



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 14 September 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 First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Environmental Impact of Single-use Vapes: The Parliament debated Environmental Impact of Single-use Vapes in the name of Gillian Mackay—That the Parliament notes reported concerns regarding the environmental impact of single-use vapes, including in the Central Scotland region; recognises that, in the year ending January 2023, there were reportedly an estimated 543,000 vapers in Scotland, of which, 9% were under 16 and 14% were under 18 years of age; understands that most under-18 e-cigarette users prefer single-use vapes; welcomes the publication of a review that the Scottish Government commissioned Zero Waste Scotland to carry out into the environmental impact of single-use e-cigarettes; understands that, according to Zero Waste Scotland, the total emissions associated with disposable vapes in 2022 were estimated to have been up to 4,292 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), or the equivalent of around 2,100 cars on Scotland's roads; further understands that, in the 52 weeks to early April 2023, the number of disposable vapes consumed in Scotland was estimated to be between 21 and 26 million units; understands that the weight of packaging and materials discarded as a result of single-use e-cigarette consumption in Scotland is currently between 800 and 1,000 tonnes per year; applauds the work of campaigners and organisations such as Laura Young and ASH Scotland to raise awareness of this issue; considers that the environmental and health

impacts of vaping products are rising, and notes the view that action to tackle this is required from retailers, manufacturers and the Scottish Government.

4. Motion without Notice: Gillian Mackay moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill (Reconsideration): The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-10429—That the Parliament agrees to reconsider the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. The Role of Football in Scottish Society and Communities: The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-10439—That the Parliament acknowledges that football contributes significantly to the cultural, social, economic and sporting fabric of Scotland, including through the work of the Scottish FA, which celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2023; recognises the important role that football clubs play in their communities, supporting a wide range of Scottish Government priorities; welcomes in particular the growth of inclusive opportunities in football in Scotland; notes that the Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain have withdrawn the consultation on proposed new guidelines for fans travelling to football matches in Scotland on public hire vehicles, and calls for any future consultation on and development of Scottish guidelines to be fully informed through the involvement of the Scottish Government, football clubs, authorities and, especially, fans and supporters' groups to best meet Scottish needs and interests.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
14 September 2023

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 September 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 128(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

The following affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 14 September 2023—

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 September 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/258)
laid under section 96(4) Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Health and Care Professions Council (Miscellaneous Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2023 (SI 2023/995)
laid under article 42 of the Health Professions Order 2001

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 14 September 2023—

Neil Gray, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data Protection and Digital Information (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-36ab)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 September 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Press Recognition Panel - Annual Report and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/174) laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

Scotland's Census 2022 - Rounded population estimates (SG/2023/176) laid under Section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920

Standards Commission for Scotland's Annual Report 2022/23 (SCfS/2023/01) laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

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