



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 30 March 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Moray Maternity Services.
- 4. Motion without Notice:** The Presiding Officer accepted a motion without notice from Douglas Ross, under Rule 8.1.2, that the time allocated to the statement be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to. Members were subsequently advised that Decision Time would be moved by the same amount of time.
- 5. Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Clare Haughey) moved S6M-03837 in the name of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney)—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan, published on 30 March 2022, recognising the additional challenges that have emerged since the Independent Care Review reported its conclusions in February 2020 and therefore the even greater importance in setting out actions that the Scottish

Government must take to Keep The Promise to care-experienced children and young people and their families; believes that, to Keep The Promise, delivery must be undertaken in partnership with local government, The Promise Scotland, the third sector, NHS boards, and the care community across Scotland to enable progress towards keeping more families together through person-centred wraparound support at the right time and providing the right support to reduce the number of children in the care system where it is safe to do so; agrees that Scotland must shift the focus of its actions from reaction to prevention; recognises that where the care system is the right place to be, the experience of children and young people who do enter the care system must be based on love, relationships, compassion and consistency, and commits to work together across Scotland and on a cross-party basis to Keep The Promise to and with the care community, so that all children grow up loved, safe and respected so that they can realise their full potential.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-03837.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03837 in the name of John Swinney (Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan), insert at end “; recognises concerns that not enough progress is being made, with stakeholders and campaigners claiming that little has changed in the first two years since its introduction; notes that organisations have witnessed a huge rise in the number of young people seeking support during the COVID-19 pandemic, and calls on the Scottish Government to listen to the concerns of local authorities, NHS boards, third party organisations and charities to ensure that The Promise is delivered in full.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Martin Whitfield moved amendment S6M-03837.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03837 in the name of John Swinney (Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan), insert at end “, and believes that a successful delivery requires realisable and meaningful targets based on measurable outcomes for young people, interim annual targets, beginning in 2022, with an annual reporting regime to the Parliament, and a commensurate funding plan.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03858—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 April 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Transforming Scotland's Tech Sector

followed by Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Debate: National Planning Framework 4

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 20 April 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Ministerial Statement: Displaced People from Ukraine - Update

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 21 April 2022

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 Scottish Government Debate: Long COVID

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 April 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

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 27 April 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 April 2022

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: Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 April 2022, 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.

7. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03859—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03860—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 30 September 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03861—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 April 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

11. Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month: The Parliament debated S6M-03472 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament acknowledges that March is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; understands that ovarian cancer is the sixth most common cancer faced by women in the UK, with over 600 new diagnoses in Scotland each year; notes that the symptoms of ovarian cancer are persistent and frequent, and that they usually happen more than 12 times a month; understands that key symptoms include persistent bloating, feeling full quickly or loss of appetite, pelvic or abdominal pain and urinary symptoms; further understands that there is currently no screening test available for ovarian cancer; highlights what it sees as the need for better public awareness; believes that a woman's route to diagnosis is key to survival, and commends the organisations, campaigners and charities for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of ovarian cancer.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
30 March 2022

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

Other Documents

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

SG/2022/62: The North Highland College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/62 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2021 SG/2022/61 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Moray College UHI Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/60 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2021 SG/2022/59 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements 2020-2021 SG/2022/58 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Community Justice Scotland: Community Payback Order Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2020-21 SG/2022/14 laid under section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Community Justice Scotland: Community Justice Outcome Activity Across Scotland Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2022/13 laid under section 27 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Accommodation of Asylum-Seeking Mothers and Babies in Glasgow CCYP/2022/01 laid under section 12 of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

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