



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 82, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 22 February 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pall Singh, Project Director, Building Bridges, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03297—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 22 February 2022—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 24 February 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Building Industrial Clusters Around Scotland's Ports

The motion was agreed to.

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

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

**5. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Debate: Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the Coronavirus pandemic:** The Parliament debated Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the Coronavirus pandemic.

**6. Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation):** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Neil Gray) moved S6M-03270—That the Parliament notes that the UK Government's Nationality and Borders Bill proposes significant changes to UK asylum and immigration legislation, which will damage people living in communities across Scotland and the UK, now and in the future; recognises that the Bill contains two provisions that trigger the requirement for legislative consent and that a legislative consent memorandum recommending that the Parliament withholds its consent to those clauses was lodged on 1 February 2022; notes that the Welsh Parliament has refused consent; is concerned by the creation of a National Age Assessment Board with powers to scrutinise age assessments using “scientific techniques”, which Scottish Government guidance advises against on child welfare and unreliability grounds; notes that these provisions will impose time limits and damaging measures affecting assessment of credibility in human trafficking applications; condemns these provisions, as well as proposals in the Bill for differential treatment of refugees based on how they arrived rather than their protection needs, measures that criminalise vulnerable people seeking protection, “push-back” provisions that will put lives at sea at risk and open the door for offshore asylum accommodation, and powers to revoke citizenship without notice, and agrees that the Bill will not achieve its aims or the change that is needed to ensure that the UK's asylum and immigration systems are effective, efficient and deliver for people in need of humanitarian protection, according to international human rights obligations.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-03270.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03270 in the name of Neil Gray (Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation)), leave out from “notes that the UK Government's” to end and insert “agrees that the relevant provisions of the Nationality and Borders Bill, relating to age assessments and modern slavery,

do not fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, and recognises that the UK Government's Nationality and Borders Bill will strengthen existing UK asylum and immigration legislation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

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

**8. Members' Business — Jim Fairlie: Redundancies at OVO Energy:** The Parliament debated S6M-02948 in the name of Jim Fairlie—That the Parliament notes with regret the reported decision by OVO Energy Ltd to seek 1,700 voluntary redundancies and the closure of various offices, including in Perth, which, it understands, the company could have used for its new training academy; notes the view that the reportedly “excellent team” that the OVO Energy CEO, Stephen Fitzpatrick, referred to when acquiring SSE Energy Services deserves better treatment, including more clarity on what happens should the company not reach sufficient numbers of voluntary redundancies, and considers that this represents a disappointing betrayal of a hard-working, committed workforce.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
22 February 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 21 February 2022—

Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): The 2020/21 audit of the Crofting Commission (SP Paper 114)

The following reports were published on 22 February 2022—

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): UK Internal Market Inquiry (SP Paper 113)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 117)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 11 February 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/50)  
laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 11 February 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Coronavirus Acts: eleventh report to Scottish Parliament SG/2022/6** laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 15 February 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Inspector of Burial, Cremation and Funeral Directors Annual Report December 2020 – December 2021 SG/2022/25** laid under section 93(6) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

**Senior Inspector of Burial, Cremation and Funeral Directors Annual Report April 2020 – September 2021 SG/2022/24** laid under section 93(6) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

**Inspector of Cremation Annual Report 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 SG/2022/23** laid under section 93(6) of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 16 February 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2022 SPSO/2022/02** laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 22 February 2022 and is subject to parliamentary procedure—

**The Scottish Social Housing Charter: April 2022 SG/2022/32** laid under section 33(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

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