Ministers when making provisions within the Scottish Parliament’s devolved legislative competence, or to otherwise make it a requirement for UK ministers, when making provision within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, to be subject to the scrutiny and approval of the Scottish Parliament, in order to properly respect devolved responsibilities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

4. **The Role of Local Government and its Cross-sectoral Partners in Financing and Delivering a Net-zero Scotland:** Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, moved S6M-08209—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee’s 1st Report, 2023 (Session 6), The role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland (SP Paper 302).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08228—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 16 March 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Update

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08229—That the Parliament –
(a) the following programme of—

Tuesday 21 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Care for People with Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Expansion of Vocational and Technical Qualifications in Scotland's Secondary Schools

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 22 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by First Minister's Statement: Historical Adoption Practices

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Transition to a Wellbeing Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.20 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 23 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Statement by the First Minister

followed by Response to the First Minister's Statement

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Employment Support for Veterans and their Families

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 March 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08230—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 15.2.1 of Standing Orders be suspended on 15 March 2023.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 7 as noted above.

9. International Long Covid Day: The Parliament debated S6M-07996 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament recognises that 15 March 2023 is International Long Covid Day; understands that, in Scotland, it is estimated that 187,000 people have long COVID; further understands that there is currently no simple cure and that long COVID can affect people of any age and background, including children, regardless of the severity of their original COVID-19 symptoms; considers, with regret, that the funding available for treatment, support and clinical research, remains too low; is concerned at reports that there is an increasing postcode lottery for specialist NHS services in Scotland for the diagnosis and treatment of the condition, potentially leading to inequalities in patient outcomes; notes the belief that key workers with occupational long COVID should receive compensation and pension entitlements; further notes the view that more should be done in respect of improving air quality through CO2 monitoring and HEPA filtration in schools and public buildings, and notes the view that more work is needed to understand and treat what it sees as an often debilitating illness.

10. Motion Without Notice: Jackie Baillie 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 6.27 pm.

No. 86, Wednesday 15 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands and then Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Delivering the Scottish Government’s Vision for Agriculture through the Agricultural Reform Route Map: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-08212—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s Vision for Agriculture, which outlines its aim to transform how it supports farming and food production in Scotland to become a global leader in sustainable and regenerative agriculture, commits to supporting farmers and crofters to produce more of Scotland’s food more sustainably to contribute to food security, and acknowledges the need for change to make sure that farming plays its part in cutting emissions, mitigating climate change and restoring and enhancing nature and biodiversity; agrees that there is no contradiction between high-quality food production and producing it in a way that delivers for climate and nature restoration; welcomes the recently-published Agricultural Reform Route Map, which sets out the phased implementation of the four-tier Future Support Framework in order to deliver the Vision and avoid any cliff edges; further welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to co-development, demonstrated through its consultation on a Scottish Agriculture Bill and its commitment to working with all partners committed to a vibrant and successful rural Scotland; recognises the uncertainty and limitations on planning, caused by Brexit, and calls upon the UK Government to fulfil its outstanding commitments to fully replace EU funds, and to engage collectively and meaningfully on future agriculture funding.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-08212.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08212 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Delivering the Scottish Government’s Vision for Agriculture through the Agricultural Reform Route Map), leave out from “to become” to end and insert “; welcomes the ongoing commitment from Scotland’s agricultural sector to meet net zero by 2045; notes the sector’s contribution of £2.9 billion to Scotland’s economy, with one in 10 jobs being dependent on agriculture; further notes that the Climate Change Committee has highlighted that, as things stand, the Scottish Government will miss its targets to reduce agricultural emissions; recognises that agricultural businesses plan years in advance and that the Scottish Government has failed to provide these businesses with funding certainty, including clarity on whether farmers will be able to apply for all tiers of funding in the new proposed payment system; congratulates farmers and crofters for putting high-quality food on people’s plates; urges the Scottish Government to put food security at the heart of its new vision, with a pragmatic land use strategy; calls for farmers in Scotland to be allowed to use gene editing technology to help drive innovation and keep costs low for the agricultural sector, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s engagement with farmers and crofters from across Scotland to shape a viable and successful future for generations to come.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

3. 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 be brought forward to 4.38 pm.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 2 as noted above.

5. Promoting the Benefits of Camping: The Parliament debated S6M-07215 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament welcomes the Outjoyment Report conducted by Liverpool John Moores University and Sheffield Hallam University; acknowledges that the report, commissioned by The Camping and Caravanning Club, surveyed nearly 11,000 people to assess their attitudes toward the benefits of camping; recognises that the report found that 97% of campers said happiness was their top motivator for going camping, while 48% of campers reported feeling happy almost every day, compared with 35% of non-campers; further recognises that the report found that 93% of people go camping to enjoy being in nature, while 93% of campers value camping for the benefits it has for their health and wellbeing; notes the reported concerns raised by communities around Scotland that short-term lets, such as Airbnb, are changing the make-up of communities and their economies; reflects that, given these considerations, along with what it sees as the need to provide incentives to support local economies following the COVID-19 pandemic, the promotion of camping and its benefits are important; believes that promoting camping is also important in cultivating, especially in children, an appreciation for the environment and a passion to protect it; notes the belief that citizens across Scotland, including in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency, should consider the benefits of camping breaks for both their own health and Scotland's local economy, and thanks Liverpool John Moores University and Sheffield Hallam University for what it considers this insightful report.

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

No. 87, Thursday 16 March 2023

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2023:** The Parliament debated S6M-07752 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2023, which runs throughout March; praises Marie Curie nursing and hospice staff who continue to provide palliative and end of life support, across Scotland in people's homes and in its two hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow, during challenging times; understands that Marie Curie cared for over 8,660 people during 2021-22; commends the dedication, hard work and contribution of Marie Curie volunteers across Scotland; considers that the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted how important equitable access to palliative and end of life support is for people affected by terminal illness; notes that donations can be given to the appeal, and that daffodil pins are worn in memory of someone who has died; understands that Marie Curie needs to raise £250,000 per week to support its frontline services; commends the vital care and support that Marie Curie provides across Scotland, including in the Aberdeenshire East constituency; praises its information and support services, which are available for everyone affected by terminal illness, including for bereavement support, and its volunteer helper services, which provide vital emotional support, companionship and information to terminally ill people, carers and families; believes that wearing the daffodil pin unites millions of people who believe that dying people should get the care and support that they need; considers that the funds raised will mean a great deal to terminally ill people, and notes the calls encouraging as many people as possible to support the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal in March 2023.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine Update.
- 6. Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-08220—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 29, Abstentions 19).
- 7. Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-07755—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Procurement Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-08217—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in clause 114 and related provisions concerning cross-border procurement, as amended by government amendments lodged on 24 January 2023, of the Procurement Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 11 May 2022, and in clauses 2 and 125 of the Procurement Bill, and related provisions concerning scope and extent, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-08218—That the Parliament agrees that the provisions of the Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 7 February 2023, so far as they relate to matters that fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08235—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08236—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08237—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/50) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08238—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08239—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Miscellaneous Anti-Avoidance Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.14 pm.

No. 88, Tuesday 21 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Revd Heller Gonzalez, Rector, St Augustine's Scottish Episcopal Church in Dumbarton, and Novice Brother of the Anglican Order of Cistercians, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Improving Care for People with Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions.
- 4. Expansion of Vocational and Technical Qualifications in Scotland's Secondary Schools:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-08291—That the Parliament recognises the wide range of courses, including vocational and technical qualifications, on offer to Scotland's senior phase learners, providing them with a breadth of options to develop their abilities and aspirations in order to reach their full potential; welcomes that Scotland's secondary school learners are now undertaking a much wider range of courses than ever before, with 27.2% of school leavers in 2021-22 gaining vocational and technical qualifications at SCQF Level 5 and above, compared with just 7.3% in 2013-14; acknowledges that young people undertaking vocational and technical courses and qualifications, often facilitated through school-college partnerships, reflects the strengths of the Curriculum for Excellence and provides learners with the best chance of success in further learning, life and work; celebrates that a record number of young people were in work, training or further study after leaving school in 2022, with 95.7% of school leavers in a positive destination three months after leaving school; acknowledges the significant impact of Developing the Young Workforce (DYW), Scotland's youth employment strategy, which was launched in 2014; pays thanks to the DYW regional groups and DYW school coordinators for their work in increasing opportunities for, and participation in, work-based learning for young people; recognises that each individual's learner pathway is different and should be celebrated in equal measure, and commends teachers, schools, colleges, universities, employers and third sector organisations across Scotland for their commitment to improving the opportunities for young people to undertake vocational and professional qualifications in Scotland.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-08291.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08291 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Expansion of Vocational and Technical Qualifications in Scotland's Secondary Schools), insert at end “; urges the Scottish Government to take immediate steps to address the shortage of teachers in STEM subjects; notes the verdict of the recent report published by the University of Stirling and the Nuffield Foundation, co-authored by Marina Shapira, Mark Priestley, Tracey Pease-Hughes, Camilla Barnett and Michelle Richie, titled Choice, Attainment and Positive Destinations: Exploring the Impact of Curriculum Policy Change on Young People, on the negative consequences for young people from curriculum narrowing in relation to attainment, transitions, the subsequent study in school, and destinations beyond school; acknowledges that the Scottish Government Social Research report on

The Impact of Scotland's Developing the Young Workforce Strategy on Education calls for teachers to be afforded the capacity to develop and implement work-based learning and feel confident to build in work-based learning across the curriculum, and calls on the Scottish Government to support a national campaign to raise awareness of the support available through DYW, involving the full range of national employer organisations, and a common core set of services and opportunities, outlining the advantages of participation for employers; calls on the Scottish Government to provide further support to employers to engage with young people with additional support needs to create employment opportunities; believes that the Scottish Government should tackle the disparity of esteem between different post-school pathways by raising awareness of the range of qualifications and routes to work that are valued by employers; recommends that the Scottish Government works with Skills Development Scotland (SDS) and the DYW programme to ensure the creation of person-centred digital careers services, leading to a flexible and personalised career service offer, and urges the Scottish Government to use its forthcoming Purposes and Principles statement to provide clear strategic direction to Scotland's colleges as to what it expects and needs colleges to deliver.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-08291.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08291 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Expansion of Vocational and Technical Qualifications in Scotland's Secondary Schools), insert at end “; notes with concern the findings of the recent report published by the University of Stirling and the Nuffield Foundation, which found that curriculum narrowing and a reduced choice of school subjects under the Curriculum for Excellence is affecting outcomes for Scotland's young people, with those attending schools in areas of high deprivation most affected; understands that broadening learning and training opportunities for Scotland's pupils cannot happen effectively without proper resourcing from the Scottish Government; recognises the important role that colleges play as providers of vocational and technical training opportunities and considers this role to be even more important considering the narrowing of subject provision in schools; calls on the Scottish Government to provide urgent clarity on whether additional resources for colleges in the 2023-24 budget will be mainstreamed or for what purposes this funding can be used; further calls on the Scottish Government to urgently publish the promised Purpose and Principles of Post-School Education, Research and Skills report to afford colleges strategic direction at a time when they are considering budget decisions, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver genuine reform to Scotland's education system, ensuring that all young people have access to vocational qualifications in a school setting, and delivering parity of esteem between academic and vocational qualifications in Scotland.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

6. Road Improvements and the Dualling of the A9: The Parliament debated S6M-06478 in the name of Jamie Halcro Johnston—That the Parliament notes with concern the number of incidents that have taken place on the A9 over recent months and led to road closures, and injuries and fatalities; recognises the Scottish Government's commitments to dual the A9 from Perth to Inverness by 2025, which stand alongside other commitments to road improvements, such as dualling of the A96 by 2030, to support road safety, and provide the economic advantages of connectivity; notes the view that commitments and proposals on investment in the road network have not progressed at pace in recent years and that questions have been raised about the commitment of the Scottish Government to these proposals following the agreement between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party Parliamentary Group; acknowledges the belief that work on the A9, in particular, is clearly not on schedule, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to reaffirm these commitments on the basis of an updated and achievable timetable that should be presented to the Parliament as soon as possible, in order to reassure communities in the Highlands and Islands and across other regions that committed investment will take place.

7. Motion Without Notice: Jamie Halcro Johnston 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 6.06 pm.

No. 89, Wednesday 22 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Historical Adoption Practices.
3. **Transition to a Wellbeing Economy:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-08305—That the Parliament recognises Scotland's international leadership in the transition to a wellbeing economy, by not only growing but transforming the economy to one that serves current and future generations, and delivers a prosperous, socially-just Scotland within safe environmental limits, where everyone can flourish; notes that this remains a defining mission for the Scottish Government, including through its leadership in forming the Wellbeing Economy Governments (WEGo) group and delivery of the National Strategy for Economic Transformation; agrees that the delivery of a wellbeing economy requires a worker- and community-led just transition to a net-zero, nature-positive economy that has equality, human rights and fair work at its heart, enabling Scotland to tackle child poverty, empower communities, build community wealth and create a socially-just society; notes the publication of the Wellbeing Economy Monitor, which tracks broader outcomes beyond GDP on issues such as health, equality, fair work and the environment, and the Wellbeing Economy Toolkit, which supports place-based economic development; commends the work of the Cross-party Group on Wellbeing Economy and partners across Scotland, and recognises that independence would allow Scotland to make greater progress, but, until then, calls for the devolution of energy and additional economic powers to the Scottish Parliament to support Scotland's transition to a wellbeing economy.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-08305.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08305 in the name of John Swinney (Transition to a Wellbeing Economy), leave out from the first “recognises” to end and insert “believes that the pursuit of economic growth and widening the tax base is an immediate priority for Scotland, and further believes that these priorities are essential to underpin the delivery of a wellbeing economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-08305.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08305 in the name of John Swinney (Transition to a Wellbeing Economy), leave out from “international leadership” to end and insert “potential to be an international leader in the transition to a wellbeing economy, like the Labour administration in New Zealand; agrees that the delivery of a wellbeing economy requires a worker- and community-led just transition to a net-zero, nature-positive economy that has equality, human rights and fair work at its heart, enabling Scotland to tackle child poverty, empower

communities, build community wealth and create a socially-just society; commends the work of the Cross-party Group on Wellbeing Economy and partners across Scotland; notes the publication of the Wellbeing Economy Monitor, which tracks broader outcomes beyond GDP on issues such as health, equality, fair work and the environment, and the Wellbeing Economy Toolkit, which supports place-based economic development; believes that the Scottish Government should be doing more to deliver environmental sustainability, including through the delivery of rapid insulation programmes, which would help people improve the energy efficiency of homes and lower energy bills, and notes that sustainable economic growth will be required to successfully deliver a wellbeing economy and a just transition, including by using the extensive powers available to the Scottish Government to create jobs, upskill workers, grow Scottish businesses and channel more investment into high-growth, innovative firms of the future, ensuring that everyone in Scotland benefits from Scotland's prosperity."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08322—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Selection of First Minister

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 March 2023

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Members' Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 30 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 April 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 April 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 April 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 March 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08323—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 October 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08324—That the Parliament agrees that the Alcoholic Beverages, Fruit and Vegetables (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [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-08325—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [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-08326—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08327—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. 100 Years of the BBC in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-07482 in the name of Jenni Minto—That the Parliament celebrates 100 years of public service broadcasting with the centenary of the BBC in Scotland in 2023; recognises what it sees as the vital contribution of the BBC to the creative economy of the nation; understands that, from the first live radio transmission in Glasgow on the evening of 6 March 1923, the BBC in Scotland has grown from its early days in radio to include the provision of extensive educational resources, Gaelic language content, current affairs, comedy, music and entertainment, reflecting the breadth and depth of Scotland’s culture on TV, radio and online; further understands that the BBC in Scotland directly employs over 1,200 people across 14 bases from Shetland to Dumfries, and supports many more roles via commissions to the independent production sector; notes what it considers the value of the BBC and public service broadcasting in Scotland, and the contribution that it has made, and continues to make, to the Scottish creative sector, and wishes the BBC a successful start to its second century of educating, entertaining and informing the nation.

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm.

