



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 12 September 2024

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 (John Swinney).
- 3. The Late Reverend John Ainslie:** The Parliament debated S6M-13909 in the name of Bill Kidd— That the Parliament recognises the enormous contribution to the debate on nuclear weapons that was made by the late Reverend John Ainslie in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency, the Parliament and throughout Scotland; celebrates the publication, in an accessible and searchable digital form, of the archive of all of his reports by the Nuclear Information Service, and welcomes the return of the physical papers for safekeeping by the National Library of Scotland.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 5. Programme for Government – Growing Scotland's Green Economy:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-14431—That the Parliament recognises the actions outlined in the Programme for Government 2024-25 to grow the economy, eradicate child poverty, invest in Scotland's public services, and tackle the climate and nature emergencies; welcomes the publication of the Green Industrial Strategy to ensure that Scotland and its communities benefit economically from the global transition to net zero,

including the creation of good, well-paid jobs; acknowledges the need to translate Scotland's strengths into competitive advantages in the global race; agrees that actions to promote investment, attract and develop a skilled workforce, support fair work and encourage innovation are essential for transforming Scotland's economy, and recognises that, by laying out concrete actions to accelerate the transition to net zero and position the green economy for long-term success, the Green Industrial Strategy will help build internationally competitive clusters in sectors such as onshore and offshore wind, carbon capture and storage, and green professional services.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-14431.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-14431 in the name of Kate Forbes (Programme for Government - Growing Scotland's Green Economy), leave out from first "recognises" to end and insert "is disappointed with the actions outlined in the Programme for Government 2024-25, as they fail to set out an ambitious plan to grow Scotland's green economy and tackle the climate and nature emergencies; notes with disappointment the short time available to MSPs, industry experts and vital stakeholders to scrutinise the Green Industrial Strategy, which undermines the Scottish Parliament's ability to hold the Scottish Government to account; expresses dissatisfaction with the Scottish Government in its failure to publish the delayed Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan and its continued opposition to vital oil and gas extraction; condemns the UK Labour administration's windfall tax, which risks 35,000 jobs and reduces the economic value of the oil and gas sector by £13 billion, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver a jobs first transition and support the Energy Transition Zone in Aberdeen."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 95 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-14431.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-14431 in the name of Kate Forbes (Programme for Government - Growing Scotland's Green Economy), leave out from first "recognises" to end and insert "believes that one of the Scottish National Party's biggest political failures is its failure to turn Scotland's enormous renewable energy resources into jobs, wealth and social good for communities across Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 70 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

Lorna Slater moved amendment S6M-14431.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-14431 in the name of Kate Forbes (Programme for Government - Growing Scotland's Green Economy), leave out from first "recognises" to end and insert "acknowledges the urgent need to invest in Scotland's economy to eradicate child poverty, tackle the climate and nature emergencies and to ensure that public services meet the needs of the

people of Scotland; agrees on the need for a new vision for the economy, including a Green Industrial Strategy that reinvigorates the manufacturing sector, creates jobs in growing low-carbon industries and builds a skilled workforce; regrets that the Scottish Government's Green Industrial Strategy fails to set an ambitious plan for growth in renewable energy beyond wind, including solar, wave, tidal and green hydrogen, and prioritises continued investment in fossil fuel extraction over long-term sustainability; believes that carbon capture, utilisation and storage remains speculative and that investment in these unproven technologies is a poor use of public funds during a climate crisis, and considers that the Scottish Government must not miss the opportunity to reduce energy demand, by regulating to decarbonise homes and buildings, which will stimulate skills, jobs and innovation in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 7, Against 118 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 35 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
12 September 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 12 September 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 643)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 September 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Public Procurement (International Trade Agreements) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 122(14) of the Procurement Act 2023

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 12 September 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Social Security (Genuine and Sufficient Link to the United Kingdom) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/241)
laid under section 176 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and Section 94 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012

Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Multi-operator Travel Cards) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/243)
laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 September 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/242 (C.20))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 12 September 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2023-24 (SG/2024/190)

at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Commission on Social Security (SCoSS) Annual Report and Accounts 2023 - 2024 (SG/2024/198) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2023-24 (SG/2024/87) laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2023-24 Annual Report & Accounts (SG/2024/88) laid under Schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

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