



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 43, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 5 November 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Graham K Blount, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-15226—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 5 November 2024—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-15206—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated

from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 45 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour and 20 minutes.

The Motion was agreed to.

**5. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

13 (For 81 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

14 (For 7, Against 102 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 5 and 15.

**6. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill:** The Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-15168—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 105 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 7).

**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 4.37 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

**9. Celebrating One Parent Families Scotland 80th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S6M-14922 in the name of Karen Adam—That the Parliament congratulates One Parent Families Scotland on reaching the remarkable milestone of its 80th anniversary, and commends the charity for its unwavering dedication to empowering single parents to realise their full potential; recognises what it sees as the charity's crucial role in offering a comprehensive range of support services, including family, employability, young parent support, welfare rights, and financial

advice through its five family centres in Dundee, Edinburgh, Falkirk, Glasgow and North Lanarkshire, as well as its national lone parent helpline and digital services; acknowledges that the charity, originally established in the 1940s as the Scottish Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child, was founded with a mission to keep unmarried mothers and their children together; celebrates the charity's extraordinary growth into an impactful organisation, employing 97 dedicated staff members, supporting over 8,000 parents, children, and young people each year, and providing what it considers to be life-changing welfare rights and financial advice that has, it understands, benefited nearly 4,000 families to date, resulting in financial gains for families exceeding £1.6 million; recognises that one in four families with children in Scotland are single-parent households, with 90% of these led by women; believes that, despite significant progress since the 1940s, gender inequality continues to fuel discrimination against many single mothers; understands the unique challenges faced by single parents combining the roles of sole carer and provider without the support of another adult, often facing a higher risk of poverty than other households; applauds the charity for its tireless advocacy for single parents at every level of government, working to create lasting solutions to what it sees as the widespread poverty that many face, and celebrates what it considers to be the remarkable resilience of single parents and the exceptional strength that they demonstrate every day in raising their families.

**10. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day 2024:** The Parliament debated S6M-14784 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, which takes place every November, and World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which takes place on 21 November 2024; believes that, for decades, pancreatic cancer has been left behind, receiving just 3% of the UK cancer research budget; considers that an increase in long-term investment in such research could transform persistent low survival rates; welcomes Pancreatic Cancer UK's recent announcement of nearly £600,000 in funding for research taking place in Scotland into early diagnosis and treatment for the disease; acknowledges that pancreatic cancer is tough to detect and diagnose and understands that, once diagnosed, only three out of 10 people get any treatment, the lowest proportion of all cancer types; acknowledges that half of people die within three months of diagnosis; believes that, once diagnosed, people often face obstacles getting the information and care that they need to be well enough to have treatment, with scarce patient experience data and many people feeling "written off", with no support plan in place or help to manage symptoms; understands that, at present, there are shortages in the availability of pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy (PERT), directly affecting the quality of life for people living with pancreatic cancer and other conditions; commends the health professionals and pancreatic cancer charities coming together to develop holistic support and guidance on what to do if a patient is running low or cannot get PERT; further commends all of the charities and activist organisations, and their dedicated supporters, on what it sees as their tireless efforts to improve outcomes for people with this condition, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and World Pancreatic Cancer Day every success in raising awareness of this devastating disease.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
5 November 2024

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 1 November 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 673)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Schools (Residential Outdoor Education) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 674)

The following reports were published on 4 November 2024—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 15th Report, 2024 (Session 6): National Performance Framework: proposed National Outcomes considered by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee (SP Paper 675)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Devolved Tax) (Building Safety) Order 2024 [draft] (SP Paper 676)

The following report was published on 5 November 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 64th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5th November 2024 (SP Paper 677)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 November 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2025 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 4 November 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Regulated Roles (Prohibitions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 100(4) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

## Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 November 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/310)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) (Consequential Amendment, Revocation and Saving Provision) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/311)

laid under section 96 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 4 November 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Referrals by Chief Constable) (Prescribed Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/313)

laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Information for Listing and Vetting) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/314)

laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Level 1 and Level 2 Disclosure Information (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/315)

laid under section 91(4) of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020

Consideration of Suitability for Regulated Roles (Prescribed Purposes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/316)

laid under section 91(4) of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020

Disclosure and Use of Level 2 Disclosures (Prescribed Purpose and Circumstances) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/317)

laid under section 91(4) of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020

## Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 November 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Government Response to SCoSS Recommendations: The Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2025 SG/2024/277** laid under section 97(9) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**Supplementary Costing - Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance - November 2024 (SFC/2024/7)** laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 November 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**HMICS Thematic inspection of road policing in Scotland (HMICS/2024/09)** laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

**Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2023/24 (SPCPF/2024/01)** laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

**The Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/114)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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