No. 90, Thursday 23 March 2023

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. **Statement by the First Minister:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement.
4. **Response to the First Minister's Statement:** The Parliament responded to the statement by the First Minister.
5. **Supporting Taxi Drivers:** The Parliament debated S6M-07686 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that taxi drivers make to the economy, connectivity and cultural life of Glasgow and the Greater Glasgow region; believes that taxi drivers provide a vital service to people who have mobility problems that make other forms of public transport unsuitable; understands that the service that taxi drivers provide does much to support what it sees as Glasgow's important night-time economy and hospitality industry, as well as provide the transport options which contribute to making Glasgow a UNESCO World City of Music; recognises the longstanding charity work carried out by Glasgow's taxi drivers through events such the Glasgow Taxi Outing To Troon; considers that recent years have brought unprecedented challenges to taxi drivers, with the COVID-19 pandemic reducing passenger numbers, and significant regulation changes from Glasgow City Council mandating vehicle changes which, it believes, are unaffordable to many within the industry; notes the campaign from some taxi drivers for a fair implementation of new regulations, and congratulates the sector for all it contributes to the city.
6. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
7. **Employment Support for Veterans and their Families:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-08332—That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of Scotland's veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that it continues to make to Scotland; recognises the challenges that some veterans can face when transitioning out of the military, particularly in relation to employment; notes the work of the Scottish Government to address these issues and improve the employment prospects of veterans and their families; understands that poor mental and physical health may exacerbate barriers to employment for some veterans, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with other devolved administrations and the UK Government, to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to employability, healthcare and other services across Scotland.

Edward Mountain moved amendment S6M-08332.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08332 in the name of Keith Brown (Employment Support for Veterans and their Families), insert at end “, and notes the importance of the close working relationships between Armed Forces bases and their respective local authorities, allowing for the potential development of improved social, health, educational and employment opportunities for service families and the communities that they live in.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-08332.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08332 in the name of Keith Brown (Employment Support for Veterans and their Families), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to enhance tailored support services available to veterans by scaling up examples of successful models, such as the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association and Glasgow City Council’s Glasgow’s Helping Heroes service, to become national standards.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the importance of Scotland’s veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that it continues to make to Scotland; recognises the challenges that some veterans can face when transitioning out of the military, particularly in relation to employment; notes the work of the Scottish Government to address these issues and improve the employment prospects of veterans and their families; understands that poor mental and physical health may exacerbate barriers to employment for some veterans; agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with other devolved administrations and the UK Government, to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to employability, healthcare and other services across Scotland, and notes the importance of the close working relationships between Armed Forces bases and their respective local authorities, allowing for the potential development of improved social, health, educational and employment opportunities for service families and the communities that they live in.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

No. 91, Tuesday 28 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Rt Revd Dr Iain Greenshields, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Selection of the First Minister:** The following Members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Alex Cole-Hamilton
Douglas Ross
Anas Sarwar
Humza Yousaf

The result of voting was—

Alex Cole-Hamilton	4
Douglas Ross	31
Anas Sarwar	22
Humza Yousaf	71

Humza Yousaf was duly selected as the Parliament's nominee for appointment as First Minister.

- 4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08434—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 April 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Scottish Government Priorities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Cost of Living and Child Poverty

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 April 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Finances and the Wellbeing Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 20 April 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Climate Change and the Just Transition

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 25 April 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 April 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 April 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 17 April 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08435—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08436—That the Parliament agrees that the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023 [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-08437—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [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-08438—That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-08439—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. 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 be brought forward to 3.30 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

12. St Andrew's Children's Society: The Parliament debated S6M-07711 in the name of Christine Grahame— That the Parliament congratulates St Andrew's Children's Society on marking its centenary in 2022; understands that St Andrew's Children's Society is the oldest adoption and fostering agency still in existence in Scotland; recognises what it sees as the valuable work that the Society does connecting vulnerable children to safe and loving homes, including in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency; understands that it is the only agency in Scotland to offer the SafeBase parenting programme, which is a therapeutic programme for parents of adopted and fostered children who have attachment difficulties; notes that over £20,000 has been raised during the centenary and that a number of events have been held, including a Family February FUNdraising challenge, a fundraising concert by Cadenza and a parliamentary reception in the Scottish Parliament, and that a special commemorative booklet was also written by Maureen McEvoy MBE; pays credit to all of the staff and volunteers who have supported the Society over the last 100 years, with particular credit to the adopted and foster parents who have provided safe and loving homes to their adopted and foster children, and extends its best wishes to all who are involved in adoption and fostering.

The meeting closed at 4.03 pm.

No. 92, Wednesday 29 March 2023

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, Finance and the Economy and then Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Ministers.
- 2. Scotland's Courts Maintenance Backlog:** The Parliament debated S6M-07327 in the name of Liam Kerr—That the Parliament notes reports that there is a £7.3 million maintenance backlog across Scotland's courts, including courts in the north east, such as in Forfar and Peterhead; recognises that repairs to Scotland's courts often require closures, which can add to the already large number of outstanding criminal trials, which, it understands, currently stands at 30,588 trials; acknowledges that the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service had its capital budget frozen in 2022-23; believes that this hindered its ability to tackle the backlog; welcomes the budget increase planned for the financial year 2023-24, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work with the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service to outline how much of the current maintenance backlog will be tackled with the budget outlined for 2023-24, and how much will remain.
- 3. 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 be brought forward to 4.28 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.28 pm.

No. 93, Thursday 30 March 2023

The meeting opened at 11.40.

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. **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
4. **First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-08469—That the Parliament agrees that Jenny Gilruth, Màiri McAllan, Neil Gray and Angela Constance be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 71, Against 56, Abstain 0)

5. **First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-08470—That the Parliament agrees that Joe FitzPatrick, Jenni Minto, Natalie Don, Graeme Dey, Gillian Martin, Emma Roddick, Paul McLennan and Siobhian Brown be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 71, Against 56, Abstain 0)

6. **Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to restore ferry services between Mallaig, Oban and Lochboisdale in South Uist, in light of the announcement that the services are to be withdrawn from 5 April to 13 May, was answered by the Minister for Transport (Kevin Stewart).

7. **Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Police Scotland call handlers used a fake system for eight years, was answered by Minister (Angela Constance).

8. **Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08474—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of committee meetings taking place on Tuesday 18 April—

(a) in Rule 6.3A.1 after “member” the words “or members” be inserted;

(b) Rule 6.3A.2 be suspended;

(c) in Rule 6.3A.4 the first sentence be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **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 be brought forward to 3.55 pm.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm.

No. 94, Tuesday 18 April 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Drew Gebbie, Minister, Hamilton South Parish Church linked with Quarter Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
3. **First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Our Priorities for Scotland.
4. **Supporting Scotland with Cost of Living and Reducing Child Poverty:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-08589— That the Parliament commits to continuing the national mission on tackling child poverty; acknowledges that the most recent poverty statistics remain too high and that all levels of government must take action to reduce poverty and inequality in society; recognises the pressure being placed on household finances due to rising inflation, high energy bills and soaring increases to food costs, and that this cost of living crisis disproportionately impacts households on low incomes and is likely to exacerbate unacceptably high levels of child poverty; welcomes plans for an anti-poverty summit to guide future action on tackling poverty; acknowledges the significant action that the Scottish Government has already taken to tackle the cost of living and child poverty, including the tripling of the Fuel Insecurity Fund, expanding and increasing the value of the Scottish Child Payment and introducing new family benefits, mitigating the benefit cap as far as possible within devolved powers, the provision of 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare, and offering universal free school meals to all pupils in P1 to P5, and calls on the UK Government to match the ambition shown by the Scottish Government and reverse the harmful welfare reform policies implemented since 2015, which would lift an estimated 70,000 people, including 30,000 children, out of poverty in Scotland in 2023-24.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-08589.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08589 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Supporting Scotland with Cost of Living and Reducing Child Poverty), leave out from the second “acknowledges” to end and insert “; recognises the fact that child poverty levels have remained the same since 2007, with 9,130 children living in temporary accommodation; expresses disappointment in the Scottish Government’s failure to close the attainment gap and to deliver free school meals for all primary school children; recognises that the Scottish Government has missed its deadline of devolving all social security benefits, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to work together in order to ensure that no child goes to bed hungry.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 84, Abstentions 3).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-08589.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08589 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Supporting Scotland with Cost of Living and Reducing Child Poverty), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “; notes plans for an anti-poverty summit to guide future action on tackling poverty; further notes that, after 16 years of an SNP administration, child poverty levels, after housing costs, have remained at 24%, and severe child poverty, after housing costs, has been rising since 2014; acknowledges that 94% of families surveyed by Includem for its report, It Is Not A Choice, have experienced worsening finances, and 73% are struggling to meet the cost of two or more basic essentials; expresses concern at the downgrading of social security in the Scottish Government’s priorities, with the removal of a minister for social security; urges the Scottish Government to take decisive action to reduce poverty across Scotland in the face of these stark figures; highlights the implementation gap on the measures set out by Best Start, Bright Futures relating to employability support, and welcomes the Scottish Labour Party’s plan to tackle the cost of living crisis by introducing a proper windfall tax that would help to pay to keep bills down, to pay for affordable public transport and housing support, to tackle problem debt, scrap school meal arrears, and provide help for households, including a £100 water bill rebate and top-ups to the welfare fund.”

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

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-08589.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08589 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Supporting Scotland with Cost of Living and Reducing Child Poverty), insert at end “; further calls on the Scottish Government to rapidly bring forward a new emergency insulation programme that makes every home a warm one, alleviating fuel poverty, reducing energy bills, and overcoming the slow progress of existing schemes, and urges the Scottish Government to resolve the problems around the delivery of existing early learning and childcare (ELC) policies, in light of the thousands of two year olds from deprived backgrounds who are missing out on the benefits of funded hours, families finding that the 1,140 hours provision is inflexible or even inaccessible, and the need to immediately increase rates to protect the future of private and third sector providers, at the same time as also preparing for the further expansion of the funded ELC offer to younger children that is needed to boost attainment and benefit the economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 30, Abstentions 17).

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business

(George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08614—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 19 April 2023—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Challenge to the UK Government's Section 35 Order on the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

(b) Thursday 20 April 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government
and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Ministerial Statement: Deposit Return Scheme

The motion was agreed to.

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08615—That the Parliament agrees that—

Ben Macpherson be appointed to replace Jenni Minto as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Siobhian Brown as a member of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee;

Ben Macpherson be appointed to replace Kaukab Stewart as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Bill Kidd be appointed to replace Graeme Dey as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Kaukab Stewart be appointed to replace Joe FitzPatrick as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Clare Haughey be appointed to replace Gillian Martin as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Ivan McKee be appointed to replace Paul McLennan as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Christine Grahame be appointed to replace Jenni Minto as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Collette Stevenson be appointed to replace Natalie Don as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Emma Roddick as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Marie McNair be appointed to replace Paul McLennan as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee; and

Emma Harper be appointed to replace Collette Stevenson as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08616—That the Parliament agrees that—

Rona Mackay be appointed to replace Jenni Minto as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Ben Macpherson be appointed to replace Kaukab Stewart as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Bob Doris be appointed to replace Collette Stevenson as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Ivan McKee be appointed to replace Natalie Don as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Audrey Nicoll be appointed to replace Graeme Dey as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Ash Regan be appointed to replace Stuart McMillan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee; and

Stephanie Callaghan be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Wear A Hat Day 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-07890 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of Wear A Hat Day, taking place on 31 March 2023, in raising awareness of brain tumours; understands that brain tumours are the biggest killer of children and adults

under 40 with cancer in Scotland, reducing life expectancy by 20 years on average; believes that this is the highest life expectancy reduction of any cancer, but that the treatment and understanding of brain tumours are 20 years behind those relating to more common cancers; notes that brain tumours often cause side effects that have a severe impact on a person's quality of life; understands that there are over 130 different types of brain tumour, and that some symptoms of brain tumours can mimic other equally serious conditions, which often renders early diagnosis and treatment more difficult in many cases; further understands that brain tumour charities, such as the Brain Tumour Charity, are working hard to fund pioneering research, raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of brain tumours, and provide support to people affected by brain tumours; commends the success of national campaigns, which it considers have contributed to a reduction in the average diagnosis time for childhood brain tumours, from 9.1 to 6.5 weeks, since 2011; believes that national campaigns are a basis on which to develop further awareness; notes the significant efforts of Dumfries and Galloway Medical Physics Technician, Alan Johnstone, in both raising awareness of brain tumours and funding for research and development into the causes of brain tumours, their treatment and, ultimately, a cure; understands that Alan's late wife, Anneka Johnstone, was diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumour and sadly died in 2019, despite being a very fit and active 33-year-old, and further understands that, despite losing Anneka, Alan has raised more than £55,000 for the Brain Tumour Charity by walking the 214-mile Southern Upland Way, videos of which were posted to Alan's TikTok account, which has attracted a huge following.

The meeting closed at 6.38 pm.

No. 95, Wednesday 19 April 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Challenge to the UK Government's Section 35 Order on the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.
- 3. Managing Scotland's Finances and Working with Business to Drive the Wellbeing Economy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) moved S6M-08604—That the Parliament recognises the need to create a wellbeing economy that is democratic, works for people and planet, and supports communities to fulfil their potential; believes that such an economy must be equitable, sustainable and dynamic in order to address the climate crises, the current financial and economic challenges, and to deliver a just transition to net zero, reduce child poverty and enhance public services; notes that plans to expand childcare support and implement the National Strategy for Economic Transformation and the Just Transition Plans will deliver new opportunities for communities, businesses and individuals across Scotland; considers that the development of community wealth building legislation will be a key component of the approach to local and regional economic development and empowerment, will promote and sustain fair work, create and retain more wealth within communities, build Scotland's tax base, strengthen its economic resilience, increase wellbeing for current and future generations and support the delivery of high-quality public services, and recognises that independence would allow Scotland to make greater progress, but, until then, calls for the devolution of additional powers, in relation to energy, the economy and employment law, to the Scottish Parliament to support Scotland's transition to a wellbeing economy.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-08604.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08604 in the name of Neil Gray (Managing Scotland's Finances and Working with Business to Drive the Wellbeing Economy), leave out from the first "recognises" to end and insert "is grateful to the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SFC) for its ground-breaking work contained within the recent Fiscal Sustainability Report, which forecasts Scottish economic trends for the next 50 years; notes the concerns cited by the SFC that current tax and spend structures and current models for public services will not deliver the necessary revenue that Scotland requires to address the substantial fiscal deficits, which are forecast to be around 10% each year, and calls on the new Scottish Government to be fully focussed on improving productivity, on widening the tax base and delivering the economic growth that Scotland so desperately needs."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-08604.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08604 in the name of Neil Gray (Managing Scotland's Finances and Working with Business to Drive the Wellbeing Economy), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "recognises the tremendous potential that Scotland has to be a world leader in developing an economy that works for everyone; believes that the Scottish Government should be doing more by using the extensive powers available in Scotland to create jobs, deliver environmental sustainability, tackle the cost of living, upskill workers, grow Scottish businesses and channel more investment into high-growth, innovative firms of the future, so that everyone benefits from Scotland's prosperity; understands that sustainable economic growth will be required to successfully deliver a jobs-first transition to net zero and an economy that works for all; believes that it is vitally important that the Scottish Government enables businesses and households to have confidence in Scotland's economic prospects, and calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise openness, transparency and competence in the management of Scotland's finances."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08621—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 25 April 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Illegal Migration Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 April 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

* *followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of a Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland *

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 April 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Opportunities for the Space Sector in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 April 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 87, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08622—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 October 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08623—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08624—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00pm and 3.30pm on 27 April 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Healthy AGeing in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-07967 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges that the University of Stirling-led Healthy AGeing In Scotland (HAGIS) study is the first of its kind to follow individuals and households across Scotland, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, through the passage of time; understands that the study, which was launched on 24 July 2015, is an ongoing, major Scotland-wide study of the health, economic and social circumstances of people over 50, which will enable future improvements to be made to the health and wellbeing of this age group; believes that there are currently two million people over 50 in Scotland, comprising 38% of the population; understands that the HAGIS study will capture a snapshot of the current circumstances of 1,000 people over 50; further understands that, following its findings in Autumn 2016, the aim was to expand the study to 8,000 people in 2018, charting changes in their health and social circumstances over the decades and reporting every two years; notes that the multi-partner HAGIS project team includes the Universities of Strathclyde and Edinburgh; believes that, while people in Scotland are now living longer and the size of the older population is increasing, the country historically possesses a relatively poor health record and significant levels of income inequality; considers that, as a result of its extensive research since inception, the HAGIS study is proving to be what it sees as an extremely valuable and important new member of the growing worldwide network of longitudinal ageing studies, uncovering the unique health and social circumstances currently experienced by Scotland's ageing population; acknowledges the United Nations Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021–2030), which is a global collaboration, aligned with the last ten years of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, to improve the lives of older people, their families, and the communities in which they live; understands that the three domains of healthy ageing are physical ageing, mental/cognitive ageing and social wellbeing ageing; considers that harmonised data from HAGIS will permit quantitative comparisons of the ageing processes in Scotland with findings from the other members of the Health and Retirement Study family, which now covers more than 50% of the world's over-50 population, and commends the University of Stirling and its multi-partner university project team for embarking on what it considers as a significant and invaluable study into the improvement of health and wellbeing in the lives of Scotland's growing ageing population.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

