



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 30 November 2023

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 Deputy First Minister (Shona Robison).

3. Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change: The Parliament debated S6M-11282 in the name of Mark Ruskell— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the success of the Nature Restoration Fund, which it understands has now granted over £30 million worth of funding to 150 projects across all of Scotland's 32 local authority areas; understands that the funding is supporting a wide range of nature restoration work, including habitat and species restoration, tackling invasive species, and health and wellbeing projects for local communities; notes that, in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, this includes funding for Argaty Farm to protect water courses and integrate beavers, for Forth Rivers Trust to improve natural flood management and support wading birds, and for the University of St Andrews to restore coastal habitats; recognises that the fund was announced on Nature Day at COP26 in Glasgow in 2021; notes the belief that restoring nature and halting biodiversity loss are key components in tackling the climate crisis; understands that nature will once again be a key theme in the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference in Dubai, and notes the calls for a recommitment to supporting urgent action on the twin nature and climate crises, to ensure that there is a liveable planet for future generations of people in Scotland.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Energy and the Environment (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-11496—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 82, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

6. Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Energy and the Environment (Gillian Martin) moved S6M-11498—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
30 November 2023

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 30 November 2023—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 10th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Report on the Financial Memorandum for the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill
(SP Paper 484)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 72nd Report, 2023 (Session
6): Delegated powers in the Scottish Employment Injury Advisory Council Bill
at Stage 1 (SP Paper 487)

New Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 30 November 2023 and
are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**The Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish) Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23
For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/294)** laid under Section
11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

**The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/299)** laid under Section
22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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