



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 40, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 28 October 2021

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers and Cabinet Secretaries.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. The Need for an Offshore Training Passport:** The Parliament debated S6M-00522 in the name of Mercedes Villalba—That the Parliament recognises the publication of a survey of offshore oil and gas workers regarding training requirements to work in the energy sector, which was carried out by Friends of the Earth Scotland, Platform and Greenpeace; notes that 97% of the workers surveyed described themselves as concerned about the costs of training; understands that many are currently expected to duplicate their training to work in different areas of the energy sector, including oil and offshore wind; believes that the cost and duplication of training is a major barrier to a just energy transition that retains the skills and experiences of offshore workers; considers that their skills and experiences are essential to deliver the equitable and rapid transition to renewable energy in the north east and across the country, which it believes is itself essential to tackling the climate emergency; notes calls on the Scottish Government to commit to supporting the creation of an offshore training passport, align training standards across the energy sector and explore whether the National Transition Training Fund or Green Jobs Workforce Academy can rectify training barriers, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government to ensure the establishment of the offshore training passport.

**4. Motion without Notice:** Mercedes Villalba 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 Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Endowment Funds.

**7. Covid Recovery Strategy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-01803—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Covid Recovery Strategy, published on 5 October 2021, which sets out the Scottish Government's ambitious vision for a green recovery and details the actions that will be taken in partnership with local government, business organisations, the third sector and others across Scotland to address systemic inequalities made worse during the pandemic, make progress towards a wellbeing economy, and accelerate inclusive person-centred public services by focusing on improving financial security for low-income households, supporting the wellbeing of children and young people, and creating good, green jobs and fair work.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-01803.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01803 in the name of John Swinney (Covid Recovery Strategy), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the publication of the Covid Recovery Strategy, published on 5 October 2021; regrets the lack of new policy or clear timeline within the strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to take immediate steps to accelerate the vaccine booster roll-out, tackle the current crisis within the NHS, and to bring forward a detailed recovery strategy with specific proposals for businesses, including widening access to full fibreoptic broadband, and a comprehensive suite of measures to allow school children to catch up swiftly, such as a national tutoring programme."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 65, Abstentions 18).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-01803.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01803 in the name of John Swinney (Covid Recovery Strategy), insert at end "; considers that failure to contain and suppress the virus will risk undermining Scotland's recovery; insists that the Covid Recovery Strategy be backed up by interventions to prevent long-term economic scarring, and so calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a plan to increase pay for social care workers to £15/hr, and to increase access to the national transition training fund and jobs guarantee scheme to ensure that places are available for all those impacted by the end of furlough to find employment."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 93, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

**8. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01847—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 2 November 2021—

delete

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Update

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01848—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/322) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.19 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
28 October 2021

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 28 October 2021—

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 28 October 2021 (SP Paper 32)

The following reports will be published on 29 October 2021—

Education and Skills Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 33)

Education and Skills Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 34)

**New Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 28 October 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Scottish Dog Control Database Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 17(2) of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 28 October 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/367)  
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 October 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 (SG/2021/265)**  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2020-21 (SG/2021/270)** laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

**NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 (SG/2021/159)** laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

**Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 (SFC/2021/10)** laid under section 12(1) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

**Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 (SG/2021/267)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Prison Service Annual Report & Accounts 2020-21 (SG/2021/185)** under Section 5 of the Prison (Scotland) Act 1989 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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