No. 96, Thursday 20 April 2023

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. **Damp Housing in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-07511 in the name of Foysof Choudhury—That the Parliament notes the tragic death of Awaab Ishak due to mouldy housing; notes the view that there is a need for urgent action to avoid similar tragedies happening in Scotland, including in the Lothian region; recognises that mould and damp in homes can be dangerous and cause health problems; understands that the cost of living crisis has caused constituents across Scotland to avoid heating their homes, which can further exacerbate the problem of damp and mould; further understands that damp housing is disproportionately affecting those living in poverty; acknowledges the calls for every constituent in Scotland to have a right to safe, warm housing; notes the view that extra investment for a whole house retrofitting programme is required to tackle problems caused by damp housing; further notes the calls for the creation of a grant scheme to tackle the problems of damp housing across the housing sector, including social housing, housing associations and the private sector; notes the belief that there is a need for increased support and guidance for constituents on the prevention of damp in properties across Scotland; believes that this issue is of nationwide importance, and notes the calls for all political parties in the Parliament to collaborate to tackle damp housing in Scotland.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
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. **Delivering on Climate Change and the Just Transition:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-08626—That the Parliament recognises the scale and the urgency of the climate crisis and the need for Scotland to show continued global leadership in a Just Transition to net zero; further recognises that the draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan sets out a just and fair pathway to maximise the opportunities of that transition; acknowledges that a highly-skilled workforce will be required to deliver the opportunities of a net zero economy, including Scotland's existing oil and gas and construction workforces, and that upskilling, reskilling and attracting new talent should be a key just transition priority of the Scottish Government; celebrates the significant contribution of those who manage land and marine areas, including those working in farming and fishing, to food security, the economy and the environment; agrees that Scotland's economic potential as a net zero nation is vast, including world-leading clean energy sectors and supply chains, its nature-based sectors and food and drink, through innovative green technology and services, including finance, and by maximising Scotland's strengths and potential in the decarbonisation of transport and the built environment; endorses

that Scotland's sectoral Just Transition Plans must be co-designed by those most impacted by the transition, including workers and trades unions, and anticipates the contribution that Scotland's next Climate Change Plan, and both site and sectoral Just Transition Plans, will make on the journey to a fairer, greener Scotland.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-08626.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08626 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Delivering on Climate Change and the Just Transition), insert at end “; recommends that a science and evidence-based approach be taken to deliver on national net zero targets and ensure a just transition; emphasises the need for Scotland to act as a responsible global partner by contributing to global efforts to support mitigation, adaption, and green technology projects, and not offsetting carbon emissions to other nations; asserts that collaboration with the UK Government and other devolved nations is essential to delivering a just transition; argues that the draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan lets down the people of Scotland and fails to provide a fair and just pathway to maximise the opportunities of that transition; notes that greater efforts are required to improve circularity within the Scottish economy, and believes that a workable Deposit Return Scheme, which addresses the current flaws, must be delivered.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-08626.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08626 in the name of Màiri McAllan (Delivering on Climate Change and the Just Transition), leave out from “further recognises” to end and insert “notes the damning report from the UK Climate Change Committee, which states that the Scottish Government's targets are “in danger of becoming meaningless”, and that more action must urgently be taken; agrees that the Scottish Government's plans are insufficient to meet Scotland's climate change targets and believes that a stronger emphasis on adaptations to address climate risks is needed; recognises Scotland's huge potential as a net zero nation and considers that it is well placed to realise the opportunities of a net zero economy, with its highly-skilled workforce, including in the oil and gas and energy sectors; believes that, if the Scottish Government is to deliver a just transition for these workers and communities, it must increase efforts in upskilling, reskilling and attracting new talent in these sectors; celebrates the significant contribution of those who manage land and marine areas, and is concerned that they must not be left behind in the transition to net zero, and therefore calls for greater support for community-based projects; recognises the huge benefits that could come to Scotland through the Labour Party's proposed Green Prosperity Plan, which would create a clean power system across the UK by 2030, and supports the proposals to create a publicly-owned energy generation company so that the profits, jobs and benefits of Scotland's natural resources are no longer offshored but benefit local people.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 0, Abstentions 16).

7. 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 be brought forward to 4.59 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

9. Bringing Back the Eurasian Lynx to Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-07598 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes the recent campaign for the Eurasian lynx, a medium-sized wildcat native to Scotland, to be reintroduced; understands that lynx have been extinct in Britain for around 500 years; is aware that this was probably caused by widespread loss of woodland, the collapse of wild deer populations and hunting by humans; acknowledges a study carried out by the Lynx to Scotland partnership, made up of Trees for Life, Lifescape and Scotland: The Big Picture, which sought to assess the social feasibility of potential lynx reintroduction through consultation with stakeholders and communities in the Cairngorms National Park and Argyll, and found that there was sufficient support for lynx reintroduction among stakeholders and a desire among others to further investigate the potential, to warrant a continued exploration of feasibility; considers that the case for lynx reintroduction is both moral and ecological and that lynx would make Scotland's ecosystems richer and stronger; believes that lynx are an important species due to their role in maintaining balance and diversity in an ecosystem, as they help regulate numbers and behaviour of deer and some smaller carnivores; is aware that lynx are mainly crepuscular animals, and pose no danger to people; considers that attacks on livestock such as sheep are uncommon; is aware that lynx have slowly spread across mainland Europe in the last few decades, and have been reintroduced in several European countries, including Germany, Switzerland and France; believes that lynx could also act as high-profile ambassadors for nature-rich landscapes, attracting valuable tourism revenue in Scotland's rural communities, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to rectify lynx extinction in Scotland by a controlled reintroduction, once the necessary ecological and practical assessments have been undertaken.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

No. 97, Tuesday 25 April 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Lesley Morrison, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
3. **Illegal Migration Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-08680—That the Parliament deems the UK Government’s proposed Illegal Migration Bill to be dehumanising and immoral; notes that the bill proposes that anyone who enters the UK by irregular routes would not be able to remain in the UK, and would be subject to detention and then returned to their home country or what the UK Government deems to be a safe third country such as Rwanda; agrees that the proposals in this bill will remove access to support for some of the most vulnerable people in the world, including children, potentially forcing them into further exploitation and destitution; acknowledges that the Home Secretary has no confidence that the bill is compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights; notes the strict limitations on any formal routes for people seeking asylum; agrees that the UK has moral and international legal obligations to uphold the 1951 Refugee Convention and offer a place of safety to people, including children, fleeing conflict and persecution, and affirms that sanctuary should be available under these obligations to those fleeing war and persecution, and that Scotland remains welcoming to such vulnerable people in their time of need.

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-08680.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08680 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Illegal Migration Bill), insert at end “, and agrees with the assessment of the Equality and Human Rights Commission that the bill risks undermining the universality of human rights and protections for victims of trafficking and modern slavery, as well as breaching the UK’s obligations under both the 1951 Refugee Convention and the European Convention on Human Rights.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament deems the UK Government’s proposed Illegal Migration Bill to be dehumanising and immoral; notes that the bill proposes that anyone who enters the UK by irregular routes would not be able to remain in the UK, and would be subject to detention and then returned to their home country or what the UK Government deems to be a safe third country such as Rwanda; agrees that the proposals in this bill will remove access to support for some of the most vulnerable people in the world, including children, potentially forcing them into further exploitation and destitution; acknowledges that the Home Secretary has no confidence that the bill is compliant

with the European Convention on Human Rights; notes the strict limitations on any formal routes for people seeking asylum; agrees that the UK has moral and international legal obligations to uphold the 1951 Refugee Convention and offer a place of safety to people, including children, fleeing conflict and persecution; affirms that sanctuary should be available under these obligations to those fleeing war and persecution; that Scotland remains welcoming to such vulnerable people in their time of need, and agrees with the assessment of the Equality and Human Rights Commission that the bill risks undermining the universality of human rights and protections for victims of trafficking and modern slavery, as well as breaching the UK's obligations under both the 1951 Refugee Convention and the European Convention on Human Rights.

4. Committee Membership: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08699—That the Parliament agrees —

Mercedes Villalba be appointed to replace Carol Mochan as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Paul O’Kane be appointed to replace Pam Duncan-Glancy as a member of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Michael Marra be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Paul O’Kane as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Foysol Choudhury be appointed to replace Carol Mochan as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Pam Duncan-Glancy be appointed to replace Michael Marra as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Mercedes Villalba as a member of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Neil Bibby be appointed to replace Sarah Boyack as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Paul O’Kane be appointed to replace Pam Duncan-Glancy as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee; and

Katy Clark be appointed to replace Foysol Choudhury as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08700—That the Parliament agrees —

Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Colin Smyth as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Alex Rowley be appointed to replace Sarah Boyack as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Mercedes Villalba as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Paul O’Kane as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Paul Sweeney as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Mercedes Villalba be appointed to replace Colin Smyth as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Foysoil Choudhury be appointed to replace Claire Baker as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Colin Smyth be appointed to replace Katy Clark as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Colin Smyth be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

Neil Bibby be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. 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 be brought forward to 4.48 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

8. Global Intergenerational Week 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-08189 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament marks Global Intergenerational Week 2023, which runs from 24 to 30 April in conjunction with Generations Working Together; considers that Scotland is a nation that values fairness, equality and community, as well as the importance of building a society where people of all ages can live happy, healthy and connected lives; recognises the view that there is an urgent need for Scotland to become an intergenerational nation, where people of all ages can work together, learn from each other and support each other in building stronger, healthier communities; acknowledges what it considers the importance of

intergenerational work in tackling social isolation and loneliness, reducing ageism and improving the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people of all ages; believes that intergenerational work can reinforce Scottish social values, by promoting understanding, empathy and respect between people of different ages, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government, local authorities and all other relevant bodies to prioritise intergenerational work and develop policies and initiatives that promote intergenerational collaboration and understanding, across a vast range of policy areas, including health and social care, early years and education, and community planning.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

No. 98, Wednesday 26 April 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Homelessness Prevention and Housing Supply: Mark Griffin moved S6M-08685—That the Parliament acknowledges the recommendations of the Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group and urges the Scottish Government to act upon them as soon as possible to tackle the rising tide of homelessness; welcomes the long overdue appointment of a dedicated Minister for Housing to the Scottish Government to focus minds; regrets the cuts to the affordable housing supply programme in the Scottish Government’s Budget, in light of the risk that its house building target will not be met; agrees that the Scottish Government should, at a minimum, adequately fund the delivery of new social homes through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme to meet an interim target of delivering 38,500 social homes by 2026; considers that the Scottish Government should commit to a target of building 25,000 all-tenure new homes annually, and presses the Scottish Government to publish a review of funding of homelessness services, including any identified funding gaps and the provision of continued funding for Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans and the prevention of homelessness.

The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved amendment S6M-08685.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08685 in the name of Mark Griffin (Homelessness Prevention and Housing Supply), leave out from “urges” to end and insert “agrees that the Scottish Government should respond positively to tackle the unacceptable numbers in temporary accommodation; recognises the expertise and partnership working between local and national government, third sector organisations and those with lived experience to tackle, prevent and end homelessness, building on existing strong homelessness and housing rights; welcomes the continued investment through local government core funding and the Scottish Government’s £100 million Ending Homelessness Together transformation fund to continue with a rapid rehousing and housing first approach; acknowledges that Scotland leads the way in delivering affordable housing, with 118,124 affordable homes delivered since 2007, 83,291 of which were for social rent, including 21,313 council homes, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s continued investment of £3.5 billion over the current parliamentary session for the delivery of more affordable homes towards its 2032 target.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-08685.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08685 in the name of Mark Griffin (Homelessness Prevention and Housing Supply), insert at end “; notes that there has been a 12% decrease in new home starts in the year to end September 2022, compared with the previous 12 months, which adds to the

housing shortfall of more than 110,000 homes since 2007; calls on the Scottish Government to look to develop new extra-care housing models to provide for people with additional support needs, and further calls on ministers to spearhead an urgent Scottish Housing Emergency Action Plan.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges the recommendations of the Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group and agrees that the Scottish Government should respond positively to tackle the unacceptable numbers in temporary accommodation; recognises the expertise and partnership working between local and national government, third sector organisations and those with lived experience to tackle, prevent and end homelessness, building on existing strong homelessness and housing rights; welcomes the continued investment through local government core funding and the Scottish Government’s £100 million Ending Homelessness Together transformation fund to continue with a rapid rehousing and housing first approach; acknowledges that Scotland leads the way in delivering affordable housing, with 118,124 affordable homes delivered since 2007, 83,291 of which were for social rent, including 21,313 council homes, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s continued investment of £3.5 billion over the current parliamentary session for the delivery of more affordable homes towards its 2032 target.

3. Scotland’s Finances and the Cost of Living: Michael Marra moved S6M-08686—That the Parliament considers sound financial management and the responsible use of taxpayers’ money to be key priorities for any government, and that this is especially important at a time when households and businesses face increased bills and expenses due to the ongoing cost of living crisis; understands that the record of the Scottish Government over the last 16 years has been characterised by failed financial interventions, incompetence, waste and inefficiency, which have to date cost in excess of £3.5 billion of public money; recognises that Audit Scotland has repeatedly highlighted the need for greater transparency, including during the audit of the Scottish Government’s consolidated accounts for 2021-22; considers that a culture of opaqueness and secrecy has prevailed in the Scottish Government in recent years, and that this has had a detrimental impact on the ability of the Parliament and the public to hold the government to account and ensure that value for money is being delivered; believes that, in these uncertain economic times, taxpayers across Scotland must have confidence that their money is being spent wisely, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to prioritising openness, transparency and competence in the management of Scotland’s finances.

The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved amendment S6M-08686.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08686 in the name of Michael Marra (Scotland’s Finances and the Cost of Living), leave out from “failed” to end and insert “balanced budgets, unqualified accounts and, since 2018, the most

progressive income tax system in the UK; considers that this is in stark contrast to the decade of austerity that Scotland has faced from successive UK governments; recognises that the Scottish Government has worked constructively with Audit Scotland, the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Constitution Committee to improve the budgetary process and parliamentary scrutiny of Scotland's finances, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue to prioritise openness, transparency and competence in the management of Scotland's finances."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 50, Abstentions 1).

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-08686.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08686 in the name of Michael Marra (Scotland's Finances and the Cost of Living), insert at end “, and further calls on the Scottish Government to address the concerns about the inconsistency in financial data sets that were set out by the Scottish Parliament Finance and Public Administration Committee in paragraph 43 of its report, Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24: Scotland's Public Finances in 2023-24 and the Impact of the Cost of Living and Public Service Reform.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament considers sound financial management and the responsible use of taxpayers' money to be key priorities for any government, and that this is especially important at a time when households and businesses face increased bills and expenses due to the ongoing cost of living crisis; understands that the record of the Scottish Government over the last 16 years has been characterised by balanced budgets, unqualified accounts and, since 2018, the most progressive income tax system in the UK; considers that this is in stark contrast to the decade of austerity that Scotland has faced from successive UK governments; recognises that the Scottish Government has worked constructively with Audit Scotland, the Scottish Fiscal Commission and the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Constitution Committee to improve the budgetary process and parliamentary scrutiny of Scotland's finances; calls on the Scottish Government to continue to prioritise openness, transparency and competence in the management of Scotland's finances, and further calls on the Scottish Government to address the concerns about the inconsistency in financial data sets that were set out by the Scottish Parliament Finance and Public Administration Committee in paragraph 43 of its report, Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24: Scotland's Public Finances in 2023-24 and the Impact of the Cost of Living and Public Service Reform.

4. Appointment of the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland: Sue Webber, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S6M-08663—That the Parliament nominates Nicola Killean to His Majesty The King for appointment as

the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland under section 2 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08701—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by The Coronation of The King and The Queen Consort

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 1 May 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Extension: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08702—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 12 May 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08703—That the

Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 19 May 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 4 as noted above.

