



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 22 March 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and then Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Historical Adoption Practices.
- 3. Transition to a Wellbeing Economy:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-08305—That the Parliament recognises Scotland's international leadership in the transition to a wellbeing economy, by not only growing but transforming the economy to one that serves current and future generations, and delivers a prosperous, socially-just Scotland within safe environmental limits, where everyone can flourish; notes that this remains a defining mission for the Scottish Government, including through its leadership in forming the Wellbeing Economy Governments (WEGo) group and delivery of the National Strategy for Economic Transformation; agrees that the delivery of a wellbeing economy requires a worker- and community-led just transition to a net-zero, nature-positive economy that has equality, human rights and fair work at its heart, enabling Scotland to tackle child poverty, empower communities, build community wealth and create a socially-just society; notes the publication of the Wellbeing Economy Monitor, which tracks broader outcomes beyond GDP on issues such as health, equality, fair work and the environment, and the Wellbeing Economy Toolkit, which supports place-based economic development; commends the work of the Cross-party Group on Wellbeing Economy and partners across Scotland, and recognises that independence would allow Scotland to make greater progress, but,

until then, calls for the devolution of energy and additional economic powers to the Scottish Parliament to support Scotland's transition to a wellbeing economy.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-08305.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08305 in the name of John Swinney (Transition to a Wellbeing Economy), leave out from the first "recognises" to end and insert "believes that the pursuit of economic growth and widening the tax base is an immediate priority for Scotland, and further believes that these priorities are essential to underpin the delivery of a wellbeing economy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-08305.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08305 in the name of John Swinney (Transition to a Wellbeing Economy), leave out from "international leadership" to end and insert "potential to be an international leader in the transition to a wellbeing economy, like the Labour administration in New Zealand; agrees that the delivery of a wellbeing economy requires a worker- and community-led just transition to a net-zero, nature-positive economy that has equality, human rights and fair work at its heart, enabling Scotland to tackle child poverty, empower communities, build community wealth and create a socially-just society; commends the work of the Cross-party Group on Wellbeing Economy and partners across Scotland; notes the publication of the Wellbeing Economy Monitor, which tracks broader outcomes beyond GDP on issues such as health, equality, fair work and the environment, and the Wellbeing Economy Toolkit, which supports place-based economic development; believes that the Scottish Government should be doing more to deliver environmental sustainability, including through the delivery of rapid insulation programmes, which would help people improve the energy efficiency of homes and lower energy bills, and notes that sustainable economic growth will be required to successfully deliver a wellbeing economy and a just transition, including by using the extensive powers available to the Scottish Government to create jobs, upskill workers, grow Scottish businesses and channel more investment into high-growth, innovative firms of the future, ensuring that everyone in Scotland benefits from Scotland's prosperity."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08322—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Selection of First Minister
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 March 2023

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and Economy; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Members' Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 30 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 April 2023

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 19 April 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

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 20 April 2023

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, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 27 March 2023, 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. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08323—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 October 2023.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08324—That the Parliament agrees that the Alcoholic Beverages, Fruit and Vegetables (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08325—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08326—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08327—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. 100 Years of the BBC in Scotland: The Parliament debated S6M-07482 in the name of Jenni Minto—That the Parliament celebrates 100 years of public service broadcasting with the centenary of the BBC in Scotland in 2023; recognises what it sees as the vital contribution of the BBC to the creative economy of the nation; understands that, from the first live radio transmission in Glasgow on the evening of 6 March 1923, the BBC in Scotland has grown from its early days in radio to include the provision of extensive educational resources, Gaelic language content, current affairs, comedy, music and entertainment, reflecting the breadth and depth of Scotland's culture on TV, radio and online; further understands that the BBC in Scotland directly employs over 1,200 people across 14 bases from Shetland to Dumfries, and supports many more roles via commissions to the independent production sector; notes what it considers the value of the BBC and public service broadcasting in Scotland, and the contribution that it has made, and continues to make, to the Scottish creative sector, and wishes the BBC a successful start to its second century of educating, entertaining and informing the nation.

The meeting closed at 6.31 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament

22 March 2023

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 22 March 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 23rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 341)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 22nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 March 2023 (SP Paper 345)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 346)

The following report will be published on 23 March 2023—

Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2023 (Session 6): New Vessels for the Clyde and Hebrides: Arrangements to deliver vessels 801 and 802 (SP Paper 344)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 22 March 2023 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Allocation of Functions to the General Regulatory Chamber) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 79(2) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition and Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 [draft]

laid under section 79(2) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

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