



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 28, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 17 September 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Professor Rowan Cruft, Professor of Philosophy, University of Stirling, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-14533— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 17 September 2024—

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Languages Bill

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Securing a Sustainable Future for the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster

(b) Thursday 19 September 2024—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2021-2022

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Scottish Languages Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-14484—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Languages Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Ministerial Statement: The Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy (Gillian Martin) made a statement and answered questions on Securing a Sustainable Future for the Grangemouth Industrial Cluster.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. Celebrating the Federation of Small Businesses' 50th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S6M-13753 in the name of Audrey Nicoll— That the Parliament congratulates the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) on celebrating its 50th anniversary on 15 September 2024; understands that micro and small businesses comprise almost all enterprises in Scotland, at 98% of the total, and employ 900,000 people with a turnover of £82 billion; further understands that, since its formation in 1974 in response to what it sees as unfair increases in national insurance for the self-employed by the UK Government, which was later repealed, the FSB has gone on to become the largest direct business membership organisation in the UK, and recognises what it considers the vital non-profit, non-party-political business services that it offers, including advice, financial expertise, support and a powerful advocating voice to government at all levels, as well as its aim to achieve changes for 5.5 million small businesses and the self-employed.

8. Motion without Notice: Audrey Nicoll moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
17 September 2024

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 16 September 2024—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Report on Scotland's Commissioner Landscape: A Strategic Approach (SP
Paper 642)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 September 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 17 September 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Scottish Government Non-Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/191) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024: SG/2024/204 laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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