



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 105, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 11 May 2023

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 4. Supporting Mental Health in Rural Communities:** The Parliament debated S6M-06107 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the unique challenges being faced by farmers and the wider agricultural industry as a result of vast input cost inflation caused by Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine, among other factors; commends farmers and crofters for the role that it considers they play at the heart of rural communities, producing high-quality sustainable food, supporting thousands of jobs, helping to tackle climate change and enhancing biodiversity despite the pressures that they face; understands that these pressures contribute to concerns around the mental health of Scottish farmers and crofters, including in the Scottish Borders; notes the work of the National Farmers Union Scotland in working with its members to protect the physical and mental wellbeing of all those working and living in farming communities and highlighting the issue of mental health in farming, agriculture and countryside management more widely, alongside the work of the Countryside Alliance, the Mental Health Foundation Scotland, Scottish Land and Estates, the National Rural Mental Health Forum and

the Poverty Alliance, among others, for highlighting the issue and working towards finding solutions, and notes the calls encouraging those who are struggling with their mental health to access help and support from either their friends or family or the many services available, including RSABl.

5. Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-08870—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-08683—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. 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 4.45pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.46 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
11 May 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 11 May 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Report on the Scottish Government's Air Quality Improvement Plan and wider
air quality issues (SP Paper 353)

Criminal Justice Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The Fireworks and
Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Consequential Modifications, Saving
and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 364)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 10th Report,
2023 (Session 6): Complaint against Maggie Chapman MSP (SP Paper 366)

The following report will be published on 12 May 2023—

Criminal Justice Committee, 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Stage 1 report on
the Children (Care and Justice) Bill (SP Paper 363)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 11 May 2023 and are
subject to the negative procedure—

Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland)
Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/142)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Animal Health (Miscellaneous Fees) (Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Order
2023 (SSI 2023/143)
laid under section 84(1) of the Animal Health Act 1981

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 11 May 2023 and is not
subject to parliamentary procedure—

General Dental Council Annual report and accounts 2022 (SG/2023/32) laid
under Section 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

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