



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 44, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 16 November 2022

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

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.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
16 November 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 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)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 November 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Winter Heating Assistance (Low Income) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]  
laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 November 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SI 2022/1173)  
laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

**Other Documents**

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

**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

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