



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy PB/S6/21/MINS/10

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 14 September 2021 at 12.00 pm MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur*
- George Adam
- Stephen Kerr
- Neil Bibby
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Gary Cocker*
- Jason Nairn*
- Polly Davidson*
- Rebecca Carradice
- Tim Ferguson*
- Mark Brough
- Jennifer Bell*
- Gail Grant*
- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 7 September 2021 were agreed.

Matters arising

2. The Bureau noted, for the record, that the Conservative Party Member's Business on Thursday 15 September will now be S6M-00768: Miles Briggs: SCVO Creates its 10,000th CJS Job in Scotland's Voluntary Sector (as agreed by correspondence).

Business Programme

3. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 13 September, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 20 September and 27 September 2021.
4. Neil Bibby requested a ministerial statement on vaccine passports. George Adam indicated that the Scottish Government was not currently minded to bring forward a statement on this topic. Following discussions, the Bureau noted that the request could be discussed further during the week.
5. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 21 September would be S6M-01042: Michael Marra: Action on Brain Injury in Football; on Wednesday 22 September, would be S6M-00792: Stuart McMillan: National Eye Health Week 2021; and on Thursday 23 September, would be S6M-01089: Siobhian Brown: FASD Awareness Day.

Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

6. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament a motion to suspend or vary various Standing Orders in order to accommodate an expedited timetable for the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill.

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved:
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/254)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/256)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/261)

- Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/264)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/265)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/275)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/278)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/290)
8. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following affirmative SSI be considered by the Parliament (and to revise the business for Tuesday 14 September to enable this to be taken in the Chamber), and to recommend to Parliament that the SSI be approved:
- The Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)

LCM referrals

10. The Bureau agreed to the following LCM referrals:

- to refer the Health and Care Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;
- to refer the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill to the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and
- to refer the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

Parliamentary calendar: Recess dates 2022

11. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament the following recess dates in 2022:

- 12 to 20 February 2022 (inclusive); 2 to 17 April 2022 (inclusive); 2 July to 4 September 2022 (inclusive); 8 to 23 October 2022 (inclusive); and 24 December 2022 to 8 January 2023 (inclusive).

Catherine Fergusson
 Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
 14 September 2021