



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

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## Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 23 June 2020 at 12 Noon

### Present:

- Ken Macintosh (Chair)
- Linda Fabiani
- Christine Grahame
- Lewis Macdonald
- Graeme Dey
- Liz Smith
- Rhoda Grant
- Patrick Harvie\*
- Willie Rennie

### Observing:

- George Adam

### Apologies:

- Elaine Smith

### Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming\*
- Catherine Fergusson
- Neil Stewart
- Lewis McNaughton\*
- Joanne McNaughton\*
- Fergus Cochrane\*
- Steven Bell\*
- Gail Grant
- Susan Duffy\*
- Jason Lloyd

\* indicates attendance by videoconference

## Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 16 June 2020 were agreed.

## Future business programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 23 June 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 10 and 17 August 2020.

## Summer recess arrangements

3. The Bureau considered arrangements for summer recess. After discussion the Bureau agreed
  - to meet virtually at 11 am on 29 June, 13 and 20 July and 3 August to decide whether to schedule virtual business for the following Thursday and, if so, what subjects should be covered in each question time;
  - that members wishing to participate in virtual business should, if possible, advise the Business Team and the Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans of the area they wish to cover by 5pm on the Tuesday of the week of each question time;
  - that, with the exception of the First Minister's statements on 9 and 30 July which will start at 12.30pm, all business scheduled during summer recess should begin at 2pm.

## Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as lead committee, and that the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee be designated as a secondary committee, for consideration of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

## Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be set at Friday 4 December 2020.

## Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following instruments be approved—
  - The Registration of Independent Schools (Prescribed Person) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020.

- The UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Ticket Touting Offence) (Exceptions for Use of Internet etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 by the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee.
  - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Regulations 2020
  - Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Information for Passengers Travelling to Scotland) Regulations 2020
  - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020
  - Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.
7. The Bureau also agreed, subject to the COVID-19 Committee approving the instrument, to recommend to the Parliament that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2020 be approved.
  8. The Bureau further agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020 be considered by the Parliament.

## Referral of an LCM

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the LCM on the Fisheries Bill.

## Time for Reflection

10. The Bureau considered an approach to Time for Reflection from August until October 2020 and agreed for the Presiding Officer to determine the programme for contributors for the period immediately after the summer recess. Business Mangers agreed to draw to Members' attention that nominations to deliver Time for Reflection would be welcomed.

## 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 11.00am on Monday 29 June.

Catherine Fergusson  
 Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
 23 June 2020