



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 29 June 2023

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 (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Highly Protected Marine Areas.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Leading Scotland's Journey to Becoming a Start-up Nation.
- 5. Online Safety Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Public Health and Women's Health (Jenni Minto) moved S6M-09765—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Online Safety Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 17 March 2022 and subsequently amended to include the new offence of encouraging or assisting serious self-harm of another person, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09821—That the Parliament agrees that Douglas Lumsden be appointed to replace Liam Kerr as a member of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-09822—That the Parliament agrees that—

Kevin Stewart be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

Gordon MacDonald be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

Jim Fairlie be appointed to replace Bob Doris as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Ivan McKee as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Emma Harper as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

Alasdair Allan be appointed to replace Rona Mackay as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Action Mesothelioma Day 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-09075 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament recognises Action Mesothelioma Day 2023, which is on 7 July 2023; understands that mesothelioma is a rare cancer that is almost always caused by exposure to asbestos, with tiny fibres getting into the lungs and damaging them over time; notes that the cancer most commonly occurs in the lining of the lung, but can also occur in the lining of the abdomen and the lining of the heart, with symptoms including shortness of breath, chest pain, cough and tiredness; understands that there are around 2,700 new mesothelioma cases in the UK every year, including over 200 in Scotland, which is the highest number in Europe, with at least a further 2,000 cases of lung cancer that are likely to be caused by asbestos exposure; recognises that Action Mesothelioma Day is a national event to raise awareness of asbestos and mesothelioma, raise vital funds to support the research into tackling mesothelioma, and to remember and support those who have been affected by the disease; applauds the long-standing and ongoing work of Clydebank Asbestos Group, which has provided information and support to people with asbestos-related conditions for over 30 years; notes the need for continued

research into mesothelioma, and hopes for a successful Action Mesothelioma Day 2023.

10. Drowning Prevention Week 2023: The Parliament debated S6M-08901 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) 2023, which runs from 18 to 25 June; notes that the campaign, initiated by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), aims to reduce the number of drowning and near-drowning incidents that occur in the UK every year by promoting the skills and knowledge that people need to be safe and have fun in the water; believes that DPW, now in its 10th year, is as crucial as ever, as it promotes water safety education; understands that, on average, 50 people accidentally drown in Scotland each year, and a further 29 people take their own lives in and around the country's water ways; acknowledges that the DPW campaign encourages schools, clubs, leisure centres and communities to promote water safety education through events, lessons, games and activities, in a bid to make people more aware of the dangers of water; welcomes the provision of new educational resources from Water Safety Scotland, created by RoSPA, which include free water safety lessons for schools and practitioners and the first ever curriculum-aligned water safety resources; commends RLSS UK and partner agencies, such as Water Safety Scotland, for what it sees as their tireless campaigning to promote water safety, and wishes everyone involved in Drowning Prevention Week 2023 the very best in their efforts.

The meeting closed at 3.33 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
29 June 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 29 June 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 48th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 423)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the fourth quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23 (SP Paper 426)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 29 June 2023 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2023 (SSI 2023/196)
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 29 June 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Independent Monitoring Authority Annual Report to the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights established under the Withdrawal Agreement and the Joint Committee established under the EEA EFTA Separation Agreement (SG/2023/134) laid under Paragraph 31 of Schedule 2 to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) Report of the trustees and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 (SG/2023/81) laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

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