



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 14 March 2023
at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Neil Bibby
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jo Hardy
- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Bell
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 7 March 2023 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a revised programme of business for the week commencing 13 March 2023 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 20 and 27 March 2023.

3. The Bureau agreed to propose to Parliament the suspension of Standing Orders Rule 15.2.1 so that meetings could take place with no public access to public galleries on Wednesday 15 March. Neil Bibby did not support this and reserved his party's position on the motion.

4. Neil Bibby and Alexander Burnett reiterated concerns about the rescheduling of opposition business debates which had been due to take place on 22 and 29 March. It was recognised that efforts had been made to ensure an even distribution of opposition business across the Parliamentary year, but Neil Bibby stated that the reasons provided by the Minister for Parliamentary Business for the rescheduling of business were not adequate.

5. Alexander Burnett and Neil Bibby reserved their parties' position on the revised business programme.

6. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 21 March would be S6M-06478: Jamie Halcro Johnston: Road Improvements and the Dualling of the A9, on Wednesday 22 March S6M-07482: Jenni Minto: 100 Years of the BBC in Scotland and on Thursday 23 March would be 6M-07686: Pauline McNeill: Supporting Taxi Drivers.

7. The Bureau also agreed that the Members' Business debates scheduled to take place on 15 and 16 March (Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal and Benefits of Camping) be reversed.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged inviting the Parliament to approve the following instruments—

- Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2023
- The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2023
- The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023
- The National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2023

- The Non-Domestic Rates (Miscellaneous Anti-Avoidance Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2023

9. Neil Bibby and Alexander Burnett reserved their parties' positions on The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2023.

Review of Members' Business Motions

10. The Bureau agreed to remove from the Business Bulletin all Members' Business motions lodged on or before 24 January 2023 other than—

Member Name	Date Lodged	Title
Choudhury, Foyso	18/01/2023	Damp Housing in Scotland
Minto, Jenni	13/01/2023	100 Years of the BBC in Scotland
Dowey, Sharon	06/01/2023	Impact of Long-term Historical Site Closures Managed by Historic Environment Scotland
Kerr, Liam	22/12/2022	Scotland's Courts Maintenance Backlog
Smyth, Colin	20/12/2022	Justice for Fornethy House Survivors
Halcro Johnston, Jamie	02/11/2022	Road Improvements and the Dualling of the A9

Catherine Fergusson
 Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
 14 March 2023