



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting  
26 April 2022 at 12.00 pm  
Q1.03 and MS Teams

**Present:**

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Rhoda Grant
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay

**Apologies:**

- Neil Bibby

**Also attended:**

- Gordon MacDonald

**Officials present:**

- Mark Brough
- Jennifer Bell
- Gary Cocker
- Irene Fleming\*
- David McGill
- Rebecca Carradice
- Connor Duffy\*
- Jason Nairn\*
- Callum Thomson\*
- Tracey White

## Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 19 April 2022 were agreed.

## Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 25 April 2022, and programmes of business for the weeks commencing 2 and 9 May 2022.
3. Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby indicated they would reserve their position on the programme of business for week commencing 2 May 2022 in relation to the scheduling of Stage 1 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill (this was discussed later in connection to the proposed suspension of Standing Orders).
4. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 3 May would be S6M-04002: Russell Findlay: World Press Freedom Day, and on Wednesday 4 May would be S6M-03813: Audrey Nicoll: International Day of the Midwife, 100 Years of Progress. The Bureau also agreed to reschedule Labour's Member's Business debate on Thursday 5 May for Thursday 12 May after Decision Time.
5. Stephen Kerr requested Ministerial Statements on Project Neptune, the lecturers' strike in colleges, long covid, remediation of cladding, potholes repair bill, committee on climate change report and the UNCRC and EU Charter of Local Self- Government Bills. The Minister confirmed he would come back in writing on those requests.

## Referral of Bill at Stage 1

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Thursday 12 May 2022.

## Timetabling of Bill at Stage 1

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend a Stage 1 deadline of Thursday 12 May 2022 for the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform Bill). After Bureau, it was identified that this deadline had been previously agreed and no new motion was required.

## Suspension of Standing Orders

8. The Bureau discussed suspending Rule 9.6.3A of Standing Orders for the purposes of consideration of Stage 1 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill.
9. The Bureau noted that the Criminal Justice Committee would publish its Stage 1 report on Thursday 28 April, ahead of a planned Stage 1 debate on Tuesday 3 May. Stephen Kerr and Rhoda Grant queried whether this would provide enough time for the Scottish Government to provide a response to the Stage 1 report for consideration by MSPs ahead of the debate. The Minister said he would write to Business Managers after Bureau to confirm when the Scottish Government would provide a written response to the Stage 1 report.
10. Stephen Kerr and Rhoda Grant reserved their party's positions on the suspension of Standing Orders.

## Approval of SI

11. The Bureau noted that a motion to approve the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI 2022/draft) would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 27 April.

## LCM Referrals

12. The Bureau agreed to recommend designating the Criminal Justice Committee as the lead committee for consideration of the LCM in relation to the Online Safety Bill (UK Legislation).

## Committee request to meet during plenary

13. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Public Audit Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as General Questions on Thursday 28 April.

## Parliamentary Partnership Assembly – nomination of members

14. The Bureau agreed to propose nominating observers to the inaugural meeting of the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly.
15. The Bureau also agreed to use the d'Hondt system to determine which parties would nominate Members and alternate members, which would mean the two

observers coming from the SNP and the Conservatives and the two alternate observers from the SNP and Labour.

16. Business Managers agreed to provide their nominees by Friday 29 April.

Gary Cocker  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
26 April 2022