



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

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## Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 26 May 2020 at 12 Noon

### Present:

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

### Apologies:

- Ken Macintosh

### Observing:

- George Adam
- Elaine Smith\*

### Officials present:

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

\* indicates attendance by videoconference

## Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 19 May 2020 were agreed.

## Future business programme

2. The Bureau discussed a programme of business for the weeks commencing 25 May 2020, 1 June 2020 and 8 June 2020.
3. In relation to the Scottish Government debates on COVID-19 on 2 and 9 June, the Bureau noted that these would be debates without motions.
4. Following discussion, the Bureau noted the programme of business for the week commencing 25 May 2020 and agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 1 June 2020 and 8 June 2020.

## Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to Friday 2 October 2020.

## Approval of SSI

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Release of Prisoners (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/138) be approved.
7. Liz Smith advised that the Conservatives would abstain on the motion to approve the Regulations

## Remote voting update

8. The Bureau received a verbal update from officials following the remote voting test on Thursday 21 May. The Bureau noted that some members had experienced issues with the remote voting system during the test.
9. Following discussion, the Bureau agreed to consider a paper on alternative approaches at a future meeting.

## Publication scheme

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

## Date of next meeting

11. The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 12 noon on Tuesday 2 June 2020.

Irene Fleming  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
26 May 2020