9. Celebrating Autism Acceptance: The Parliament debated S6M-08250 in the name of Stephanie Callaghan—That the Parliament acknowledges both World Autism Acceptance Week, which runs from 27 March to 2 April 2023, and World Autism Month, which is celebrated throughout April, and their aim to raise awareness of autism, educate the public and make the world a friendly place for autistic people; notes that the National Autistic Society (NAS) theme for World Autism Acceptance Week 2023 is “colour”, and welcomes the fundraising events, including an in-person colour walk and colour virtual challenge, to support services; understands that more than one in 100 people in Scotland are autistic, and believes that accepting, promoting and celebrating the skills, thoughts, ideas and talents of autistic people supports those individuals to reach their full potential, while bringing positive benefits for wider society; further understands that the report, Closing the Accountability Gap, published by NAS and Scottish Autism, found that there is still a significant gap in the provision and access of appropriate support for autistic people across services such as schools, employment and healthcare; commends NAS and Scottish Autism for what it considers their continuous campaigning to promote autistic people’s rights and create a fairer and more accepting society, and in championing quality autism-specific services across Scotland, as well as their work to establish a Learning Disabilities, Autism and Neurodiversity Commissioner, and acknowledges the valuable work of local autism groups, such as HOPE for Autism and the Autism Resource Coordination Hub (ARCH) based in Lanarkshire, that work in partnership with autistic people.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.

No. 99, Thursday 27 April 2023

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. Community-led Housing Supporting a Sustainable Future: The Parliament debated S6M-08476 in the name of Ariane Burgess—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the vital role of community-led housing in tackling what it considers is the rural and island housing crisis, and in supporting those communities towards a sustainable future; believes that there are diverse and significant challenges facing rural and island communities in providing housing and the varied implications this has for sustaining the rural population; recognises what it considers as the enabling role of community housing trusts and organisations, such as South of Scotland Community Housing, Communities Housing Trust and Rural Housing Scotland, which support communities through what it understands can be a burdensome and long process; notes the belief that more can be done to facilitate community-led housing and remove barriers to locally-based projects; further notes the view that there is a need to support community-led affordable housing as a priority, and that the upcoming Land Reform and Community Wealth Building bills have the potential to do so; congratulates those organisations that have accomplished community housing projects and utilised available funds, such as the Rural and Island Housing Fund; considers that there is a need to learn from these organisations and continually improve, and congratulates what it sees as trailblazing projects that are testing alternative models, such as rented cohousing in the Hope CoHousing project in Orkney, and creating place-based communities through models such as Stòras Uibhist and Rural Housing Scotland's Smart Clachan project.

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

5. Opportunities for the Space Sector in Scotland: The Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-08713—That the Parliament welcomes the continued growth of the Scottish space sector; recognises that the sector accounts for 18% of all jobs in the UK space industry; notes that the sector has been identified as a key economic opportunity through the National Strategy for Economic Transformation and that, in October 2021, industry, academia and government set out their collective ambition for Scotland to become a leading European space nation through the Scottish Space Strategy; welcomes the major investment by Mangata Networks in building its new hub in Scotland, which will support up to 575 highly-skilled jobs; recognises the strengths of the space sector in Scotland and the role of space data in tackling climate change; acknowledges the importance of strict environmental and safety regulations to this industry, given its wider impact, and understands the significant opportunities for Scotland in becoming the home of space launches in Europe through the development of spaceports for civilian, science and technology programmes.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

Jamie Halcro Johnston moved amendment S6M-08713.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08713 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Opportunities for the Space Sector in Scotland), insert at end “, and welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to support the space sector in the UK, including the recent £6.5 million of funding from the UK Space Agency, which benefitted UK-wide projects such as providing £373,000 for Space Scotland to strengthen the Scottish space ecosystem.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-08713.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08713 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Opportunities for the Space Sector in Scotland), insert at end “; further understands that ensuring that employers in the space sector have access to the skills and expertise they need in the workforce is essential to long-term success in the sector, and recognises that this will require improving delivery of STEM subjects in schools and revitalising skills delivery so that it is flexible, aligned to industry, and capable of reskilling and upskilling; emphasises the requirement for physical space for advanced manufacturing to be set up affordably and in proximity to supply chains to deliver effective clustering effects for the space sector; acknowledges the importance of cooperation and pooling, such as at the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland, to enable the development of advanced manufacturing in the space industry, and highlights the importance of a supportive regulatory regime and of the Scottish Government engaging collaboratively to ensure that this is delivered.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the continued growth of the Scottish space sector; recognises that the sector accounts for 18% of all jobs in the UK space industry; notes that the sector has been identified as a key economic opportunity through the National Strategy for Economic Transformation and that, in October 2021, industry, academia and government set out their collective ambition for Scotland to become a leading European space nation through the Scottish Space Strategy; welcomes the major investment by Mangata Networks in building its new hub in Scotland, which will support up to 575 highly-skilled jobs; recognises the strengths of the space sector in Scotland and the role of space data in tackling climate change; acknowledges the importance of strict environmental and safety regulations to this industry, given its wider impact; understands the significant opportunities for Scotland in becoming the home of space launches in Europe through the development of spaceports for civilian, science and technology programmes; welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to support the space sector in the UK, including the recent £6.5 million of funding from the UK Space Agency, which benefitted UK-wide projects such as providing £373,000 for Space Scotland to strengthen the Scottish space ecosystem; further understands that ensuring that employers in the space sector have access to the skills and

expertise they need in the workforce is essential to long-term success in the sector, and recognises that this will require improving delivery of STEM subjects in schools and revitalising skills delivery so that it is flexible, aligned to industry, and capable of reskilling and upskilling; emphasises the requirement for physical space for advanced manufacturing to be set up affordably and in proximity to supply chains to deliver effective clustering effects for the space sector; acknowledges the importance of cooperation and pooling, such as at the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland, to enable the development of advanced manufacturing in the space industry, and highlights the importance of a supportive regulatory regime and of the Scottish Government engaging collaboratively to ensure that this is delivered.

6. 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 be brought forward to 4.39 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.40 pm.

No. 100, Tuesday 2 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Megan Laird, NDCS Young Changemaker, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08792—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 2 May 2023—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes

(b) Thursday 4 May 2023—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness: The Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees (Emma Roddick) moved S6M-08758—That the Parliament

recognises that social isolation and loneliness can affect anyone at any age or stage of life, but that not everyone is affected equally; acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic meant that more people experienced social isolation, and that this was disproportionately felt by disabled people, younger people and single-person households; recognises the action taken by the Scottish Government since its strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness was published in 2018, including working with young families that are facing adversity, stigma and exclusion, supporting disabled people, carers and grassroots projects to ensure that communities can make a difference on their own terms; believes that preventative action is vital to ensure that the negative mental health consequences are addressed; welcomes the investment that the Scottish Government is making through the three-year, £3.8 million Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund, which will create opportunities for people to connect with one another in Scotland's communities; commends the work of organisations and communities to tackle this issue, and recognises that tackling this public health issue is a collective responsibility and requires a shared commitment across the public, private and third sectors.

Alexander Stewart moved amendment S6M-08758.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08758 in the name of Emma Roddick (Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that its strategy for tackling isolation focusses on increasing awareness of loneliness, particularly among young people and older people, connecting communities, implementing a national awareness campaign on loneliness and isolation, and supporting innovation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-08758.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08758 in the name of Emma Roddick (Tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “acknowledges the investment that the Scottish Government is making through the three-year, £3.8 million Social Isolation and Loneliness Fund, which will create opportunities for people to connect with one another in Scotland's communities; commends the work of organisations and communities to tackle this issue; recognises that tackling this public health issue is a collective responsibility and requires a shared commitment across the public, private and third sectors; notes that precarious funding risks the third sector's contribution and ability to deliver vital services for people and communities across Scotland; further notes that this can lead to disconnects between national policy and the implementation of policy at the local level, and understands that a long-term, flexible, sustainable, and accessible approach to funding is central to a sustainable voluntary sector, which can deliver measurable impacts on loneliness and isolation in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Standing Orders Rule Changes: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-07078—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Standing Order Rule changes - minor amendments (SP Paper 352), and agrees that the rule changes to Standing Orders set out in the annexe of the report be made with effect from 4 May 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Highly Protected Marine Areas: The Parliament debated S6M-08651 in the name of Beatrice Wishart—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of Scotland’s fishing and aquaculture industries to coastal and island communities such as Shetland, as well as the wider Scottish economy; notes that the Scottish Government consultation on Highly Protected Marine Areas, a policy that forms part of the Bute House Agreement, closed on 17 April 2023; further notes that there are different views on Highly Protected Marine Areas and the contribution that they can make to protecting the marine environment; understands that many, including the Scottish Fishermen’s Federation, have concerns about these areas and the impact that they will have on the fishing and aquaculture industries, as well as other activity of importance to coastal and island communities and the wider economy; notes the view that work should be done to ensure that all stakeholders are fully engaged with the process and that local community perspectives are taken into account; further notes stakeholders’ reported suggestions that scientific studies and pilot schemes should be considered and evaluated before any Highly Protected Marine Areas are formally designated; notes the view that this work should be carried out as soon as feasible and that any findings from studies or pilot schemes should be shared with all relevant stakeholders, and further notes the view that any work that directly affects coastal and island communities should always be undertaken in partnership with them to ensure that livelihoods are protected.

8. Motion Without Notice: Beatrice Wishart 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 6.06 pm.

No. 101, Wednesday 3 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy, and then on Finance and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party: Douglas Ross moved S6M-08764—That the Parliament believes that the First Minister, as leader of the governing party of Scotland, should make a statement to the chamber of the Scottish Parliament about the governance of the Scottish National Party (SNP); agrees that these are matters of public interest and should be properly scrutinised and debated in the national parliament; notes that the Scottish Government has lacked transparency and openness in its administration of government across Scotland; calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to end its pre-release access of statistics, deliver a more transparent budget process, give arm's-length bodies control over information publication, publish a transparency list of public sector officials who earn more than the First Minister, set swifter publication dates for ministerial expenses and transport dates and improve scrutiny of breaches of the ministerial code, and condemns the SNP for its lack of candour about its membership and governance, and for its abject failure to concentrate on the priorities of the people of Scotland.

The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved amendment S6M-08764.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08764 in the name of Douglas Ross (Transparency of Scotland's Governing Party), leave out from "believes" to end and insert "agrees that good governance and transparency are matters of the utmost importance; believes that democracy is best served when all political parties are transparent on their party membership and sources of income; recognises the improvements made to the transparency and openness of the Scottish budget process as a result of cooperation between the Scottish Government and parliamentary committees; welcomes the upcoming review of the Chief Executive Pay Framework and encourages all parties to clearly lay out their position on public sector pay policy ahead of the annual budget process; calls on all political parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to refuse and return any donations from unincorporated associations that do not publish their sources of funding in full; believes that all political parties should refuse to nominate their donors for any form of honour bestowed by the Crown, including membership of the House of Lords; recognises that the only parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to have published up-to-date membership numbers are the Scottish National Party and the Scottish Green Party, and calls on the leaders of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Scottish Labour Party and Scottish Liberal Democrats, in the interests of democracy and transparency, to publish their membership numbers as a matter of urgency."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 48, Abstentions 4).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-08764.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08764 in the name of Douglas Ross (Transparency of Scotland’s Governing Party), insert at end “; believes that the culture of secrecy, spin and cover-up has no place in good government; considers that there is a need to strengthen the ability of the Parliament to hold the governing party to account, and so calls for a limit on the number of MSPs who can take up cabinet secretary or ministerial roles in government and the creation of binding sanctions for breaches of the Ministerial Code, and supports the introduction of parliamentary privilege for MSPs, the election of committee conveners by the whole Parliament, stronger powers for parliamentary committees to compel the provision of evidence and the appearance of witnesses, and a right of recall for MSPs who have been convicted of a crime or face serious sanction by the Scottish Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 48, Abstentions 4).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that good governance and transparency are matters of the utmost importance; believes that democracy is best served when all political parties are transparent on their party membership and sources of income; recognises the improvements made to the transparency and openness of the Scottish budget process as a result of cooperation between the Scottish Government and parliamentary committees; welcomes the upcoming review of the Chief Executive Pay Framework and encourages all parties to clearly lay out their position on public sector pay policy ahead of the annual budget process; calls on all political parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to refuse and return any donations from unincorporated associations that do not publish their sources of funding in full; believes that all political parties should refuse to nominate their donors for any form of honour bestowed by the Crown, including membership of the House of Lords; recognises that the only parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to have published up-to-date membership numbers are the Scottish National Party and the Scottish Green Party, and calls on the leaders of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Scottish Labour Party and Scottish Liberal Democrats, in the interests of democracy and transparency, to publish their membership numbers as a matter of urgency.

3. Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas: Rachael Hamilton moved S6M-08766—That the Parliament values the £560 million that fishing contributes to Scotland’s economy and the communities that rely on that industry; recognises fish and shellfish as Scotland’s climate-smart food; further recognises that the fishing industry has worked constructively with the Scottish Government for many years on the network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) covering 37% of Scotland’s seas; notes that the Scottish Government’s plans to arbitrarily designate 10% of Scotland’s waters as Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs) with no scientific basis, or proper analysis of any ecological justification; further notes the significant concerns of the fishing sector as a whole and the coastal communities that rely on it, in relation to the Scottish Government’s HPMA proposals and that those proposals have failed to gain

the support of coastal communities and that many local authorities also oppose them; notes the lack of any baseline, reliable methodology or modelling and a lack of suitable indicators for assessing their impact; believes that the HPMA policy is at odds with the Scottish Government's own established cycle of reviewing the MPA network that has been carefully and rigorously developed, and calls upon the Scottish Government to fundamentally reconsider its HPMA proposals and the timeframe for their introduction.

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition (Màiri McAllan) moved amendment S6M-08766.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08766 in the name of Rachael Hamilton (Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas), leave out from “the Scottish Government's plans” to end and insert “Scotland is in the midst of a climate and nature crisis and that decision-makers must be prepared to take action commensurate with the scale of that challenge, including enhanced marine protection, through a fair and just transition; believes that Scotland's seas must remain a source of economic prosperity for the nation, especially in remote, coastal and island communities; recognises the considerable strength of feeling on Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs); highlights that no sites have been selected, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to work with island and coastal communities, including the fishing sector, throughout the site selection process to ensure that their views are listened to and understood; notes the Scottish Government's commitment that it will not impose HMPAs on communities that are vehemently opposed to them; understands that comparable levels of high protection are found internationally, and that Scotland's proposals are similar to the EU's commitment; notes the clear evidence base that shows the positive impact that enhanced marine protection makes, once in place, on recovering ecosystems and supporting a sustainable fishery sector; believes that the experience of the Lamlash Bay no-take zone has shown the benefits for both the marine environment and the people who rely on it; remains committed to supporting Scotland's fishing sector, which plays such a key role in contributing to the country's economic prosperity, especially in remote, rural and island communities, and believes that the real threat to the Scottish fishing industry is the continuing adverse impacts of Brexit and the UK Government's immigration policies.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 55, Abstentions 3).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-08766.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08766 in the name of Rachael Hamilton (Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas), insert at end “, and urges the Scottish Government to work with fishing communities and economies that have safeguarded the seas for generations to support and empower them to protect these fishing grounds for future generations, and to ensure that appropriate exclusions are put in place to benefit local communities and economies without being to the detriment of the marine environment.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S6M-08766.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08766 in the name of Rachael Hamilton (Reconsidering Highly Protected Marine Areas), insert at end “; recalls the passing of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, which allows for the ‘island proofing’ of legislation, meaning that the needs of island communities must be taken into consideration when creating policy or legislation, and believes that this approach must be followed in relation to Highly Protected Marine Areas.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 53, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament values the £560 million that fishing contributes to Scotland’s economy and the communities that rely on that industry; recognises fish and shellfish as Scotland’s climate-smart food; further recognises that the fishing industry has worked constructively with the Scottish Government for many years on the network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) covering 37% of Scotland’s seas; notes that Scotland is in the midst of a climate and nature crisis and that decision-makers must be prepared to take action commensurate with the scale of that challenge, including enhanced marine protection, through a fair and just transition; believes that Scotland’s seas must remain a source of economic prosperity for the nation, especially in remote, coastal and island communities; recognises the considerable strength of feeling on Highly Protected Marine Areas (HPMAs); highlights that no sites have been selected, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to work with island and coastal communities, including the fishing sector, throughout the site selection process to ensure that their views are listened to and understood; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment that it will not impose HMPAs on communities that are vehemently opposed to them; understands that comparable levels of high protection are found internationally, and that Scotland’s proposals are similar to the EU’s commitment; notes the clear evidence base that shows the positive impact that enhanced marine protection makes, once in place, on recovering ecosystems and supporting a sustainable fishery sector; believes that the experience of the Lamlash Bay no-take zone has shown the benefits for both the marine environment and the people who rely on it; remains committed to supporting Scotland’s fishing sector, which plays such a key role in contributing to the country’s economic prosperity, especially in remote, rural and island communities; believes that the real threat to the Scottish fishing industry is the continuing adverse impacts of Brexit and the UK Government’s immigration policies; urges the Scottish Government to work with fishing communities and economies that have safeguarded the seas for generations to support and empower them to protect these fishing grounds for future generations, and to ensure that appropriate exclusions are put in place to benefit local communities and economies without being to the detriment of the marine environment; recalls the passing of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018, which allows for the ‘island proofing’ of legislation, meaning that the needs of island communities must be taken into consideration when creating policy or legislation, and believes that this approach must be followed in relation to Highly Protected Marine Areas.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide further explanation of the removal of the previously announced £46 million of funding for universities and colleges in Scotland, was answered by the Minister for Higher and Further Education (Graeme Dey).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08795—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by The Coronation of King Charles III and The Queen

followed by Ministerial Statement: Europe Day 2023 - The Scottish Government's Commitment to Remain Aligned with EU Laws

