



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 32, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 25 September 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic, and then on Finance and Local Government, were answered by the Deputy First Minister, a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Additional Support for Learning:** Sue Webber, on behalf of the Education, Children and Young People Committee, moved S6M-14469—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Education, Children and Young People Committee’s 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6), Additional Support for Learning inquiry (SP Paper 585).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Timetable for Consideration:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14652—That the Parliament agrees to consider the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill as follows—

Stage 1 on Thursday 10 October 2024, and subject to the Parliament’s agreement to the general principles of the Bill—

(a) that consideration of the Bill at stage 2 be completed by Tuesday 29 October 2024, and

(b) Stage 3 on Thursday 31 October 2024.

Graham Simpson moved S6M-14652.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-14652 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill: Timetable for Consideration), leave out “31 October” and insert “7 November”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 60 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 3 proxy votes), Abstentions 0 – by casting vote).

The motion was then disagreed to (by division: For 60 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 61 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14640—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 October 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 2 October 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

*followed by* Scottish Labour 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 3 October 2024

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: Social Justice

*followed by* Economy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Just Transition Inquiry for Grangemouth and the North East and Moray

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 October 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 October 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Green 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 10 October 2024

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* Stage 1 Debate: Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill

*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 30 September 2024, 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. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14641—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Protection (Single-use Vapes) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14642—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Mercedes Villalba as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14643—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 12.50 pm and 3.00 pm on Thursday 3 October 2024.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

**9. Importance of the Scottish Wholesale Sector:** The Parliament debated S6M-13436 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament recognises what it considers to be the vital importance of the Scottish wholesale sector; understands that it contributes over £4.3 billion in gross value added (GVA) to the Scottish economy, providing over 35,000 businesses and consumers, including in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, with an extensive product range consisting of tens of thousands, with potentially the largest wholesale choice and selection of food and drink of any European country, and supporting over 6,000 local jobs, and welcomes the support from 30 wholesale local food champions that have supported 130 local producers, resulting, it understands, in 30% of wholesalers' turnover coming from Scottish products.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
25 September 2024

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 25 September 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Work of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee 2023-24 (SP Paper 650)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 September 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 25 September 2024—

Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 September 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local Authorities' Functions: 2023 - 2024 (SG/2024/206)** laid under section 12(1)(c) of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

**Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/82)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024: Statement made under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (SG/2024/237)** laid under section 97(9)(b) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

**Supplementary Costing – Pension Age Winter Heating Payment – September 2024 (SFC/2024/5)** laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

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