



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 29 November 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, and then on NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care, were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Relationships and Behaviour Policy in Schools.
- 3. 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence:** The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-11469—That the Parliament recognises the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign; welcomes the 2023 national theme, "Imagine a Scotland without Gender-based Violence"; condemns any violence against women and girls, and acknowledges the significant damage and harm that it causes to individuals and to wider society; recognises that the eradication of such violence can only be achieved through social change and changes in attitudes, actions and behaviour, and acknowledges, therefore, the responsibility of collective leadership across all spheres of government and society to challenge the gender inequalities that fundamentally underpin violence against women and girls.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11478—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Post-school Education and Skills Reform

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Championing Disability Equality and Human Rights

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 6 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Home Affairs

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Fiscal Framework Review

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 December 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Reconsideration Stage Proceedings: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 12 December 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Asylum Seekers in Scotland

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 13 December 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy; Finance and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 14 December 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 4 December 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11479—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11480—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 March 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11481—That the Parliament agrees that the Colleges of Further Education and Regional Strategic Bodies (Membership of Boards) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11482—That the Parliament agrees that the Parking Prohibitions (Enforcement and Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11483—That the Parliament agrees that the Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-11484—That the Parliament agrees that—

Ariane Burgess be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Gillian Mackay be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Gillian Mackay be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Mark Ruskell be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Mark Ruskell be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee;

Maggie Chapman be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Maggie Chapman be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee; and

Ross Greer be appointed as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 7, 8, 9, and 10 as noted above.

12. Celebrating Age Scotland's 80th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S6M-11200 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament celebrates the 80th anniversary of Age Scotland's work to support older people; understands that the first meeting of an earlier incarnation of Age Scotland, the Scottish Old People's Welfare Committee, took place in Edinburgh in January 1943 to support the war effort and the wellbeing of older people in Scotland; acknowledges that the Committee's aims were to "gather information of the present position of the care and welfare of the aged and to raise awareness of the needs of older people"; considers that, in the past 80 years, Age Scotland has made an invaluable contribution through its work in helping older people to live as well as possible, in promoting positive views of ageing and later life, and in tackling loneliness and isolation; is aware that Age Scotland recently published the findings of its Big Survey 2023, which aims to take the temperature of what it is like to be an older person in Scotland; recognises that one of the events planned to mark this milestone is a parliamentary reception on 15 November 2023 to celebrate the contribution of older people and groups from the Cunninghame North constituency and across Scotland, including the winners of Age Scotland's annual awards, and to hear about the charity's latest research, which it understands outlines the political priorities of people over the age of 50 and how they feel about growing older in Scotland, and wishes chief executive, Katherine Crawford, and everyone at Age Scotland continued success in their future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
29 November 2023

Appendix

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 29 November 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Appointments to Scottish Land Commission – Statement to Scottish Parliament under section 11(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 – November 2023 (SG/2023/293) laid under Section 11(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Report on the Scottish Ministers' duties under section 23(1) (funding for alternative dispute resolution) and section 24(1) (pilot scheme for mandatory alternative dispute resolution meetings) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020 - November 2023 (SG/2023/285) laid under sections 23(7) and 24(4) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020

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