



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S5/20/MINS/5

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 4 February 2020 at 12 noon

Present:

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

Observing:

- Tom Arthur

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Irene Fleming
- Catherine Fergusson
- Lewis McNaughton
- Kathryn Stewart
- Joanne McNaughton
- Steven Bell

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 28 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 3 February 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 17 and 24 February 2020.

4. Elaine Smith also requested a ministerial statement on NHS Lothian. Graeme Dey indicated that the Scottish Government would not agree to the request and noted that a Topical Question on this subject had been selected.
5. The Bureau noted that Members' Business on Tuesday 18 February 2020 would be motion S5M-20588 Alasdair Allan on Gaelic-medium Education in the Western Isles, on Wednesday 19 February 2020 (after Decision Time) would be motion S5M-20055 Gil Paterson on The Cochno Stone and the Social Value of Scotland's Prehistoric Rock Art and on Thursday 20 February 2020 would be motion S5M-20548 Maurice Golden on Tackling Climate Change, the Role of Scottish Agriculture.
6. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament that, for this year's budget process, the rule be suspended requiring a committee pre-budget debate to be scheduled prior to the Stage 1 debate on the general principles of the Budget Bill.
7. The Bureau also noted that it is intended to schedule a debate to mark International Women's Day on 3 March.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved—
 - the Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft]
 - the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020 [draft].

Referral of a legislative consent memorandum

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as lead committee for consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill.

Substitution on committees

10. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Rhoda Grant as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Constitution Committee.

Committee membership

11. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Beatrice Wishart be appointed to replace Mike Rumbles as the Scottish Liberal Democrat member on the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee.

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 18 February 2020.

Irene Fleming
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
4 February 2020