



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S5/20/MINS/33

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 6 October 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 29 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 5 October 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 26 October and 2 November 2020.
3. 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.
4. The Bureau noted that there would be a revised Chamber configuration for business during the week commencing 5 October 2020 and that there would be work in the Chamber during October recess to reconfigure the layout.
5. The Bureau noted that that Bureau motions to give effect to proposed changes to SNP membership of committees, would be lodged and taken in the Chamber this week.
6. The Bureau agreed to meet during October recess to consider approaches to parliamentary scrutiny of the Scottish Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and future business planning.

Referral of Bills at Stage 1

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament—
 - that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the University of St. Andrews (Degrees in Medicine and Dentistry) Bill, and
 - that the Education and Skills Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following instruments be approved—
 - the Insolvency Act 1986 (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020;
 - the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2020;
 - the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020;
 - the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber (Procedure and Composition) Amendment Regulations 2020;
 - the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies and Regions) Order 2020;
9. The Bureau also noted that the following instruments would be considered by the Covid19 Committee on Wednesday 7 October, and that, subject to that committee recommending approval of the instruments, motions would be lodged to recommend that the Parliament approve them—

- the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/279);
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/300).

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee – Request to meet at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament

10. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 2pm to 4.30pm on both Wednesday 28 October and Wednesday 4 November for the purpose of considering and agreeing its report on its inquiry into construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland.

Removal of motions from the Business Bulletin

11. The Bureau agreed that all motions lodged on or before 23 June 2020 be removed from the Business Bulletin with the exception of the following—

Reference - S5M-20652

Member Name - Whittle, Brian

Title - Future Options for South West Scotland Transport Infrastructure

Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group

12. The Bureau agreed that Angela Constance be appointed as a full member and Maurice Golden as a substitute member of the Committee of the Regions UK Contact Group.

Publication scheme

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

Date of next meeting

14. The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 12 noon on Tuesday 27 October 2020.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
6 October 2020