



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S5/20/MINS/7

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 25 February 2020 at 12 noon

Present:

- Ken Macintosh (chair)
- Linda Fabiani
- Christine Grahame
- Graeme Dey
- Liz Smith
- Elaine Smith
- Patrick Harvie
- Willie Rennie

Observing:

- Tom Arthur

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Catherine Fergusson
- Lewis McNaughton
- Emma Cameron
- Joanne McNaughton
- Steven Bell
- Warren Hardie

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 18 February 2020 were agreed.
2. On welcoming Liz Smith to her first Bureau meeting as business manager, the Presiding Officer thanked her predecessor Maurice Golden for his contribution over several years.

Future business programme

3. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 24 February 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 2 and 9 March 2020.

4. In relation to the Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill, the Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that, subject to the general principles of the Bill being agreed, the deadline for amendments to be lodged for Stage 3 of the Bill should be 4.30pm on Wednesday 4 March.
5. The Bureau noted that Members' Business on Tuesday 3 March 2020 would be motion S5M-20650 Miles Briggs on Improving Diagnosis of Pre-eclampsia, on Wednesday 4 March 2020 would be motion S5M-20901 Emma Harper on Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2020 and on Thursday 5 March 2020 would be motion S5M-20457 Neil Findlay on Whitburn Academy's Be Herd Group, Shattering Mental Health Stigma.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

6. The Bureau agreed to refer the Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill back to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament a deadline of Friday 20 March 2020 for consideration of the Bill at that Stage.

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

Committee remits

8. The Bureau agreed, following the recent changes to ministerial portfolios, to recommend to the Parliament revisions to committee remits in order to maintain the current committee structure and clarify which ministerial responsibilities fall within the remit of each committee.

Committee membership and substitution

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament changes to committee membership for the Scottish National Party and the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.
10. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament changes to committee substitutes for the Scottish National Party, the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and the Scottish Labour Party.

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 noon on Tuesday 2 March 2020.

Irene Fleming
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
25 February 2020