



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 30 August 2022 at 12.00 pm MS Teams

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Emma Harper

Officials present:

- Mark Brough
- Jo Hardy
- Irene Fleming
- Gail Grant
- David McGill
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn
- Callum Thomson
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jen Bell

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 28 June 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a revised programme of business for the week commencing 5 September 2022 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 12 and 19 September 2022.
3. Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby made a number of requests for ministerial statements and noted that some of these were covered in the revised programme of business. The Minister indicated that he would consider the requests.

Chamber systems for hybrid meetings

4. Officials updated the Bureau on works that had taken place during the summer recess in relation to sound quality in the Chamber, the digital voting system and the rollout of the new videoconferencing system for Chamber and committee business. The Bureau noted this update, including that it was anticipated that the new videoconferencing system would be fully implemented in October. Business Managers also noted that engagement will be undertaken to ensure that all Members have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the new system prior to full implementation.

Portfolio Questions

5. The Bureau agreed to adjust the portfolio questions rota with effect from week commencing 19 September. Business Managers also noted that the First Minister has advised of some changes to ministerial responsibilities with the following matters moving from the Deputy First Minister's responsibilities and into the portfolios indicated—
 - Cross-government co-ordination on UN treaty incorporation to the Education and Skills portfolio
 - The Local Government Review and democratic renewal to the Social Justice and Social Security Portfolio
 - Resilience to the Justice and Law Officers portfolio.

SPPA Committee correspondence in relation to the DPLR Committee inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure

6. The Bureau discussed a letter from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee in relation to the DPLR Committee inquiry into the

use of the made affirmative procedure. Following discussion, the Bureau agreed to consider a draft response at a future meeting.

Date of next meeting

7. The Presiding Officer confirmed the next meeting of the Bureau would be held on Tuesday 6 September.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
30 August 2022