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Transforming Justice in Scotland - Person-centred and Trauma-informed Approaches for Victims and Witnesses

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 8 May 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08796—That the Parliament agrees that Keith Brown be appointed to replace Fergus Ewing as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08797—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Impact of Long-term Historical Site Closures Managed by Historic Environment Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-07369 in the name of Sharon Dowey—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of historic sites to communities across the South Scotland region, and the rest of Scotland; believes that any long-term closures to sites managed by Historic Environment Scotland (HES) could have a severe impact for Scotland's tourism industry, and a devastating impact on any communities and businesses that rely on these attractions being fully open; understands that the heritage sector is a vital part of Scotland's tourism industry, and considers that it is responsible for attracting millions of visitors from around the world to Scotland each year; further understands that 60 historical sites managed by HES are closed, and that the inspection programme is expected to conclude in April 2024; recognises what it sees as the need to address the shortage of skilled labourers, such as stonemasons; notes the calls on the Scottish Government to make additional funding available to accelerate the reopening of closed sites, and

further notes the view that it is vital that all efforts are made to secure the long-term viability of Scotland's historic sites.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

No. 102, Thursday 4 May 2023

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. Firefighters' Memorial Day 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-08579 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises 4 May as International Firefighters' Day (IFFD), which is also known as Firefighters' Memorial Day, and is an annual observance to honour the sacrifice of firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty; thanks firefighters serving communities across Scotland, including the crew at Knightswood Fire Station in Glasgow Anniesland, for their tremendous contribution in ensuring people's safety; acknowledges the courage and dedication of generations of firefighters; understands that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service is the fourth largest serving firefighting force in the world; remembers and honours the firefighters who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty; understands that a minute's silence will take place at 12 noon on 4 May 2023, on the forecourts of fire stations and other fire and rescue workplaces; notes the work of the Fire Brigades Union in its Red Plaque project and DECON campaign; further notes the view that all fire stations should have safe work practices, including full decontamination facilities, to ensure that firefighters and their families are not exposed to harmful particles; notes the classification by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer, in July 2022, of the occupational exposure of firefighters as carcinogenic to humans, which increases the likelihood of cancer, and notes the view that this classification has made health and safety measures even more important.

4. Motion Without Notice: Bill Kidd moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

8 (For 89, Against 21, Abstentions 0)

18 (For 90, Against 22, Abstentions 0)

34 (For 88, Against 21, Abstentions 0)

7. Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Wealth and Public Finance (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-08810—That the Parliament agrees that the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, 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 be brought forward to 4.57 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

No. 103, Tuesday 9 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Kenneth I. MacKenzie, Minister of the Parish of Braemar and Crathie, and Domestic Chaplain to His Majesty The King, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. The Coronation of King Charles III and The Queen:** The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-08864—That the Parliament congratulates Their Majesties The King and The Queen on the occasion of Their Coronation; expresses its gratitude for Their Majesties' public service to Scotland, and affirms the deep respect that is held for Their Majesties in Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) made a statement and answered questions on Europe Day 2023 – The Scottish Government's Commitment to Remain Aligned with EU Laws.

- 5. Transforming Justice in Scotland – Person-centred and Trauma-informed Approaches for Victims and Witnesses:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-08865—That the Parliament notes the publication of *Trauma Informed Justice: A Knowledge and Skills Framework for Working with Victims and Witnesses*, which identifies six key aims of a trauma-informed justice system; recognises that victims and survivors of crime and witnesses can be affected by trauma in many ways, and that there is, therefore, an imperative for the criminal justice system to be designed to be person-centred and trauma-informed, so that victims, survivors and witnesses are supported to recover from the harm and trauma and possible re-traumatisation that they have experienced; recognises the critical importance of staff having a shared understanding about the impact of trauma, and the knowledge and skills to minimise re-traumatisation and support recovery, and notes the opportunity for the Parliament to further consider these issues through its scrutiny of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill, which puts victims and witnesses at the heart of the justice system.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-08865.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08865 in the name of Angela Constance (Transforming Justice in Scotland - Person-centred and Trauma-informed Approaches for Victims and Witnesses), insert at end “, and believes that, through its scrutiny of the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill, fairness for victims will be further achieved by the removal of proposals to allow for time spent by offenders on bail, under electronic monitoring, to be considered as part of their overall sentence, and that additional measures, such as affording victims a greater voice in decisions concerning the bail, remand and release of offenders, better protections around their safety once an offender is released and

any other practical measures that can better protect victims and their families, ought to be positively considered by the Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-08865.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08865 in the name of Angela Constance (Transforming Justice in Scotland - Person-centred and Trauma-informed Approaches for Victims and Witnesses), insert at end “; further notes recent reports of poor experiences of victims within the justice system, including long waits for court cases to be heard and the re-traumatising effect of the legal process for victims of domestic abuse and rape; invites the Scottish Government to explore the potential benefits of expanding the independent legal representation available to victims, particularly in cases of rape; understands that reform of the justice system will only be successful if the current pressures on the justice system are addressed, and expresses its belief that further reforms must be developed and implemented cooperatively with those who work in the criminal justice sector in order to bring about effective and practical change for victims and witnesses.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the publication of *Trauma Informed Justice: A Knowledge and Skills Framework for Working with Victims and Witnesses*, which identifies six key aims of a trauma-informed justice system; recognises that victims and survivors of crime and witnesses can be affected by trauma in many ways, and that there is, therefore, an imperative for the criminal justice system to be designed to be person-centred and trauma-informed, so that victims, survivors and witnesses are supported to recover from the harm and trauma and possible re-traumatisation that they have experienced; recognises the critical importance of staff having a shared understanding about the impact of trauma, and the knowledge and skills to minimise re-traumatisation and support recovery; notes the opportunity for the Parliament to further consider these issues through its scrutiny of the Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill, which puts victims and witnesses at the heart of the justice system; further notes recent reports of poor experiences of victims within the justice system, including long waits for court cases to be heard and the re-traumatising effect of the legal process for victims of domestic abuse and rape; invites the Scottish Government to explore the potential benefits of expanding the independent legal representation available to victims, particularly in cases of rape; understands that reform of the justice system will only be successful if the current pressures on the justice system are addressed, and expresses its belief that further reforms must be developed and implemented cooperatively with those who work in the criminal justice sector in order to bring about effective and practical change for victims and witnesses.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.

7. VAT Burn Campaign: The Parliament debated S6M-07973 in the name of Jackie Dunbar—That the Parliament welcomes the VAT Burn campaign that was launched by Amy Callaghan MP on 4 February 2023 to coincide with World Cancer Day, an international awareness day to encourage the prevention, detection, and treatment of cancer; notes that the campaign is seeking the removal of VAT from sunscreen products of sun protection factor (SPF) 30 and above and with at least a 4-star UVA protection rating; further notes that the NHS advises people to use sunscreen that offers this level of protection, and understands that 90% of cases of melanoma could be prevented by staying safe in the sun; considers that taking such measures could both save lives and protect NHS budgets, including in the Aberdeen Donside constituency; understands that, in September 2022, Amy Callaghan coordinated the preparation of a cross-party letter, supported by 48 MPs from every major UK political party, to the former chancellor, Kwasi Kwarteng, calling for VAT to be removed from sunscreen products; recognises Amy Callaghan’s personal experience of skin cancer, and believes that she has been able to draw on this experience while campaigning on the issue; notes the calls for people to show their support for the VAT Burn campaign by signing the petition at amycallaghan.scot/vat-burn, and further notes the calls urging the UK Government to remove VAT on sunscreen products of SPF 30 or above with at least a 4-star UVA protection rating.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

No. 104, Wednesday 10 May 2023

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-08869—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: Financial Resolution: Michael Matheson moved S6M-06897—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Cabinet and Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08894—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating the Success of the COVID-19

Vaccination Programme

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivery of the Agreed Recommendations of the Barclay Review of Non-domestic Rates

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Securing a Sustainable Food Supply for Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 May 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 May 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 May 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Rural Affairs and Islands Committee Debate: Future Agriculture Policy in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 May 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. 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 be brought forward to 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 3 as noted above.

7. The Future of St Michael's Hospital in Linlithgow, West Lothian: The Parliament debated S6M-08317 in the name of Fiona Hyslop—That the Parliament understands that the land for the St Michael's Hospital facility in Linlithgow was originally gifted by St Michael's Church in the 19th century for the purpose of providing a hospital and garden for the community, and that, due to temporary demands to move staff elsewhere in the NHS due to illness absences, it is currently closed; recognises what it sees as the long history of St Michael's in providing hospital services to the people of West Lothian, the Friends of St Michael's Group's hard work and dedication in supporting families with loved ones cared for at St Michael's Hospital, and the invaluable local support and spirit of solidarity that the local community provides to all

who use the hospital; notes the view that there will be an ongoing need for a health facility providing end-of-life and step-down intermediary care and, potentially, new support services to match increasing home-based care in the north of West Lothian; recognises what it sees as the strong community support for the retention of the hospital and the campaign to maintain hospital and health services there, including, it understands, the large number of people who attended the information evening on 7 February 2023 organised by the Friends of St Michael's Group and addressed by West Lothian Health and Care Partnership, which, it considers, saw a willingness from all to identify the best future needs for patients and families and the role that the hospital could play; understands that West Lothian has a growing population that is already well in excess of that of the City of Dundee, and also has one of the highest proportions of older populations; acknowledges what it considers the continuing challenges in securing and resourcing staffing for any expansion of care at home, and the ongoing pressure on caring families; notes the West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership's consultation on the current closure of St Michael's Hospital and its community bed review, and further notes the calls on the partnership to take a strategic view in favour of using the physical, social and community assets of St Michael's for the benefit of the growing population in the north of the county.

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm.

No. 105, Thursday 11 May 2023

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. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

4. Supporting Mental Health in Rural Communities: The Parliament debated S6M-06107 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the unique challenges being faced by farmers and the wider agricultural industry as a result of vast input cost inflation caused by Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, among other factors; commends farmers and crofters for the role that it considers they play at the heart of rural communities, producing high-quality sustainable food, supporting thousands of jobs, helping to tackle climate change and enhancing biodiversity despite the pressures that they face; understands that these pressures contribute to concerns around the mental health of Scottish farmers and crofters, including in the Scottish Borders; notes the work of the National Farmers Union Scotland in working with its members to protect the physical and mental wellbeing of all those working and living in farming communities and highlighting the issue of mental health in farming, agriculture and countryside management more widely, alongside the work of the Countryside Alliance, the Mental Health Foundation Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates, the National Rural Mental Health Forum and the Poverty Alliance, among others, for highlighting the issue and working towards finding solutions, and notes the calls encouraging those who are struggling with their mental health to access help and support from either their friends or family or the many services available, including RSABI.

5. Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-08870—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-08683—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. 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 be brought forward to 4.45pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.46 pm.

Annex A: Bills Introduced

25 May 2022

Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to the assignation of claims; to establish a register for assignation documents in respect of such claims; to make provision in relation to the granting of security in the form of a pledge over corporeal and incorporeal moveable property; to establish a register of statutory pledges; and to end the creation of agricultural charges.

Introduced by: Keith Brown

Supported by: Tom Arthur

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 15-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 15-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 15-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 15-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 15-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

8 June 2022

Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the determination of questions of bail; to provide for the court, when sentencing, to have regard to time spent on certain bail conditions; to ensure prisoners are not released on Fridays and certain other days; to provide for the temporary release of long-term prisoners; to enable certain prisoners to be released early in emergency situations; to require certain public bodies to engage in planning for the release of prisoners; to provide support for released prisoners; to provide for information about prisoners to be given to persons or bodies supporting victims; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Keith Brown

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 16-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 16-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 16-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 16-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 16-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

20 June 2022

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish the National Care Service; to make provision about the processing of health and social care information; to make provision about the delivery and regulation of social care; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 17-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 17-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 17-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 17-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 17-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

3 October 2022

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in connection with protecting residential tenants from increases in rent; protecting residential tenants from eviction; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Supported by: Patrick Harvie

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 18-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 18-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 18-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 18-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 18-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

6 October 2022

Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to provide for the establishment and functions of a Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland.

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 19-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 19-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 19-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 19-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 19-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

15 November 2022

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to modify certain aspects of the law relating to the regulation and administration of charities and their assets.

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 20-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 20-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 20-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 20-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 20-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

22 November 2022

Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make further provision as regards trusts; to make provision about the effect of divorce, dissolution or annulment on a special destination and about the rights of succession to an intestate estate; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Keith Brown

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 21-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 21-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 21-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 21-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 21-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

13 December 2022

Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision to bring all under 18s within the scope of the children’s hearings system and about the measures that may be included in compulsory supervision orders, the provision of information to certain persons as to disposals made by the hearings system, and about supervision and guidance for children after age 18; to make provision treating under 18s as children for the purposes of the criminal justice system and about how children are treated in that system, including providing for the extension of restrictions on reporting proceedings involving children to the investigation and pre-trial phase, new safeguards for children in court, the circumstances in which courts must seek advice from a children’s hearing or remit the case to a hearing for disposal, the court’s power to impose driving disqualifications and penalty points despite so remitting, the operation of sexual offences notification requirements on such remittal, and the use of secure accommodation, and removing the option of young offenders institutions and remand centres, when detaining children; to make changes to provision on secure accommodation and the regulation of secure accommodation services, including those services which take children from other parts of the United Kingdom; to change the age at which a person is a child for the purposes of antisocial behaviour orders; to repeal provisions on the named person service and on child’s plans; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Shirley-Anne Somerville

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 22-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 22-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 22-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 22-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 22-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

22 December 2022

Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2023/24, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2024/25, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: John Swinney

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon and George Adam

A Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 23-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 23-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

21 March 2023

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the management of wildlife through the prohibition of glue traps and regulation of other wildlife traps and the licensing of land on which certain birds are to be killed or taken; and for the licensing of the making of muirburn; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Supported by: Mairi McAllan

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 24-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 24-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 24-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 24-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 24-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

20 April 2023

Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision in relation to the regulation of legal services.

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Supported by: Siobhian Brown

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 25-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 25-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 25-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 25-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 25-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

25 April 2023

Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish a Victims and Witnesses Commissioner for Scotland; to make provision for the investigation and prosecution of crime, and the conduct and scheduling of criminal and civil proceedings, to be done in a trauma-informed way; to make provision for special measures for vulnerable witnesses and vulnerable parties in civil proceedings, including the special measure of prohibiting the personal conduct of certain cases; to abolish the not proven verdict and to provide about the size of juries in criminal trials and the number of jurors needed to deliver guilty verdicts; to establish a new court to try persons accused of certain sexual offences; to provide for anonymity for victims of certain sexual offences; to provide for complainers' legal representatives to be heard in relation to applications to admit certain evidence in sexual offences cases; to enable a pilot of rape trials before a judge without a jury; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Angela Constance

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 26-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 26-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 26-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 26-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 26-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

27 April 2023

Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision to establish a mental health moratorium; to modify the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016; and to modify the law of diligence.

