



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 6 December 2018

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. 30th World AIDS Day: The Parliament debated S5M-14820 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes that 1 December 2018 will mark the 30th World AIDS Day; recognises that the day offers the opportunity to raise awareness of HIV, to challenge stigma, and to reflect on the progress that has been made in the fight against HIV in Scotland and around the world; understands that, with early diagnosis and effective treatment, it is a manageable long-term health condition; recognises however, that it continues to represent a significant public health concern, affecting some of the most marginalised groups in society and often driven by stigma and discrimination; believes that such stigma has a damaging impact on the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people living with the condition and that it acts as a disincentive to access testing and treatment; considers that this can undermine efforts to reduce new infections; commends the joint work of Waverley Care and Scotland's NHS boards across to promote the "Undetectable=Untransmittable" (U=U) message, which is that a person living with HIV who achieves and maintains an undetectable viral load cannot pass on the virus through sex; recognises that this message has been endorsed by health professionals, charities and campaigners worldwide, including the British HIV Association, and believes that information around U=U, and other HIV prevention

options, including pre-exposure prophylaxis, can contribute to an improved understanding of HIV, a reduction in stigma and fewer new infections.

4. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) moved S5M-15055—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill—Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work (Derek Mackay) moved S5M-14969—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15076—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for——

(a) Thursday 13 December 2018—

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2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights

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2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: The UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill – Reference by the Attorney General and the Advocate General for Scotland to the UK Supreme Court

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Demonstrating Leadership in Human Rights

(b) Wednesday 19 December 2018—

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2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

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1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members’ Business

followed by Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
6 December 2018

Appendix

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

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 6 December 2018—

Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S5-21)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 December 2018 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The 2017/18 audit of NHS Tayside SG/2018/260 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Tayside Health Board Annual Report and Accounts For Year Ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/259 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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