



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy PB/S6/21/MINS/18

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 23 November 2021 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 / MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur*
- George Adam
- Neil Bibby
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Gary Cocker
- Polly Davidson*
- Catherine Fergusson
- Irene Fleming*
- Gail Grant*
- David McGill
- Callum Thomson*
- Tracey White

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 16 November 2021 were agreed.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Business Programme

3. The Bureau agreed a programme of business for the weeks commencing 29 November and 6 December 2021.
4. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 30 November would be S6M-01737: Jim Fairlie: Lamb for St Andrew's Day Campaign; on Wednesday 1 December, would be S6M-02100: Jamie Greene: World AIDS Day 2021; and on Thursday 2 December would be S6M-02225: Pam Duncan-Glancy: International Day of Disabled People.
5. The Bureau discussed remote participation in Chamber business, and noted the preference where possible and safe for Ministers to participate in person in debates to enable the making and taking of interventions. The Bureau also discussed and noted that members should not normally take part in business from their offices in the Members' Block if there is space to do so safely in the Chamber.
6. The Bureau also discussed the point of order raised by Stephen Kerr on 18 November regarding the content of answers to written questions. The Minister indicated he was happy to look at this issue.

Referral and timetabling of Bills at Stage

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7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Covid-19 Recovery Committee be designated as the lead Committee for the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill.
8. The Bureau also agreed to lodge a motion suspending or varying various Standing Orders to enable the Bill to proceed to an expedited timetable.

Approval of SSIs

9. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following SSIs would be lodged and taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 24 November:

- Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/382)
- Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/384)
- Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (Draft/2021)
- Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/ draft)
- Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- Valuation and Rating (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)

LCMs

10. The Bureau agreed to refer the LCM on the Judicial Review and Courts Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee, and to refer the supplementary LCM on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill to the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Catherine Fergusson
 Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
 23 November 2021