



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 30 June 2022

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.
- 4. Action Mesothelioma Day 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-05097 in the name of Marie McNair— That the Parliament recognises that 1 July 2022 is Action Mesothelioma Day; notes that the action day aims to raise awareness of the disease, which it understands is caused by breathing in asbestos fibres; further understands that there are approximately 2,700 new mesothelioma cases in the UK every year, including over 200 in Scotland, which is the highest number in Europe, and that there are at least a further 2,000 cases of lung cancer that are likely to be caused by asbestos exposure; notes that the action day brings to light the extraordinary work of support groups across Scotland that continue to support people impacted by mesothelioma and their families, as well as doing work to remember those who have died as a result of mesothelioma; acknowledges the particular contribution of Clydebank Asbestos Group, as it approaches its 30th anniversary, which has provided information and support to people with asbestos-related conditions for decades; wishes Action Mesothelioma Day every success, and notes the view that

there is a continued need for research into the management and treatment of this condition.

5. Dundee Drugs Commission Review Report: The Parliament debated S6M-04364 in the name of Michael Marra— That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, *Time for Kindness, Compassion and Hope: The Need for Action Two Years On*, by the Dundee Drugs Commission; thanks the Commission for its work in the production of both of its reports; is grateful to everyone who brought witness and testimony to this work from lived experience and frontline service provision; believes that testimony will have been incredibly difficult to deliver for many of the witnesses; understands that, despite the urgent recommendations in the first report, Dundee continues to have a very high level of drugs deaths by national and international comparisons; notes with concern what it sees as the failure to sufficiently progress the recommendations of the original report by all agencies in Dundee; further notes support for the recommendations of the Commission, which include an urgent health needs assessment for drug users, the wholesale reform of substance misuse, and recovery services that move away from a punitive medicalised model to a community facing system of care; is concerned by the report's conclusion that "the scale of the challenge to turn the situation around hasn't been fully appreciated" by local leadership, and notes the calls for the full adoption of the recommendations with a specific delivery plan from the Dundee Partnership.

The meeting closed at 2.11pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
30 June 2022

Appendix

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 30 June 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) Annual and Accounts Report of the trustees and accounts for the year-ended 31 December 2021 SG/2022/104 laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1988

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2021-2022 SG/2022/124 laid under Section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Government: National Strategy for Community Justice SG/2022/126 laid under Section 16(5) the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

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