



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

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Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 29 September 2020 at 12 PM

Present:

- Ken Macintosh (Chair)
- Christine Grahame
- Graeme Dey
- Miles Briggs
- Elaine Smith*
- Patrick Harvie*
- Willie Rennie*

Apologies:

- Linda Fabiani
- Lewis Macdonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Neil Stewart
- Lewis McNaughton*
- Joanne McNaughton*
- Fergus Cochrane*
- Steven Bell
- Callum Thomson*
- Jason Lloyd*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 22 September 2020 were agreed.

Future business programme

2. The Bureau considered and agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 28 September 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 5 and 26 October 2020.
3. The Bureau also discussed the scheduling of LCMs (item 6) and October recess (item 7) in the context of the Future business programme.
4. The Bureau noted that Members' Business on Tuesday 6 October 2020 would be motion S5M-22771 from Shona Robison on Changing Miscarriage Care and on Wednesday 7 October 2020 would be motion S5M-20652 from Brian Whittle on Future Options for South West Scotland Transport Infrastructure.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a deadline of Friday 20 November 2020 for consideration of the Pre-release Access to Official Statistics (Scotland) Bill.

Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following instruments be approved—
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/274);
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/280);
 - the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore Region) Amendment Order 2020.

Referral of LCMs:

Sentencing Bill

7. The Bureau agreed to refer the LCM on the Sentencing Bill to the Justice Committee and noted that the legislative consent motion would be taken at Decision Time on 29 September 2020.

Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Rules 9B.3.5 and 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the LCM to be considered by the Parliament on Wednesday 30 September.

Internal Market Bill

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Finance and Constitution Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Internal Market Bill.

Agriculture Bill – Supplementary LCM

10. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Supplementary LCM on the Agriculture Bill. The Bureau further agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Rule 9B.3.6 of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the LCM to be considered by the Parliament on Wednesday 30 September.

Suspension and variation of Standing Orders: Extension

11. The Bureau considered the extension of the suspensions and variations of Standing Orders agreed by the Parliament as part of its response to the COVID-19. The Bureau noted that the suspensions and variations currently apply up to 9 October and agreed that the period for which they apply should be extended to 24 December. The Bureau noted that this extension would be confirmed in a determination by the Presiding Officer.

October recess

12. The Bureau agreed to recommend that the Parliament should sit virtually on Thursday 15 October for the purpose of the First Minister's 3-weekly update to the Parliament on COVID-19: Next steps.

Time for Reflection

13. The Bureau agreed for the Presiding Officer to determine the programme of contributors for the period October to December 2020. The Bureau also agreed that Business Managers would remind to nominate contributors and that the Business team would write to all members during the October recess to encourage them to nominate potential contributors.

Publication scheme

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

Date of next meeting

15. The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 12 noon on Tuesday 6 October 2020.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
29 September 2020