

## PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

### TIMETABLING OF BILLS AT STAGE 1

#### **Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill**

1. The Parliamentary Bureau previously agreed on 21 December 2021 to recommend designating the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee as the lead committee for Stage 1 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill.

2. The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee is currently undertaking scrutiny of the Bill, and plans to agree its report on 19 April ahead of the provisionally agreed Stage 1 deadline of Friday 29 April.

**3. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 29 April 2022.**

#### **Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill**

4. The Parliamentary Bureau previously agreed on 8 February 2022 to recommend designating the Criminal Justice Committee as the lead committee for Stage 1 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill.

5. The Criminal Justice Committee is holding its final evidence session on this Bill on 28 March, and is planning to consider its report on the Bill at its meetings on 20 April and 27 April to meet the Stage 1 deadline of Friday 6 May provisionally agreed with the Scottish Government. Should the Committee need the meeting on 27 April to agree and publish its report, this would mean the report is published less than five sitting days before the planned Stage 1 debate on Tuesday 3 May as required by Standing Orders and would require Standing Orders to be suspended.

**6. The Parliamentary Bureau is invited to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 6 May 2022.**

#### **Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill**

7. The Parliamentary Bureau previously agreed on 8 March 2022 to recommend designating the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee as the lead committee for Stage 1 of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill.

8. The RAINE Committee plans to hold six oral evidence sessions across June before considering its report after summer recess. The Committee has provisionally agreed a Stage 1 deadline of Friday 30 September with the Scottish Government.

**9. The Parliamentary Bureau is now invited to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 30 September 2022.**