



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 97, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 29 March 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Sheila Moir, Minister, Dryburgh District Churches, Scottish Borders, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Perinatal Mental Health:** The Parliament debated Perinatal Mental Health.
- 4. Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-03818—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03818— That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 31 March 2022—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Interim Principles for Responsible Investment in Natural Capital

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-03853.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03853 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “business for” insert “—

(a) Wednesday 30 March 2022—

after

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by First Minister’s Statement: Scottish Government Handling of Ferries Contracts;

(b)”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-03853.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03853 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “business for” insert “—

(a) Wednesday 30 March 2022—

after

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by First Minister’s Statement: Ferry Procurement

(b)”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

**7. Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-03278 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament celebrates Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022, which has the theme, Delivering a Common Future, and aims to highlight how the member countries in the Commonwealth family are “innovating, connecting and transforming” to help achieve goals such as tackling climate change, promoting good governance and boosting trade; recognises the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association over the last 12 months, mainly through virtual meetings, in discussing a range of issues, including the response to COVID-19, encouraging greater diversity in parliaments and the climate emergency; considers that these will be key themes across 2022, as will the work of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities networks, and believes that the Scottish Parliament, in its relations with Commonwealth legislatures this session, will continue to share ideas, thoughts, experiences and best practice on how to make parliaments work effectively in holding governments to account on behalf of the people that they serve.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
29 March 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 29 March 2022—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Prohibition of Smoking Outside Hospital Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 146)

The following report will be published on 30 March 2022—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 4th Report, 2022 (Session 6): National Planning Framework 4 (SP Paper 149)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 29 March 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2022 [draft]  
laid under section 53(3)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 March 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/117)  
laid under section 12 of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 25 March 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to The National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) SG/2022/70** laid under section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/52** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021 SG/2022/51** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**City of Glasgow College Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2022/50** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Borders College Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/49** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000—

**Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/48** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 29 March 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Glasgow Colleges' Regional Board Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements 2020-21 SG/2022/57** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Glasgow Clyde College Report and Financial Statements - for financial period 2020/21 SG/2022/56** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/55** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Fife College Annual Accounts 2020-21 SG/2022/54** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Edinburgh College Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/53** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Progress Report to the Parliament SG/2022/41** laid under Section 47 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

**Police Scotland: Annual Police Plan 2022/23 PSOS/2022/01** laid under S35(4)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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