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Supported by: Tom Arthur

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 27-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 27-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 27-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 27-DPM)

and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 27-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

Annex B: Subordinate Legislation

Made affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the made affirmative procedure—

1 July 2022

Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/233)

laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

24 November 2022

Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Poultrymeat) (Miscellaneous Temporary Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/352)

laid under Article 229 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013

15 December 2022

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/375)

laid section 68(4) to (6) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

22 February 2023

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/50)

laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

13 May 2022

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

20 May 2022

Plant Health (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

25 May 2022

Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 116(3)(k) and 116(4)(b) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

30 May 2022

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/186)

laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

1 June 2022

Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

6 June 2022

Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary Provision) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 34(2) of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016

9 June 2022

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Reports on Use of Places of Safety) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 82(3)(d) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

22 June 2022

Advice and Assistance (Summary Criminal Proceedings) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

28 June 2022

Consumer Scotland (Transfer of Functions) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 26(3)(a) of the Consumer Scotland Act 2020

5 September 2022

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2022 [draft]
laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

7 September 2022

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 (Code of Practice) (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

20 September 2022

Homeless Persons (Suspension of Referrals between Local Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]
laid under section 33A(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

21 September 2022

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2022 [draft]
laid under paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the Climate Change Act 2008

22 September 2022

Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/278)

laid under section 160A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/279)

laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

27 September 2022

Pavement Parking Prohibition (Exemption Orders Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 128(2) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

11 October 2022

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

24 October 2022

Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

Police Act 1997 (Offences in Schedules 8A and 8B) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 126ZB(2) of the Police Act 1997

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

31 October 2022

Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 5(2) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

1 November 2022

Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022

8 November 2022

The following instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 4 November 2022—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022

14 November 2022

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

16 November 2022

Winter Heating Assistance (Low Income) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

24 November 2022

Bankruptcy and Debt Arrangement Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 225(4) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016

1 December 2022

Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

12 December 2022

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(c) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

13 December 2022

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of the Council Tax Reduction Review Panel) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Valuation for Rating Appeal Functions of the Lands Tribunal for Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Valuation Appeals Committees) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(a) and (b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

12 January 2023

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

18 January 2023

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under Sections 3A(3), and 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

19 January 2023

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 58(3)(a) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

23 January 2023

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 126(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

25 January 2023

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

26 January 2023

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989

Non-Domestic Rates (Miscellaneous Anti-Avoidance Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 41(1) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

27 January 2023

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

Alcoholic Beverages, Fruit and Vegetables (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under Section 48(3C) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and section 9(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Dates and Rent Cap Modification) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 7(5) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022, and sections 23A(4) and 24J(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and section 77(3) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

31 January 2023

Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under sections 150(2), 150A(2) and 190(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

2 February 2023

Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022

8 February 2023

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 12(5)(a) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

15 February 2023

Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 50(5)(b) of the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003

21 February 2023

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 14(3) of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019

22 February 2023

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]
laid under section 14(3) of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019

27 February 2023

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

1 March 2023

The following affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 1 March 2023—

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 12(5)(a) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

16 March 2023

National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Gender Representation on Public Boards) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 12(4) of the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018

22 March 2023

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the General Regulatory Chamber) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 79(2) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

27 March 2023

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Consequential Modifications, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 53(3) of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022

31 March 2023

Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Interim Target) Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

25 April 2023

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft]

laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

2 May 2023

Police Negotiating Board for Scotland (Constitution, Arbitration and Qualifying Cases) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 125(3A) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

10 May 2023

Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Sudan) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Animal By-Products and Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union Withdrawal Act 2018 (as applied by paragraph 12(3) of that schedule of that Act)

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

16 May 2022

Food and Feed Safety (Fukushima Restrictions) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/166)

laid under Article 57a(5) of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament

20 May 2022

Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/167)

laid under section 15A of the Social Security Act 1988

Novel Foods (Authorisations) and Smoke Flavourings (Modification of Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/168)

laid under Article 32A(4) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 and Article 19A(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 2065/2003

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/169)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Health Service (Vocational Training for Dentists) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/170)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978
23 May 2022

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/172)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/173)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

26 May 2022

Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/179)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Sheriff Court Fees Order 2022 (SSI 2022/181)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2022 (SSI 2022/182)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2022 (SSI 2022/183)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/184)

laid under section 86 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2022 (SSI 2022/185)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

30 May 2022

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/186)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

1 June 2022

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/190)
laid under section 275(3) Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020 (Suspension: Termination of Student Residential Tenancy) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/192)

laid under section 10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/193)

laid under paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/194)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

9 June 2022

Gender Recognition (Marriage and Civil Partnership Registration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/201)
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Gender Recognition (Marriage and Civil Partnership Registration) (Modification) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/202)
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 June 2022

Vegetable Plant Material and Fruit Plant and Propagating Material (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/203)
laid under para 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

16 June 2022

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/206)
laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/212)
laid under section 122 of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/213)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

17 June 2022

Building (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/209)
laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Prescribed Documents) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/210)
laid under section 68(3) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

21 June 2022

Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/214)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

23 June 2022

General Pharmaceutical Council (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2022 (SI 2022/697)
laid under article 70(2) of the Pharmacy Order 2010

15 August 2022

Civil Protection Measures, European Protection Order and Victims' Rights (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment Etc.) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/249)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

30 August 2022

Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Saving Provision) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/261)
laid under section 12(10)(b) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9(11)(b) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

31 August 2022

Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/262)
laid under Article 39(5) of Regulation (EU) 576/2013

2 September 2022

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/263)
laid under Section 18(3) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 1995

5 September 2022

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Rules of Procedure in Children's Hearings) Amendment Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/264)
laid under sections 177 and 196 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Food Information (Transitional Provisions) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/265)
laid under section 16(3) Food Safety Act 1990

9 September 2022

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland (Membership) Modification Order 2022 (SSI 2022/268)
laid under section 71(3) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax (Discounts) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/271)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/272)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

22 September 2022

Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/278)
laid under section 160A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/279)
laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

29 September 2022

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/286)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and section 39 of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997

Feed Additives (Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/288)

laid under Article 18A(4) of Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003

6 October 2022

Education (Listed Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/294)

laid under section 232 of the Education Reform Act 1988

26 October 2022

Scottish Child Payment (Saving Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/302)

laid under section 96(4) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

28 October 2022

Assured Tenancies and Private Residential Tenancies (Prescribed Notices and Forms) (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/307)

laid under section 53(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and section 77(4) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

3 November 2022

Electricity (Applications for Consent and Variation of Consent) (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/310)

laid under sections 106(2) and (3) of the Electricity Act 1989

8 November 2022

Scottish Child Payment (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/326)

laid under section 96(4) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

10 November 2022

Seed (Equivalence of Countries) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/328)

laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

11 November 2022

Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/330)

laid under section 50(4) of the Environment Act 2021

14 November 2022

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/335)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

16 November 2022

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SI 2022/1173)

laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

17 November 2022

Building (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/340)

laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

22 November 2022

Official Controls (Import of High Risk Food and Feed of Non-Animal Origin) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/341)

laid under Article 57a(5) of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council

23 November 2022

Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby Foods for Infants and Young Children (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/342)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

24 November 2022

Building (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/349)

laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

1 December 2022

Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Provision of Service Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/358)

laid under section 61(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (by virtue of sections 134 and 135 of the Transport Act 1985)

8 December 2022

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Consequential Modifications) and Agricultural Products, Aquatic Animal Health and Genetically Modified Organisms (EU Exit) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/361)

laid under section 23(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 and paragraphs 1(3) and 8F(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/362)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

9 December 2022

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/363)

laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

12 December 2022

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/364)

laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Local Taxation Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/365)

laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/369)

laid under section 3ZA(10)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

14 December 2022

Official Controls and Import Conditions (Transitional Periods) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/371)

laid under Article 144(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

15 December 2022

Red Rocks and Longay Marine Conservation Order 2022 (SSI 2022/372)

laid under section 165 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Food and Feed (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/373)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and paragraph 4 of Article 18A of Regulation (EC) 1831/2003

16 December 2022

St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/377)

laid under section 133 of the Education (S) Act 1980

22 December 2022

Parole Board (Scotland) Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/385)

laid under section 45 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

17 January 2023

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/6)

laid under paragraph 5 of schedule 9 of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

19 January 2023

Packaging Waste (Data Reporting) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/7)

laid under 58(5) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Early Expiry and Suspension of Provisions) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/8)

laid under sections 6(6)(b) and 8(5)(b) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

26 January 2023

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Independent Child Trafficking Guardians) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/18)

laid under section 41 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/19)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/20)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

30 January 2023

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/21)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

2 February 2023

Public Health Scotland Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/24)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/25)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Sites of Reverse Vending Machines) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/26)

laid under section 6(8B) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 and section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

3 February 2023

Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/27)

laid under Section 104(1) of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

9 February 2023

Non-Domestic Rates (Restriction of Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/28)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/29)

laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/30)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/31)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/32)

laid under section 43 of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act 1854

Road Works (Reinstatement Quality Plans, Qualifications of Supervisors and Operatives and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/33)

laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and section 143(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984

10 February 2023

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/34)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development and Use Classes) (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/35)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/36)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/37)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

13 February 2023

Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax (Discounts) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/38)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/39)

laid under section 138 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

20 February 2023

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/40)

laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

24 February 2023

Water and Sewerage Services to Dwellings (Collection of Unmetered Charges by Local Authority) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/52)

laid under section 68(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

Marriage and Marriage Registration (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/53)

laid under section 24(5A) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Marriage Between Civil Partners (Procedure for Change and Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations (SSI 2023/55)

laid under section 10(5)(d) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014

2 March 2023

Private Residential Tenancies and Assured Tenancies (Prescribed Notices and Forms) (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/58)

laid under section 53(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and section 77(4) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Genetically Modified Food and Feed (Authorisations and Modifications of Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/59)
laid under Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003 of the European Parliament

3 March 2023

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/63)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 (Transitional Provision) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/64)

laid under section 43(4) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Building (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/65)

laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

6 March 2023

Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Safeguarders Panel) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/66)

laid under section 195(3) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

16 March 2023

Food Additives, Food Flavourings and Novel Foods (Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/78)

laid under Article 14A(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 1331/2008 and Article 32A(4) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/80)

laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

20 March 2023

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/81)

laid under section 2(3)(b) of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Act 2022

23 March 2023

Tuberculosis (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/93)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 March 2023

Town and Country Planning (Play Sufficiency Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/97)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/101)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

27 March 2023

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Designation of Events and Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/98)
laid under section 56 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022

30 March 2023

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/113)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) (Amendment) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/114)
laid under section 1(9) of the Bees Act 1980

20 April 2023

Heat Networks (Heat Network Zones and Building Assessment Reports) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/123)
laid under section 99(4) of Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021

Public Procurement (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/124)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Act 2023 and section 44(3) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

21 April 2023

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/125)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

27 April 2023

Discontinuance of Cornton Vale Prison (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/132)
laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

5 May 2023

Council Tax (Discounts) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/141)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

11 May 2023

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/142)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/143)
laid under section 84(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

10 June 2022

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/204 (C.11))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 June 2022

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2022 (SSI 2022/211)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 June 2022

Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/208 (C.12))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 July 2022

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Overseas Production Orders) 2022 (2022/231)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 August 2022

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Court Sittings) 2022 (SSI 2022/250)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 September 2022

Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/266 (C. 13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Registration of Births, Still-births and Deaths (Prescription of Forms and Attestation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/267)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 September 2022

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/274(C.14))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 9 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/275(C.15))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 September 2022

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments) 2022 SSI (SSI 2022/277)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 September 2022

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/280 (C.16))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 September 2022

Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment) (Case Management of Defended Family and Civil Partnership Actions) 2022 (SSI 2022/289)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 October 2022

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Miscellaneous) (No. 2) 2022 (SSI 2022/295)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 October 2022

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/301 (C. 17))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 October 2022

Environment Act 2021 (Commencement and Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/305 (C. 18))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 November 2022

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Civil Protection Measures (EU Exit)) 2022 (SSI 2022/329)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 November 2022

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/332 (C.19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 November 2022

Tuberculosis (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/334)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 November 2022

Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) (Amendment) 2022 (SSI 2022/355)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 December 2022

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/368)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Valuation Roll and Valuation Notice (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/370)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 December 2022

Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement) (No. 1) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/376)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 December 2022

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 10) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/386 (C. 21))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 January 2023

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/3 (C. 1))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/4)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 January 2023

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/10 (C.2))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 January 2023

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 5) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/17)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 February 2023

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/49 (C.4))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 3, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/51 (C.5))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 March 2023

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Court Sitings) 2023 (SSI 2023/57)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 March 2023

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Sexual Harm Prevention Orders) 2023 (SSI 2023/61)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 Amendment) (Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and Sexual Risk Orders) 2023 (SSI 2023/62)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 March 2023

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/72 (C.6))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 March 2023

Act of Sederunt (Lands Valuation Appeal Court) 2023 (SSI 2023/75)
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Valuation Appeal Rules Amendment) 2023 (SSI 2023/76)
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act
2010

16 March 2023

Education (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2023 (SSI
2023/74 (C.7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI
2023/77 (C.8))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

17 March 2023

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI
2023/79 (C. 9))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

24 March 2023

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 12 and Saving and Transitional
Provisions) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/100 (C. 11))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

27 March 2023

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2)
Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/99 (C.10))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/109)
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act
2010

27 April 2023

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations
2023 (SSI 2023/131 (C.12))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

4 May 2023

Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2023 (SSI
2023/139 (C. 13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

Annex C: Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandums were lodged on the dates indicated—

25 May 2022

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Social Security (Special Rules for End of Life) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-19)

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Procurement Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-20)

13 June 2022

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-21)

21 June 2022

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-22)

19 August 2022

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-24)

2 September 2022

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-25)

28 September 2022

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-26)

20 October 2022

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-27)

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Energy Prices Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-28)

8 November 2022

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-29)

23 November 2022

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Order Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-30)

30 November 2022

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Shark Fins Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-31)

12 December 2022

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-32)

13 December 2022

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-25a)

25 January 2023

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Energy Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-26a)

21 February 2023

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-33)

16 March 2023

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Powers of Attorney Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-34)

5 May 2023

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-35)

Annex D: Other Documents

Documents subject to approval

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to approval—

29 July 2022

Scottish Social Housing Charter: November 2022 (SG/2022/146)
laid under section 33(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

Documents subject to consultation

The following documents were laid before the Parliament for consultation on the dates indicated—

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

13 May 2022

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic plan 2020-25: year three SG/2022/92
laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

18 May 2022

Transvaginal Mesh Removal Reimbursement Scheme 2022 SG/2022/87
laid under Section 2(2)(a) of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Act 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2022 SPSO/2022/05
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

19 May 2022

Social security: Progress on implementing the devolved benefits - A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2022/7
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 May 2022

Environmental Standards Scotland Annual Report ESS/2022/01
laid under the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

26 May 2022

Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme: progress report 2022, Third annual progress report on the “Climate Ready Scotland: Scotland’s Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019 to 2024”: SG/2022/93
laid under section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2022: Electricity: SG/2022/95
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2022: Buildings: SG/2022/96
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report: Transport 2022: SG/2022/97
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report: Industry 2022: SG/2022/98
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report: Waste and the Circular Economy 2022:
SG/2022/99
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report: Land Use, Land-Use Change and Forestry
(LULUCF) 2022: SG/2022/100
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report: Agriculture 2022: SG/2022/101
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report: Negative Emissions Technologies 2022:
SG/2022/102
laid under section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Response to the Climate Change Committee: Progress reducing emissions in
Scotland 2021 - Report to Parliament: SG/2022/103
laid under section 9 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

30 May 2022

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014: statutory guidance SG/2022/78
laid under section 29(4) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

31 May 2022

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – May
2022 SFC/2022/1
laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Fiscal Update – May 2022 SFC/2022/2
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

6 June 2022

Code of Practice: In connection with the use of disclosure information and with the
functions of registered persons, 6 June 2022 Edition SG/2022/112
laid under Section 122 of the Police Act 1997

7 June 2022

Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2020 SG/2022/94

laid under Section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
9 June 2022

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Twelfth report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2022/114

laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2021/22 year ended 31 March 2022 and independent auditor's report SP Paper 199

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 June 2022

Cleaner Air for Scotland 2: Towards a Better Place for Everyone – Annual Report 2021/22 SG/2022/116

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Coronavirus Acts: thirteenth report to Scottish Parliament SG/2022/82
laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

14 June 2022

Scotland's Land Use Strategy Annual Progress Report - 2021/2022 SG/2022/108
laid under Section 37A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

