



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 24 May 2022 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 and MS Teams

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

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

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 17 May 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for week commencing 23 May 2022 and agreed programmes of business for the weeks commencing 30 May and 6 June 2022.
3. Stephen Kerr requested a Ministerial Statement in w/c May from the Deputy First Minister on the issue of ferries, supported by Neil Bibby, which the Minister did not agree to schedule.
4. Neil Bibby requested a Ministerial Statements on ScotRail timetabling issues and on educational attainment.
5. Stephen Kerr also requested Ministerial Statements on the following issues:
 - Project Neptune
 - Census update
 - Update on justice system IT error
 - Result of the consultation on the Lord Advocate's role
 - Prestwick Airport
 - Future of rural bus services
 - Scottish Information Commissioner's report on legal advice connected to a second independence referendum
 - Scottish Information Commissioner's report on the Scottish Government's handling of FOI requests

The Minister confirmed he would respond in writing to these requests.

6. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 31 May would be S6M-03023: Colin Smyth: Ethical Principles in Wildlife Management, and on Wednesday 1 June would be S6M-03233: Colette Stevenson: Access to Cannabis-based Products for Medicinal Use.
7. The Bureau agreed to reschedule the Members Business debate on Thursday 2 June to after Decision Time on Thursday 9 June.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau noted that a motion to approve the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/draft) would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 25 May.

Recess dates

9. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament the following recess dates in 2023:

- 11 February to 19 February (inclusive), 1 April to 16 April (inclusive), 1 July to 27 August (inclusive), 7 October to 22 October (inclusive) and 23 December to 7 January 2024 (inclusive).

NZET Committee remit

10. The Bureau agreed to commission officials to look into issues raised by the NZET Committee regarding its remit and consider the matter further at a future meeting.

Committee membership and substitution changes

11. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament changes to Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party committee membership and committee substitutes.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
24 May 2022