



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 26 September  
2023 at 12:00 pm

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Gillian Mackay
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Jen Griffin
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Connor Duffy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Apologies:

- David McGill

## Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 16 September.

## Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 2, 23 and 30 October 2023.

3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Thursday 26 October would be S6M-10188: Paul Sweeney: Free Bus Travel for People Seeking Asylum. The Bureau noted that nominations for Tuesday 24 October and Wednesday 25 October would be agreed by correspondence during recess.

## Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—
  - consideration of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 19 January 2024.
  - the deadline for consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 23 February 2024.

## Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as the lead committee for the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill.

## Referral of a Draft Proposal for a Members' Bill

6. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal on the proposed Desecration of War Memorials (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill to the Criminal Justice Committee.

## Legislative consent procedures: correspondence from the SPPA Committee

7. The Bureau discussed and agreed a response to correspondence from the SPPA Committee.

## Review of Members' Business Motions

8. The Bureau agreed that the following Motions be retained—

- S6M-0940: John Swinney: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Katharine Stewart-Murray, Duchess of Atholl's Election to the UK Parliament.
- S6M-09747: Alex Rowley: Supporting the Work of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust

## **Committees request to meet at the same time as the Parliament**

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Criminal Justice, Health, Sport and Social Care, and Social Justice and Social Security Committees be permitted to meet jointly at the same time as the Chamber between 1.00pm and 2.15pm on Thursday 2 November.

Catherine Fergusson  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
3 October 2023