



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

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Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 18 August 2020 at 12 PM

Present:

- Ken Macintosh (Chair)
- Christine Grahame
- Lewis Macdonald*
- Graeme Dey
- Miles Briggs
- Rhoda Grant
- Patrick Harvie
- Willie Rennie

Observing:

- George Adam

Apologies:

- Linda Fabiani
- Elaine Smith

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Neil Stewart
- Lewis McNaughton*
- Joanne McNaughton*
- Callum Thomson*
- Steven Bell
- Fergus Cochrane*
- Andrew Mylne*
- Jason Lloyd
- Tim Ferguson*
- Emma Cameron*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 11 August 2020 were agreed.

Future business programme

2. The Presiding Officer welcomed Miles Briggs to his first meeting of the Parliamentary Bureau and thanked Liz Smith for her contribution as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business Manager.
3. The Bureau considered and agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 17 August 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 17 and 24 August 2020.
4. The Bureau noted that that Bureau motions to give effect to proposed changes to Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party membership of, and substitution on, committees, would be lodged and taken in the Chamber this week.

Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to refer the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Bill to the Education and Skills Committee for consideration at Stage 1.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a deadline of Friday 6 November 2020 for consideration of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill.

Member's Bill: request for consent to introduce

7. The Bureau considered a request from Johann Lamont MSP that it give consent, under Rule 9.14.15, for her to introduce the proposed Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions) (Scotland) Bill by the last sitting day in September. The Bureau agreed to give its consent for the Bill to be introduced noting the response given by the Member for it to be treated as an exception under that rule. In doing so the Bureau noted that responses from the three committees to which the draft proposal for a Member's Bill had been referred (the Education and Skills Committee, the Equalities and Human Rights Committee and the Local Government and Communities Committee) indicated that each committee would have limited capacity to scrutinise the Bill. The Bureau also noted that, once referred, it would be for the lead committee to make its own decision about the programming of consideration of the Bill in the light of existing commitments and that indications had already been made by some committees that it may not be possible to progress with scrutiny of a number of Members' Bills introduced by the 1 June deadline due to capacity constraints.

Publication scheme

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

Date of next meeting

9. The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 12 noon on Tuesday 25 August.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
18 August 2020