



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S5/20/MINS/8

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 3 March 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
- Jason Lloyd
- Kirsty Hamilton
- Joanne McNaughton
- Steven Bell

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 25 February 2020 were agreed.

Future business programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 2 March 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 9 and 16 March 2020.
3. The Bureau agreed to enable grouping of questions for the purposes of SPCB Question Time on Thursday 5 March and to remove the 15-minute limit for that

question period. The Bureau also discussed the options for raising supplementary questions on coronavirus within this question time.

4. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 be considered by the Parliament.
5. The Bureau noted that Members' Business on Tuesday 10 March 2020 would be motion S5M-20919 Stuart McMillan on 'Communication Failure?', 'A Review of the Accessibility of Health Information for Blind and Partially Sighted People', on Wednesday 11 March 2020 would be motion S5M-20400 Linda Fabiani on 'Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2020' and on Thursday 12 March 2020 would be motion S5M-20766 Jamie Halcro Johnston on 'Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2020'.

Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved—
 - the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type A Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]
 - the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 (SSI 2020/24)
 - the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Consumer Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2020 [draft]
 - the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Amendment of Specified Authorities) Order 2020 [draft]
 - the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]
 - the Alcohol (Minimum Price per Unit) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft]
 - the Census (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft]
 - the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft]

Referral of a legislative consent memorandum

7. The Bureau agreed to refer legislative consent memorandum on the Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill to the Justice Committee as lead committee for consideration.

Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee: Request to hold an external meeting

8. The Bureau agreed to a request from the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee to meet in Inverness on Monday 27 April 2020.

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: Request for committee travel

9. The Bureau agreed to a request from the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee to visit Brussels from Sunday 26 April 2020 to Tuesday 28 April 2020.
10. In relation to the proposed methods of travel to Brussels, Patrick Harvie recorded his position that where travel by rail was possible this should be the method of travel used.

Appointment of an acting convener

11. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion to enable the appointment of a temporary member of the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee and to allow the Committee to choose an acting convener

Publication scheme

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

Date of next meeting

13. The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 12 noon on Tuesday 10 March 2020.

Irene Fleming
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
3 March 2020