



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S5/20/MINS/4

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 28 January 2020 at 12 noon

Present:

- Ken Macintosh (chair)
- Linda Fabiani
- Graeme Dey
- Maurice Golden
- Elaine Smith
- Patrick Harvie
- Willie Rennie

Observing:

- Tom Arthur

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Irene Fleming
- Catherine Fergusson
- Lewis McNaughton
- Kathryn Stewart
- Joanne McNaughton
- Steven Bell
- Linda Peters

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 21 January 2020 were agreed.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Future business programme

3. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 27 January 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 3 and 17 February 2020.

4. In relation to the revised programme of business for the week commencing 27 January, Maurice Golden, Elaine Smith and Willie Rennie reserved their positions in relation to the proposed debate on “Recognising Scotland in Europe”.
5. Maurice Golden also requested a ministerial statement on Scotland’s police stations. This request was supported by Elaine Smith and Willie Rennie. Graeme Dey indicated that the Scottish Government would not agree to the request on the basis that the issue had been raised at First Minister’s Questions on 23 January.
6. The Bureau noted that Members’ Business on Tuesday 4 February 2020 would be motion S5M-20554 Rachael Hamilton on Smoking Ban for Play Parks and Outdoor Sports Facilities, on Wednesday 5 February 2020 would be motion S5M-19941 Gordon MacDonald on Cheyne Gang Singing Group and on Thursday 6 February 2020 would be motion S5M-20184 Monica Lennon on World Cancer Day 2020.
7. The Bureau noted that Members’ Business on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 February may be rescheduled, depending on the anticipated time required for Stage 3 proceedings on the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill. In considering the time required for Stage 3 proceedings, the Bureau agreed an approach to the scheduling of business on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 February, including moving decision time but with the intention of reducing the likelihood of having to sit very late into the evening of 4 February.
8. Business Managers discussed the scheduling of a debate in March to mark International Women’s Day. The Bureau agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—
 - consideration of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 29 May 2020
 - consideration of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 22 May 2020.

Timetabling of Bills at Stage 2

10. The Bureau agreed to
 - refer the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill back to the Justice Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at that stage be completed by Friday 21 February 2020
 - refer the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill back to the Education and Skills 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 March 2020.

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 4 February 2020.

Irene Fleming
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
28 January 2020