



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 79, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 28 February 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Mike Gargrave, Minister, Thornliebank Parish Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Retail and Town Centres in Scotland:** Claire Baker, on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, moved S6M-07942—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy and Fair Work Committee's 12th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Inquiry into Retail and Town Centres in Scotland (SP Paper 268).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government for what reason the constitution secretary reportedly referred to the statistic that Scotland has 25% of Europe's offshore wind resources at a meeting with European delegates on 4 October and in newspaper columns of 17 and 18 October 2022, in light of an email indicating that officials had advised that the statistic was inaccurate on 28 September 2022, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson).

**4. Revised Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08062—

That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 1 March 2023—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Dementia Strategy

insert

*followed by* Scottish Parliament Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 2 March 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Policing in Scotland – Ten Years on from Reform

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-08062.1

As an amendment to motion S6M-08062 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme" insert "followed by Ministerial Statement: Teacher Strikes".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Referral of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08063— That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Celebrating LGBT+ History Month:** The Parliament debated S6M-07857 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick—That the Parliament recognises that February is LGBT+ History Month; notes that LGBT+ History Month exists to raise awareness of the LGBT+ community's history and promote equality; welcomes the theme for 2023 LGBT+ History Month, "Behind the Lens", which aims to celebrate LGBT+ people's hard work and contributions made to the production of film and cinema from "behind the lens", such as directors, producers, cinematographers, screenwriters, costume designers, musical score composers, choreographers, special effects artists, makeup artists, set designers, lighting specialists, sound specialists, and support staff, such as caterers; further welcomes LGBT+ History Month's celebration of people in all their diversity, through raising awareness and tackling prejudice with education; understands that LGBT+ History Month is coordinated by LGBT Youth Scotland, a national charity aimed at promoting health and wellbeing among LGBTQIA young people aged 13 to 25 across the country, hosting in-person and online events in partnership with other organisations; wishes all involved every success in their endeavours, and notes the call for everyone to support the campaign and raise awareness of the part that everyone can play in making Scotland a fairer, just and more equal society for all.

**8. Motion Without Notice:** Joe Fitzpatrick moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.21 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
28 February 2023



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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 24 February 2023—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 1st Report, 2023  
(Session 6): Subordinate Legislation on Short-Term Lets considered by the  
Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 21 February 2023  
(SP Paper 323)

The following report was published on 28 February 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 19th Report, 2023 (Session  
6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law  
Reform Committee on 28 February 2023 (SP Paper 324)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 February 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2023 [draft]  
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 24 February 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Water and Sewerage Services to Dwellings (Collection of Unmetered Charges by Local Authority) (Scotland) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/52)  
laid under section 68(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

Marriage and Marriage Registration (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/53)  
laid under section 24(5A) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Marriage Between Civil Partners (Procedure for Change and Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations (SSI 2023/55)  
laid under section 10(5)(d) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 February 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Revised Strategic Plan 2021-2025 (SBC/2023/01)** laid under section 28 of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioners Act 2020

**Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2021-22 (SG/2023/36)** laid under Section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

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