15 June 2022

Independent Monitoring Authority's Annual Report to the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights established under the Withdrawal Agreement and the Joint Committee established under the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement SG/2022/109

laid under Paragraph 31(11) of schedule 2 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020

16 June 2022

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2021-2022 SG/2022/120
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scotland's financial response to Covid-19: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2022/8

laid under Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 June 2022

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 SG/2022/85

laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

22 June 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2022 SPSO/2022/06

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Best Start Foods, Best Start Grants and
Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022
SCoSS/2022/03

laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

24 June 2022

Transport Scotland: Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport
(Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2021-22 (SG/2022/105)

laid under Section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

27 June 2022

Food Standards Scotland: Our Food 2021, An annual review of food standards across
the UK SG/2022/34

laid under section 15(6) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Scottish Water: 2021/22 Annual Report and Accounts, Performance and Prospects
SG/2022/125

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

28 June 2022

General Pharmaceutical Council: Annual report, Annual fitness to practise report and
Annual accounts 2021/22 SG/2022/131

laid under Paragraph 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

29 June 2022

Climate Change Committee: Progress in reducing emissions, 2022 Report to
Parliament SG/2022/128

laid under Section 36(1) of the UK Climate Change Act 2008

Professional Standards Authority Business Plan 2022/23 (incorporating the Strategic
Plan 2021-2024) SG/2022/107

laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and
Accounts 2021/2022 SG/2022/106

laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service
Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan Fourth year progress report 2021-22
SG/2022/127

laid under section 10(7)(a) of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

30 June 2022

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) Annual and Accounts
Report of the trustees and accounts for the year-ended 31 December 2021
SG/2022/104

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1988

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2021-2022 SG/2022/124
laid under Section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Government: National Strategy for Community Justice SG/2022/126
laid under Section 16(5) the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

1 July 2022

'Listen, engage, have fun: Guide on involving children in child rights impact assessment (CRIA) and child rights impact evaluation (CRIE)' CCYP/2022/02
laid under section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Statement: Scottish Canals: Fees of Chair and Board Members SG/2022/121
laid under paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Transport Act 1962 as amended by Part II of Schedule 2 to the Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000

4 July 2022

MG ALBA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2021/2022 SG/2022/136
laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

6 July 2022

Scotland's colleges 2022: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2022/9
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 July 2022

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2021-22 SG/2022/83
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Report on the Implementation of The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018 SG/2022/141 laid under Part 8 Section 28 of The Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

8 July 2022

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/2022/140
laid under sections 23(7) and 24(4) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020

12 July 2022

BBC Group Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 BBC/2022/01
laid by the BBC under the Memorandum of Understanding

13 July 2022

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2021 SG/2022/74
laid under section 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

Transport Focus Annual report and accounts 2021-22 SG/2022/132

laid under paragraph 11(6) of schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

14 July 2022

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22
SG/2022/137

laid under sections 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22
SG/2022/123

laid under section 5(5A) and section 5XA of the Utilities Act 2000

Climate Change Committee Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 SG/2022/111

laid under paragraph 24 of schedule 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 UKSA/2022/01

laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 SG/2022/115

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

15 July 2022

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31
March 2022 SG/2022/122

laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

18 July 2022

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22
(SG/2022/133)

laid under Section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

19 July 2022

Electoral Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (ELC/2022/02)

laid under Paragraph 20 A (1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections
and Referendums Act 2000

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by the Secretary of State for
Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the First Minister of Scotland, and the Welsh
Ministers for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/110)

laid under Section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

National Heritage Memorial Fund: Annual Report and Accounts 2021–2022, For the
period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/118)

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The National Lottery Heritage Fund: National Heritage Memorial Fund National Lottery
Distribution Annual Report and Accounts 2021–2022, For the period 1 April 2021 to 31
March 2022 (SG/2022/119)

laid under Section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

20 July 2022

Gambling Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/91)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/144)
laid under paragraph 8(3) of schedule 2 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013

Security Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/142)
laid under paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act
2001

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2022
(SPSO/2022/07)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

21 July 2022

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021 to 2022
(CMA/2022/02)
laid under paragraph 14(2)(a) of Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory
Reform Act 2013 (as amended by section 40(4) of the United Kingdom Internal
Market Act 2020)

Ofcom Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/117)
laid under paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 1 to the Office of Communications Act
2002

22 July 2022

Education Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/84)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

25 July 2022

Big Lottery Fund (operating as The National Lottery Community Fund) Annual Report
and Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/130)
laid under Section 34 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A of the National Lottery
etc. Act 1993

2 August 2022

HMICS Assurance Review of Police Scotland Strategic Workforce Planning
HMICS/2022/02
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

5 August 2022

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report and Programme SCJC/2022/01
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal
Assistance Act 2013

8 August 2022

Report on Fatal Accident Inquiries that concluded in the financial year 2021/2022
SG/2022/149

laid under section 29(2)(a) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

9 August 2022

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Thirteenth report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2022/147

laid under paragraph 12 of schedule 4 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

12 August 2022

Coronavirus Acts: fourteenth report to Scottish Parliament SG/2022/135

laid under section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

19 August 2022

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report & Accounts 2021-22 SG/2022/159

laid under Chapter 1, Section 2 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

24 August 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of investigation reports and report of discontinued investigations August 2022 (SPSO/2022/08)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

25 August 2022

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/166)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 August 2022

Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/139)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 August 2022

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Draft Winter Heating Assistance (Low Income) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SCoSS/2022/04)

laid under section 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

30 August 2022

Forecast Evaluation Report – August 2022 (SFC/2022/3)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Trends in Scotland's population and effects on the economy and income tax (SFC/2022/4)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Housing Regulator: National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter -
Headline findings 2021/22 (SG/2022/129)
laid under section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

31 August 2022

Scotland's Population 2021 - The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic
Trends 167th Edition (SG/2022/138)
laid under section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages
(Scotland) Act 1965

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 - Independent Reviewer Annual
Report and Recommendations (SG/2022/158)
laid under section 21(2) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act
2019

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022
(SG/2022/150)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

South of Scotland Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 01 April 2021-31 March
2022 (SG/2022/151)
laid under section 16 of the South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019

6 September 2022

Children Hearing's Scotland: 'The Feedback Loop' - A Report by the National
Convener on the implementation of Compulsory Supervision Orders (under section
181 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011) for years 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-
19 and 2019-20 (SG/2022/171)
laid under section 181 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: The Social Security (Residence
Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SCoSS/2022/05)
laid under section 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

7 September 2022

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner: Code of Practice on the acquisition, retention, use
and destruction of biometric data for criminal justice and police purposes in Scotland
(SG/2022/172)
laid under section 13(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

9 September 2022

Standards Commission for Scotland's Annual Report 2021/22 (SCfS/2022/01)
laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life
etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary
Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

20 September 2022

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report
on the draft Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provision)
(Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SG/2022/178)

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service – Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SCTS/2022/01)

laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costing - Scottish Child Payment – September 2022 (SFC/2022/5)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

21 September 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: compendium of investigation reports and report of discontinued investigations September 2022 (SPSO/2022/09)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 September 2022

Review of Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement: Report to Scottish Parliament (SG/2022/163)

laid under Part 1, Section 2 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement 2022 (SG/2022/162)

laid under Part 1, Section 2 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement 2022: Advisory Notes (SG/2022/164)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

26 September 2022

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/169)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/152)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

27 September 2022

HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Arrangements for Firefighting in High Rise Buildings (SG/2022/161)

laid under Section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Funding Council: Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/173)
Government

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Government: Fiscal Framework Outturn Report - September 2022
(SG/2022/155)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

29 September 2022

Environmental Standards Scotland Air Quality Improvement Report (ESS/2022/02)
laid under Section 29 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union
(Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

30 September 2022

Environmental Standards Scotland Strategic Plan - Accompanying Statement
(ESS/2022/02)
laid under Schedule 2(2)4 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union
(Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

3 October 2022

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Plan 2022-2025 (SG/2022/176)
laid under Section 41B(11) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Housing Regulator - Annual Performance Report & Accounts 2021/22
(SG/2022/148)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish National Investment Bank plc Annual Report and Accounts 2022
(SG/2022/180)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 October 2022

Scottish Law Commission - Report on Aspects of Leases: Termination (SG/2022/184)
laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

5 October 2022

Best Start: Strategic early learning and school age childcare plan for Scotland, 2022-26 (SG/2022/193)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22
(SG/2022/179)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 October 2022

Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/153)
laid under Section 5 of the Prison (Scotland) Act 1989 and Section 22(5) of the
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

11 October 2022

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009, Annual Report on Local Authorities' Functions: 2021-2022 (SG/2022/200)
laid under section 12(1)(c) of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

12 October 2022

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/174)
laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/199)
laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

13 October 2022

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report 2021-22 (CYCPS/2022/03)
laid under Section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

NHS Scotland: The Charter of Patient Rights and Responsibilities – Revised: June 2022 (SG/2022/157)
laid under Section 2(9)(c) of the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

14 October 2022

Children's Rights Strategic Litigation Toolkit (CCYP/2022/04)
laid under section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003.

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Fourteenth and final report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (SG/2022/197)
laid under paragraph 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Coronavirus Acts: fifteenth and final report to Scottish Parliament (SG/2022/165)
laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 (SFC/2022/6)
laid under section 12(1) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

17 October 2022

Scottish Forestry Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/203)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 October 2022

Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/206)
laid under paragraphs 16 and 17 of schedule 1 of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

19 October 2022

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/181)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October
2022 (SPSO/2022/10)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

South of Scotland Enterprise: 'Your South of Scotland' – A Summary of our 2021/22
Engagement Tour (SG/2022/182)
laid under section 7(5) of the South of Scotland Enterprise Act 2019

20 October 2022

Ending Homelessness Together: Annual report to the Scottish Parliament, October
2022 (SG/2022/204)
laid at the request of the Scottish Ministers

21 October 2022

Children's Hearings Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/189)
laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act
2011 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Children's Hearings Scotland Impact Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/190)
laid at the request of the Scottish Ministers and not under any laying power

Food Standards Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/77)
laid under section 15(5) of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015 and section 22(5) of
the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 October 2022

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22
(SG/2022/207)
laid under Section 32 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020

26 October 2022

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration - Annual Report 2021/22 (SG/2022/191)
laid under Paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act
2011

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration - Annual Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/192)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2021-22 (SPSO/2022/AR)
laid under Sections 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
Act 2002

27 October 2022

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 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022 and the intended future use of the power under Section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 (SG/2022/211)

laid under Section 11(1)(a) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Heat in Buildings Strategy: 2022 update (SG/2022/201)

laid under Section 62(2) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Information Commissioner, Section 46 Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/194)

laid under section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/183)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 October 2022

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2021/22 (SPCPF/2022/01)

laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/185)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2021-22 (SHRC/2022/01)

laid under Section 15 of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

31 October 2022

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2021/22 (CES/2022/01)

laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

The Scottish Civil Estate 2021-2022: The twelfth report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2022/186)

laid under Section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

1 November 2022

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2022-23 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2022/225)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Law Commission: Report on Cohabitation (SG/2022/202)

laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

2 November 2022

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland: A Children's Rights Perspective
- Repeal of the Human Rights Act (CCYP/2022/05)
laid under Section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People
(Scotland) Act 2003

3 November 2022

Health and Care Professions Council Annual and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/205)
laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions
Order 2001

4 November 2022

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 –
Resource Accounts (RS/2022/01)
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 –
Devolved Taxes Account (RS/2022/02)
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2022-23 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget
(Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2022/237)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power.

The following document was withdrawn on 4 November 2022—

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2022-23 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget
(Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2022/225)

7 November 2022

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts For the year
ending 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/145)
laid under Section 8 of the Industrial Training Act 1982

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and
Accounts for year ending 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/238)
laid under Paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural
Communities Act 2006 and Article 6(2)(b) of the Government Resources and
Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Non-profit-making Companies) Order 2009

Social Security Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March
2022 (SG/2022/72)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

8 November 2022

Scottish Government: National Planning Framework 4, Revised Draft - Laid before the
Scottish Parliament on 8 November 2022 (SG/2022/208)
laid under section 3CA(3)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Scottish Government: National Planning Framework 4, Explanatory Report: November 2022 (SG/2022/209)

laid under section 3CA(2)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

9 November 2022

Bòrd na Gàidhlig Aithisg Bhliadhnail Is Cunntasan 21-22 (SG/2022/241)

laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/233)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 (SG/2022/234)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: Progress Report 2021 - 2022 (SG/2022/212)

laid under sections 20 and 87 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

11 November 2022

HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland: HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/218)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

14 November 2022

Forestry and Land Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/160)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-22 (SG/2022/249)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd Annual Report and Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/224)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 November 2022

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Winter Heating Assistance (Low Income) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SG/2022/254)

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

17 November 2022

GTC Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-2022 (GTCS/2022/01)
laid under Section 22 (5) of Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

21 November 2022

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-22
(SG/2022/167)
laid under Section 14(3) of Schedule 1 of the Historic Environment Scotland Act
2014

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2021-2022
(SG/2022/223)
laid under section 43(5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice
(Scotland) Act 2006

Redress Scotland - Corporate Plan 2022-23 (SG/2022/210)
laid under paragraph 15(9)(b) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child
Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

23 November 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports and
discontinued investigations for November 2022 (SPSO/2022/11)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

24 November 2022

Crown Estate Scotland Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/245)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2021-2022 (SG/2022/250)
laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland)
Act 2007

28 November 2022

Independent Living Fund Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements Year
ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/170)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution
Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/221)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

29 November 2022

National Records of Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/154)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

The 2021/2022 Audit of the National Records of Scotland Annual Accounts:
(SG/2022/195)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 November 2022

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2021/2022 (SG/2022/231)
laid under paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

1 December 2022

Changes to the General Dental Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council's international registration legislation – Report on Consultation response (SG/2022/264)
laid under paragraph 9(4) of schedule 3 of the Health Act 1999

Health and Care Professions Council Fitness to Practise Annual Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/247)
laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/213)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022: (SG/2022/214)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Non Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/215)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2021/22 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2022/217)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/248)
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

Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/236)
laid under Section 11(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 (SG/2022/229)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland National Lottery accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022
(SG/2022/230)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

5 December 2022

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31
March 2022 (SG/2022/269)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Borders Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/270)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Dumfries and Galloway Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended
31 March 2022 (SG/2022/271)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

NHS Fife Annual report and consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022
(SG/2022/272)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/273)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

6 December 2022

Grampian Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March
2022 (SG/2022/274)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the
Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/275)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March
2022 (SG/2022/276)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022
(SG/2022/277)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022
(SG/2022/278)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 December 2022

Climate Change Committee Scottish Emissions Targets - first five-yearly review
(SG/2022/294)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Climate Change Committee Progress in reducing emissions in Scotland 2022 Report to Parliament (SG/2022/293)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The Electoral Commission - Performance standards for Returning Officers, December 2022 (SG/2022/262)

laid under Section 9AA(2(b) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022
(SG/2022/279)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2021-2022 (SG/2022/239)

laid under section 16(4) of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements Year ended 30 June 2022 (SG/2022/240)

laid under paragraph 15(2) of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22
(SG/2022/113)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Shetland NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022
(SG/2022/280)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022
(SG/2022/281)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Waiting Times Centre Board (also known as the NHS Golden Jubilee) Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/283)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Western Isles Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/282)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 December 2022

The 2021/2022 audit of the Crofting Commission (SG/2022/177)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/143)
laid under Section 2B and Schedule 1, paragraph 19 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/284)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/285)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/286)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/287)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/288)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 December 2022

Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/35)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/235)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/289)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Public Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/290)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/298)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/297)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/291)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 December 2022

Transvaginal Mesh Removal Reimbursement Scheme (No.2) 2022 (SG/2022/292)

laid under Section 2(2)(a) of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Act 2022

14 December 2022

Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/175)

laid under Section 200(3) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/256)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/257)

laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Environment Protection Agency: Annual Report and Accounts 2021/2022 (SG/2022/266)

laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/243)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/198)
laid under section 5(7)(a) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 December 2022

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited - Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/246)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan 2023/24 (CMA/2022/03)
laid under paragraph 13(2) of Schedule 4 to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013 (as amended by section 40(3) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020)

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/296)
laid under section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts – December 2022 (SFC/2022/7)
laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Forecast Evaluation Update – December 2022 (SFC/2022/8)
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Budget 2023-24 (SG/2022/73)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Ministers

High Level Carbon Assessment of the 2023-24 Budget (SG/2022/299)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 94 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

16 December 2022

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ending 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/261)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029: Parliamentary progress report 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/263)
laid under section 7 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Commission on Social Security (SCoSS): annual report and accounts - 2021 to 2022 (SG/2022/134)

laid under Section 12 (1) of Schedule 1 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.

