



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S5/20/MINS/37

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

10 November 2020 at 12pm

Present:

- Ken Macintosh (Chair),
- Christine Grahame
- Lewis Macdonald*
- Graeme Dey
- Miles Briggs
- Elaine Smith*
- Patrick Harvie*
- Willie Rennie*

Apologies:

- Linda Fabiani

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Catherine Fergusson
- Neil Stewart
- Mark Brough
- Lewis McNaughton*
- Joanne McNaughton*
- Fergus Cochrane
- Jennifer Bell*
- Callum Thomson*
- Emma Cameron
- Kirsty Hamilton*
- Jason Lloyd*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 3 November 2020 were agreed.

Item 1b: Matters arising

2. The Bureau received a verbal update from officials on discussions with Scottish Government officials in relation to COVID-19 scrutiny. The Bureau noted that

progress had been made and that a paper outlining proposals would be brought forward for consideration at its next meeting.

Future business programme

3. The Bureau considered and agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 9 November 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 16 and 23 November 2020.
4. The Bureau noted that Members' Business on Tuesday 17 November 2020 would be motion S5M-23195 from Claire Baker on Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Musicians and Music Industry and on Wednesday 18 November 2020 would be motion S5M-22629 from Clare Adamson on Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

United Kingdom Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a deadline of Friday 4 December 2020 for consideration of the United Kingdom Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2.

Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following instruments be approved—
 - the Human Tissue (Excepted Body Parts) (Scotland) Regulations 2020;
 - that the Mandatory Use of Closed Circuit Television in Slaughterhouses (Scotland) Regulations 2020;
 - the Welfare of Farmed Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020;
 - the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Laying Hens (Revocation) (Scotland) Notice 2020;
 - the Census (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020;
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/328);
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/330).

Committee requests to meet at the same time as the Parliament

7. The Bureau agreed to a request from the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee to meet at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 18 November to conclude consideration of its draft report on its inquiry into the construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland.

8. The Bureau also agreed to a request from the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee to meet , if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday 24 November during the debate on the Health and Sport Committee's inquiry into Supply and demand for medicines, and during Members' Business, for the purpose of considering amendments at Stage 2 to the United Kingdom Withdrawal from the European Union Continuity (Scotland) Bill. The Bureau noted that Stage 3 proceedings on the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill are due to be taken on 24 November and that it would not agree to a Committee meeting taking place at the same time as Stage 3 proceedings.
9. The Bureau noted that a request from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee to meet at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament on Tuesday 24 November had been withdrawn by the committee.

Parliamentary calendar: February recess

10. After discussion, the Bureau agreed to defer consideration of this matter to a future meeting.

Publication scheme

11. It was agreed that all papers considered at the meeting should be published.

Date of next meeting

12. The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 12 pm on Thursday 17 November 2020.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
10 November 2020