



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 2 March 2023

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2023:** The Parliament debated S6M-07887 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes that Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2023 will take place from 27 February to 5 March; recognises that the focus of this year's Eating Disorders Awareness week is eating disorders in males; understands that around 1.25 million people in the UK of all ages, genders, and backgrounds have these illnesses, and that around one in four people with eating disorders are male; acknowledges the work of the organisation, Beat, which is the UK's Eating Disorder charity whose mission is to end the pain and suffering caused by eating disorders; notes that the work of this organisation through its national helpline, which is supported by funding from the Scottish Government as per the recommendations of the National Review of Eating Disorder Services, exists to encourage and empower people to get help quickly; recognises the work that has been undertaken by the National Review of Eating Disorder Services Implementation Group to develop an approach for taking forward the recommendations of the review; understands that the review will pave the way to more equitable, accessible and supportive services in Scotland; encourages the Scottish Government to continue to work with NHS boards and Beat to ensure that people needing treatment in the Cunninghame North constituency, and elsewhere, have the support that they

require, and wishes Beat and all those involved in this year's awareness week every success in their efforts to heighten awareness of eating disorders and their impact on society.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Policing in Scotland – 10 Years on from Reform.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Caledonian Sleeper Train.

7. Arctic Connections – Scotland's Growing Links with the Arctic: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-08073—That the Parliament acknowledges Scotland's strategic role as the world's most northerly non-Arctic nation; agrees on the value of increasing collaboration between Scotland and its Arctic partners; welcomes the distinctive profile and reputation that Scotland has built internationally as an expert contributor to Arctic cooperation; recognises the importance of offering knowledge to promote sustainable development in the region, while learning from best practice developed there; calls for the Arctic to remain safe, stable and peaceful; acknowledges the particular threat posed to the Arctic by the climate crisis, and the need for climate action to be at the heart of Arctic cooperation, and supports the continued engagement with Arctic states, nations and regions to pursue sustainable trade opportunities, develop joint solutions that strengthen community resilience and mark longstanding cultural ties.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-08073.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08073 in the name of Angus Robertson (Arctic Connections - Scotland's Growing Links with the Arctic), insert at end “, and acknowledges the UK Government's updated Arctic Policy Framework, which commits to cooperating with Arctic countries where necessary, as well as protecting their environment and the UK's security.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-08073.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08073 in the name of Angus Robertson (Arctic Connections - Scotland's Growing Links with the Arctic), leave out from “Scotland's strategic role” to “developed there” and insert “the value of Scotland's involvement in multilateral relations with Arctic nations; agrees on the value of increasing collaboration and building stronger relationships between Scotland and Arctic nations; recognises the importance of participation in educational programmes and sharing knowledge to promote sustainable development in the region and learn from best practice developed there; notes with concern Russia's recent changes to its Arctic Policy, which

remove reference to cooperation with the Arctic Council and instead prioritise ‘the national interests of the Russian Federation’; believes that any framework for Arctic cooperation must respect sovereignty and the rule of law, and that this is incompatible with the invasion and annexation of the sovereign territory of neighbouring states”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

—That the Parliament acknowledges the value of Scotland’s involvement in multilateral relations with Arctic nations; agrees on the value of increasing collaboration and building stronger relationships between Scotland and Arctic nations; recognises the importance of participation in educational programmes and sharing knowledge to promote sustainable development in the region and learn from best practice developed there; notes with concern Russia’s recent changes to its Arctic Policy, which remove reference to cooperation with the Arctic Council and instead prioritise ‘the national interests of the Russian Federation’; believes that any framework for Arctic cooperation must respect sovereignty and the rule of law, and that this is incompatible with the invasion and annexation of the sovereign territory of neighbouring states; calls for the Arctic to remain safe, stable and peaceful; acknowledges the particular threat posed to the Arctic by the climate crisis, and the need for climate action to be at the heart of Arctic cooperation; supports the continued engagement with Arctic states, nations and regions to pursue sustainable trade opportunities, develop joint solutions that strengthen community resilience and mark longstanding cultural ties, and acknowledges the UK Government’s updated Arctic Policy Framework, which commits to cooperating with Arctic countries where necessary, as well as protecting their environment and the UK’s security.

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.56 pm. The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.57 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
2 March 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 2 March 2023—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation under the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 28 February 2023 (SP Paper 328)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 March 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Private Residential Tenancies and Assured Tenancies (Prescribed Notices and Forms) (Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/58) laid under section 53(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and section 77(4) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Genetically Modified Food and Feed (Authorisations and Modifications of Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/59) laid under Article 35(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003 of the European Parliament

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 2 March 2023 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Sexual Harm Prevention Orders) 2023 (SSI 2023/61) laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 Amendment) (Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and Sexual Risk Orders) 2023 (SSI 2023/62) laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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