



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 50, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 22 November 2023

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

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. Scotland's Housing Emergency:** Mark Griffin moved S6M-11351—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland is experiencing a housing emergency.

The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved amendment S6M-11351.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11351 in the name of Mark Griffin (Scotland's Housing Emergency), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “recognises that Scotland is facing significant pressures with homelessness and temporary accommodation, and therefore agrees that the Scottish Government should build on its track record of delivering 123,985 affordable homes since 2007 by delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; considers that it should continue to work on the recommendations of the Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group and recently published Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan; further considers that it should continue to develop its proposals for a Housing Bill in 2023, with stronger tenants' rights and powers to prevent homelessness; acknowledges Scottish Government support for local authorities in developing targeted plans to address local housing needs; regrets the disastrous UK Government “mini-budget” of 2022, which has left the housing market struggling against inflationary pressures, as well as the devastating impact of Brexit on construction costs and workforce challenges, and calls on the UK

Government to immediately uprate Local Housing Allowance, end the spare room subsidy, more commonly known as the bedroom tax, and reverse the planned real-terms reduction to Scotland's capital budget."

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-11351.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11351 in the name of Mark Griffin (Scotland's Housing Emergency), insert at end " , and calls on the Scottish Government to tackle the issues that have caused the current crisis in its forthcoming Housing Bill."

After debate, amendment S6M-11351.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-11351.1 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that Scotland is facing significant pressures with homelessness and temporary accommodation, and therefore agrees that the Scottish Government should build on its track record of delivering 123,985 affordable homes since 2007 by delivering 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; considers that it should continue to work on the recommendations of the Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group and recently published Rural and Islands Housing Action Plan; further considers that it should continue to develop its proposals for a Housing Bill in 2023, with stronger tenants' rights and powers to prevent homelessness; acknowledges Scottish Government support for local authorities in developing targeted plans to address local housing needs; regrets the disastrous UK Government "mini-budget" of 2022, which has left the housing market struggling against inflationary pressures, as well as the devastating impact of Brexit on construction costs and workforce challenges, and calls on the UK Government to immediately uprate Local Housing Allowance, end the spare room subsidy, more commonly known as the bedroom tax, and reverse the planned real-terms reduction to Scotland's capital budget.

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11374—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 November 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Heat in Buildings Consultation

followed by Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 November 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 Ministerial Statement: Relationships and Behaviour Policy in Schools

followed by Scottish Government Debate: 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence

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 November 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: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 December 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 6 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 7 December 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 Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (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 27 November 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-11374.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-11374 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after “the following programme of business—” insert—

“Thursday 23 November 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

followed by Members’ Business

1.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.45 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Ministerial Statement: Grangemouth Oil Refinery

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11375—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11376—That the Parliament agrees that the Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 3, Abstentions 25).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11377—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment 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-11378—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11379—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Public Administration Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 11.40 am and 12 noon on 7 December 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

10. Calderwood Lodge Primary School 60-year Celebration: The Parliament debated S6M-11017 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament congratulates Calderwood Lodge Primary, the only Jewish school in Scotland, on reaching its 60th anniversary year; understands that the school was originally established by the Jewish community in a detached house, Calderwood Lodge, in the Newlands area of Glasgow, with an extension built as the school roll increased, and that it was initially run by the Glasgow Board of Jewish Education and subsequently taken over by Strathclyde Region, then Glasgow City Council, and finally East Renfrewshire Council; acknowledges that, in recognition of this milestone, the school is hosting a 60-year celebration event for current and past pupils, families and members of the wider community, with the day to include festivities and activities for children; understands that, in August 2017, Calderwood Lodge officially relocated from the school's previous site in Newlands to a new building in Newton Mearns to become one half of the first Jewish-Catholic joint campus to be established anywhere in the world, alongside St Clare's Primary; recognises that the joint campus was a £17 million development in East Renfrewshire, with the two primary schools sharing a central amphitheatre, sports pitches and an obstacle course that is located outdoors; notes that the Chief Rabbi, Sir Ephraim Mirvis, will be in attendance at the 60-year celebration event, and believes that Calderwood Lodge is an asset to East Renfrewshire and to Scottish education, that it is viewed with great pride by the Jewish community, and that the Jewish-Catholic joint primary school campus in Newton Mearns is a powerful example of two different faith groups working closely together whilst at the same time maintaining and adhering to their own religious identities.

The meeting closed at 6.27 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 November 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 22 November 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 November 2023 (SP Paper 475)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 477)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 69th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24 (SP Paper 480)

The following report will be published on 23 November 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 18th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on The Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 473)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 22 November 2023—

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-39)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Leading quality health and care for Scotland: Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/223) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/221) 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 2023 (SG/2023/222) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders regulating the management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, November 2023 (SG/2023/290) laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/224) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2023 (SPSO/2023/11) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

UK Anti-Doping Ltd Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/280) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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