



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

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## Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 27 October 2020 at 12 PM

### 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
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Neil Stewart
- Lewis McNaughton\*
- Joanne McNaughton\*
- Fergus Cochrane
- Jennifer Bell\*
- Callum Thomson\*
- Jason Lloyd\*

### Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 6 October 2020 were agreed. The Bureau noted that the minutes of 15 October 2020 would be circulated for approval.

### Matters arising

2. The Bureau noted that a draft revised business programme for the week beginning 26 October was agreed at the additional Bureau meeting on 22 October, and that,

at that meeting, the Labour Party indicated that they would speak against and oppose the revised Business Motion for that week.

## Future business programme

3. The Bureau considered and agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 26 October 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 2 and 9 November 2020.
4. The Bureau noted that Members' Business on Tuesday 27 October 2020 would be motion S5M-22506 from Liam McArthur on Pay Student Paramedics and on Wednesday 28 October 2020 would be motion S5M-22911 from Colin Beattie on 30th Anniversary of German Reunification.
5. Elaine Smith indicated that Labour would speak to and vote against the revised Business Motion for the week commencing 26 October 2020.
6. The Bureau noted that First Minister's Question Time on Thursday 29 October would conclude at 1.40 pm to allow the First Minister to set out more detail on how the tiers set out in the Covid-19 Strategic Framework will be applied.
7. The Bureau noted that the Chamber had been reconfigured during October recess to allow 70 members to participate physically.
8. The Bureau considered responses from the Covid-19 Committee and the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in relation parliamentary scrutiny of the Scottish Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and agreed to consider the issue again at a future meeting. The Bureau noted that the Health and Sport Committee had considered the matter at its meeting on 27 October 2020 and would provide a response to the Bureau. The Bureau also noted that the Conveners Group had been copied into these requests for their interest.

## Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

9. The Bureau agreed to refer the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) (Scotland) Bill to the Justice Committee for consideration at Stage 1.

## Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

10. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a deadline of Friday 15 January 2020 for consideration of the Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

## Timetabling of Bills at Stage 2

### Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill

11. The Bureau agreed to refer the Protection of Workers (Retail and Age-restricted Goods and Services) (Scotland) Bill back to the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at that stage be completed by Friday 27 November 2020.

## Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill

12. The Bureau agreed to refer the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill back to the Health and Sport Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at that stage be completed by Friday 20 November 2020.

## Establishment of Stage 2 Committee

13. The Bureau agreed that the Scottish Parliament (Assistance for Political Parties) Bill should be considered at Stage 2 by a Committee of the Whole Parliament.

## Approval of SSIs

14. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following instruments be approved—
- the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Meetings of Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/284)
  - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/288)
  - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/301)
  - the Budget (Scotland) Act 2020 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2020

## Referral of an LCM

15. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Health and Sport Committee be designated lead committee in consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medicines and Medical Devices Bill.

## Publication scheme

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

## Date of next meeting

17. The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 2 pm on Thursday 3 November 2020.

Catherine Fergusson  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
27 October 2020