Scottish Water Interim Report and Accounts: Performance and Prospects For the six months to 30 September 2022 (SG/2022/268)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/220)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

VisitScotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/258)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 December 2022

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/255)

laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/295)

laid under Section 30 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

National Records of Scotland: Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 - Report by the Keeper of the Records of Scotland 2021-2022 (SG/2022/196)

laid under Section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011

Risk Management Authority - Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/79)

laid under Section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/265)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Government Report to Parliament: Economic Condition of Crofting 2019 - 2022 (SG/2022/267)

laid under Section 51 of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/168)

laid under Schedule 2, Section 10(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Young Start Annual Report 2021/22 (SG/2022/219)

laid under Paragraph 9, Part 3, Schedule 3 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

20 December 2022

Aithisg Bhliadhnail agus Aithrisean Ionmhasail Puirt-adhair na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean Earranta gu 31 Màrt 2022 (SG/2022/259)

laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

British Wool Marketing Board, Report on the BWMB Agricultural Marketing Scheme 2021-22 (SG/2022/302)

laid under Section 30 of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958

Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, Annual Report and Accounts 2021-2022, Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/301)

laid under Section 10 (3) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/222)

laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/260)

laid under Section 55 of the Scotland Act 2016

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/187)

laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2021-22 Annual Accounts (SG/2022/188)

laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

21 December 2022

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2022 (SPSO/2022/12)–

- Volume 1 of 2 Case reference: 202101686, Tayside NHS Board
- Volume 2 of 2 Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scottish Public Pensions Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/251)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Water Industry Commission for Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/232)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

CalMac Ferries Limited Strategic Report, Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/227)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Argyll Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/242)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne Limited Group Annual Report & Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/226)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/228)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 December 2022

NatureScot Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/253)

laid under section 10 of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/252)

laid under section 26 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Annual Report of SAWC Activity 2021-2022 (SG/2022/300)

laid under Section 14(2) of the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Regulations 2020

10 January 2023

Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 – Interim Reporting Requirement (SG/2023/8)

laid under Section 14 of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018

Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan (SG/2023/013)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

11 January 2023

HM Revenue & Customs: Administration of Scottish income tax 2021-22 (SG/2023/015)

laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Finance Act 2014

12 January 2023

The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection (Scotland) Act 2022: First Report to the Scottish Parliament (SG/2023/003)

laid under Section 9 of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

Government Chemist Review 2021 (SG/2023/018)

laid under Section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

HMICS Thematic Inspection of Domestic Abuse Phase 1 (HMICS/2023/01)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

13 January 2023

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 Section 142 Guidance for Licensing Boards
(SG/2023/020)
laid under section 142(6) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

16 January 2023

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report and Financial Statements for the
Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2023/021)
laid under paragraph 15(1) of Schedule 1 to the Scottish Commission for
Human Rights Act 2006 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 January 2023

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January
2023 (SPSO/2023/1)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

19 January 2023

Fair Start Scotland Annual Report Year 4 (SG/2023/017)
laid by a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Government: Annual Report on Procurement Activity in Scotland - An
overview of procurement activity 2020-21 (SG/2023/004)
laid under Section 21(4)(b) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

20 January 2023

Annual Statement Under Section 2(8) and 2(9) of the Forensic Medical Services
(Victims Of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2023/011)
laid under Section 2(8) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual
Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous
Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SCoSS/2023/01)#
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

24 January 2023

Social Security (Scotland) Act (2018): Devolved Social Security Assistance, Uprating
for Inflation - A report in fulfilment of section 86A: Duty to consider effects of inflation
(SG/2023/024)
laid under section 86A(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

25 January 2023

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2021–
2022 (SG/2023/005)

laid under Article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 576)

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/025)

laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 January 2023

Publication of Revised Strategic Police Priorities (SG/2023/019)

laid under Section 33 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

27 January 2023

Annual Report of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland 2021/22 (EMBS/2023/01)

laid under section 8(2) of the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011

Proposed extension of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 - Statement of Reasons (SG/2023/023)

laid under section 7(6) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

31 January 2023

Ethical Standards Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/027)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2021/22 audit of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland (SG/2023/028)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

2 February 2023

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2022-23 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/29)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/022)

laid under Section 42A(1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

3 February 2023

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SG/2023/31)

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

9 February 2023

The Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish) Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/030)

laid under Section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

15 February 2023

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations - Compendium of Case Reports for February 2023 (SPSO/2023/02)
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

21 February 2023

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/26)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system February 2023 (SG/2023/33)

laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

22 February 2023

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 – Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2023/35)
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

23 February 2023

NHS in Scotland 2022: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2023/1)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 February 2023

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Revised Strategic Plan 2021-2025 (SBC/2023/01)
laid under section 28 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioners Act 2020

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2021-22 (SG/2023/36)
laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

3 March 2023

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2021/2022 (SG/2023/41)
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

14 March 2023

Ferguson Marine (Port Glasgow) Holdings Limited, Annual Report and Financial Statements, 31 March 2022 (SG/2023/70)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2021/22 Audit of Ferguson Marine Port Glasgow (Holdings) Limited (SG/2023/71)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 March 2023

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002: Report of the Appointed Person for Scotland for 2021/22 (SG/2023/42)

laid under Sections 127I(6), 291(5) and 303F(7) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and Article 65H of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) Order 2005

20 March 2023

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner - Statement by the Prime Minister on Monday 20 March (SG/2023/7)

laid under Section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Annual Report of the Investigatory Powers Commissioner 2021 (SG/2023/6)

laid under Section 234(8) of the Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/47)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders College Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-22 (SG/2023/48)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

City of Glasgow College Annual Report 2021-22 (SG/2023/49)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/51)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/50)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 March 2023

Annual Report on the operation of the UK Internal Market 2022-2023 (OIM/2023/01)

laid under section 33(5) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

Edinburgh College Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/52)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2023/53)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/54)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Clyde College Annual Report and Financial Statements for Year Ending 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/55)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 2021-22 (SG/2023/56)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Periodic Report on the UK Internal Market regime (OIM/2023/02)

laid under section 33(6) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

22 March 2023

Fiscal Sustainability Report - March 2023 (SFC/2023/1)

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements 2021-2022 (SG/2023/57)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Moray College UHI Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/59)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/60)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The North Highland College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/61)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2023 (SPSO/2023/03)

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

University of the Highlands and Islands: Lews Castle College Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/58)

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

23 March 2023

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan 2023/24 (CMA/2023/01)
laid under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, sch4 s13(2) (as amended by the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, s40(3))

NHS Pension Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report & Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/69)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Teachers Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report & Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/68)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Inverness College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/65)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Perth College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/62)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/63)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

West Lothian College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2022 (SG/2023/64)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 March 2023

The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Second Progress Report to the Parliament (SG/2023/79)
laid under Section 47 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

27 March 2023

Animal Health Act 1981: Expenditure and Prosecutions – 2022 (SG/2023/39)
laid under Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

Environmental Standards Scotland air quality investigation - Scottish Government improvement plan (SG/2023/75)
laid under Section 30 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

28 March 2023

Building families through surrogacy: a new law - Volume I: Core Report (SG/2023/76)

laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Building families through surrogacy: a new law - Volume II: Full Report (SG/2023/77)
laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Building families through surrogacy: a new law - Volume III: Draft Surrogacy Bill
(SG/2023/78)
laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Consumer Scotland Work Programme 2023-2024 (CS/2023/01)
laid under the Consumer Scotland Act 2020, subsection (4) section 14

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2023 – 30 June 2024
(SLCC/2023/01)
laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act
2007

29 March 2023

A Joint assurance review on the acquisition of biometric data from vulnerable persons
in police custody requiring the support of an Appropriate Adult under The Criminal
Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Support for Vulnerable Persons) Regulations 2019
(SBC/2023/03)

laid under Section 20(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioners Act 2020

A Joint assurance review of the collection of biometric data from children arrested in
Scotland. Reference (SBC/2023/02)
laid under Section 20(2) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioners Act 2020

Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2023/24 (PSOS/2023/01)
laid under Section 35(4)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

30 March 2023

Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland Annual Report 2022/2023
(SG/2023/001)
laid under Section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Community Payback Order Community Justice Scotland Summary of Local Authority
Annual Reports 2021-22 (SG/2023/002)
laid under Section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

31 March 2023

The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (Interim Target) Amendment Regulations
2023: Statement under sections 2A(6), 2E(5) and 3B(4) of the Climate Change
(Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2023/43)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any
laying power

National Islands Plan Annual Report 2022 (SG/2023/74)
laid under Section 5 of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018

Thirteenth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2023/40)
laid under Section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

3 April 2023

Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland Annual Report 2022/2023 (SG/2023/85)
laid under Section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

This report replaces the previous version laid before the Parliament on 30th March 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure, which has been withdrawn:

Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland Annual Report 2022/2023 (SG/2023/001)
laid under Section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

6 April 2023

Reconsideration and Review of Determinations (SG/2023/46)
laid under section 106(5) of The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Payments Materially Affected by Error (SG/2023/45)
laid under section 106(5) of The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

19 April 2023

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. April 2023 (SG/2023/10)
laid under Sections 23(7) and 24(4) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for April 2023 (SPSO/2023/04)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

20 April 2023

How the Scottish Government is set up to deliver climate change goals: Governance and risk management arrangements for net zero targets and adaptation outcomes: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2023/2)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2026 (SG/2023/34)
laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2022 (SG/2023/80)
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

25 April 2023

HMICS Assurance Review of Scottish Police Authority Forensic Toxicology Provision (HMICS/2023/04)

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

26 April 2023

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Budget 2021-2022 (SG/2023/12)

laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Strategic Plan 2023-26 (SG/2023/82) laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

28 April 2023

Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2021/22 (SG/2023/72)

laid under Paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoner and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

3 May 2023

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Corporate Plan 2023-26 (SCTS/2023/01)

laid under section 66(4)(a) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

4 May 2023

Scottish Government: Report on Prisoner Voting in Scottish Devolved Elections, May 2023 (SG/2023/9)

laid under section 6 of the Scottish Elections (Franchise and Representation) Act 2020

5 May 2023

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 – Yearly report on the use of Section 28 - to take a child under 12 to a place of safety (SG/2023/91)

laid under Section 32(1)(b) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

Mental Health: Counselling in Schools (CCYP/2023/01)

laid under section 11(4) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

10 May 2023

The Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Sudan) (Scotland) Regulations 2023: Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018: SG/2023/93

laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

11 May 2023

General Dental Council Annual report and accounts 2022 (SG/2023/32)

laid under Section 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

Annex E: Committee Reports

The following reports were published on the dates indicated—

13 May 2022

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): COVID-19 Recovery Committee: Annual Report 2021-22 (SP Paper 174)

16 May 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 29th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 176)

18 May 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 30th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 17 May 2022 (SP Paper 178)

25 May 2022

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SP Paper 180)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee for 2021-22 (SP Paper 182)

26 May 2022

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Economy and Fair Work Committee for 2021/22 (SP Paper 181)

30 May 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Annual Report 2021-22 (SP Paper 175)

31 May 2022

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Committee on 24 May 2022 (SP Paper 187)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021-22 (SP Paper 190)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for 2021-22 (SP Paper 191)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 6th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Annual Report of The Social Justice and Social Security Committee For 2021-
22 on 31 May 2022 (SP Paper 192)

1 June 2022

Public Audit Committee, 2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021-22
(SP Paper 169)

Education and Children and Young People Committee, 6th Report, Session 6,
Cross-border Placements (Effect of Deprivation of Liberty Orders) (Scotland)
Regulations 2022 (SP Paper 177)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in
the Online Safety Bill (SP Paper 188)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Annual Report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee for 2021/22
(SP Paper 193)

6 June 2022

Criminal Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate
Legislation Considered by the Criminal Justice Committee on 1 June 2022 (SP
Paper 196)

8 June 2022

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 6th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Annual Report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee for 2021-22
(SP Paper 186)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Report on Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2 (SP Paper 189)

9 June 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 35th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee on 7 June 2022 (SP Paper 183)

Criminal Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the
Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament
legislation) (SP Paper 197)

Criminal Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Legal Aid and
Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2)
Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 198)

14 June 2022

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security
Committee on 9 June 2022 (SP Paper 200)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 June 2022 (SP Paper 202)

16 June 2022

Education and Children and Young People Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021 - 2022 (SP Paper 185)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage on 15 June 2022 (SP Paper 203)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 15 June 2022 (SP Paper 204)

17 June 2022

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Alternative pathways to primary care (SP Paper 201)

21 June 2022

Criminal Justice Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report for the Criminal Justice Committee (13 May 2021 to 12 May 2022) (SP Paper 205)

22 June 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th Report 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 June 2022 (SP Paper 207)

24 June 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill after Stage 2 (SP Paper 208)

29 June 2022

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Supplementary Provision) Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 209)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 June 2022 (SP Paper 210)

5 July 2022

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): A report by the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the High-Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (SP Paper 212)

7 July 2022

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Report on inquiry into Future Parliamentary Procedures and Practices (SP Paper 213)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2021-21 (SP Paper 214)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 42nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2021-21 (SP Paper 215)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 43rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the third quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2021-22 (SP Paper 216)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the fourth quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-22 (SP Paper 217)

11 July 2022

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on energy price rises (SP Paper 218)

2 August 2022

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Scottish Attainment Challenge Inquiry (SP Paper 219)

8 September 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 6 September 2022 (SP Paper 220)

21 September 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 46th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 20 September 2022 (SP Paper 224)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Age of Criminal Responsibility (Reports on Use of Places of Safety) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 225)

22 September 2022

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Kinship Carers (SP Paper 221)

23 September 2022

Criminal Justice Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Advice and Assistance (Summary Criminal Proceedings) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 226)

26 September 2022

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation: The Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site
Activities) Amendment Order 2022 (SP Paper 227)

28 September 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 47th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee on 27 September 2022 (SP Paper 229)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Tackling health inequalities in Scotland (SP Paper 230)

29 September 2022

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 9th Report, 2022
(Session 6): Report on Scottish Social Housing Charter: November 2022 (SP
Paper 232)

30 September 2022

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate
Legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 28
September 2022 (SP Paper 233)

3 October 2022

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Report on the National Performance Framework: Ambitions into Action (SP
Paper 231)

4 October 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 48th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee on 4 October 2022 (SP Paper 234)

6 October 2022

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 8th Report, 2022
(Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill
(SP Paper 235).

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate
Legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee on 5 October
2022 (SP Paper 237)

11 October 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in
the Procurement Bill (SP Paper 238)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in
the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill (SP Paper 239)

26 October 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 51st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 25 October 2022 (SP Paper 261)

27 October 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 242)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (SP Paper 243)

28 October 2022

Criminal Justice Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 (Code of Practice) (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 244)

2 November 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 54th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 November 2022 (SP Paper 249)

3 November 2022

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2023-24: Scotland's Public Finances in 2023-24 and the Impact of the Cost of Living and Public Service Reform (SP Paper 248)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 55th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the UK Northern Ireland Protocol Bill (SP Paper 251)

8 November 2022

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Pre-budget 2023-24 (SP Paper 252)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 1 November 2022 (SP Paper 254)

9 November 2022

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 27 October 2022 (SP Paper 255)

10 November 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 November 2022 (SP Paper 253)

11 November 2022

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 3 November 2022 (SP Paper 256)

14 November 2022

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Environmental Standards Scotland's draft Strategic Plan (SP Paper 258)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2021-22 (SP Paper 259)

15 November 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (SP Paper 261)

16 November 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 60th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 15 November 2022 (SP Paper 260)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (SP Paper 261)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (SP Paper 262)

21 November 2022

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandums for the Procurement Bill and the Trade (Australia and New Zealand) Bill (SP Paper 263)

22 November 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 61st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 November 2022 (SP Paper 264)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Patient Safety Commissioner for Scotland Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 267)

29 November 2022

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Inquiry into Retail and Town Centres in Scotland (SP Paper 268)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee report on a Proxy Voting pilot (SP Paper 270)

Criminal Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 271)

30 November 2022

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 November 2022 (SP Paper 269)

1 December 2022

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Financial Memorandum for the National Care Service

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Police Act 1997 (Offences in Schedules 8A and 8B) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SP Paper 255)

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