



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 31 October
2023 at 12:00 pm

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

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

Apologies:

- Annabelle Ewing

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 24 October.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 31 October and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 6 and 13 November 2023.

3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 7 November would be Motion S6M-07793: Finlay Carson: Welcoming the Contribution of Rural Estates to Scotland's Wellbeing Economy; on Wednesday 8 November Motion S6M-10747: Gordon MacDonald: Contribution of the Scottish Convenience Store Sector and on Thursday 9 November S6M-10788: Daniel Johnson: Increase in Youth Antisocial Behaviour.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Stage 1 consideration of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 21 June 2024.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Stage 2 consideration of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 24 November 2023.

Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau noted that a motion would be lodged to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSI be approved—

- Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/Draft)

Approval of a Committee Adviser

7. The Bureau agreed to approve the appointment of an adviser to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

Time for Reflection Forward Programme

8. The Bureau agreed—

- that any adjustments to the January – June 2024 programme due to contributor availability be determined by the Presiding Officer; and

- the Presiding Officer would finalise the programme of contributors for the period January – June 2024.

Correspondence from the SPPA Committee

9. The Bureau discussed correspondence from the SPPA Committee on the pilot Proxy Voting scheme and agreed the contents of a response to the Committee.

Committee Membership Changes

10. The Bureau agreed to lodge motions proposing SNP Committee Membership and Substitute changes and that the motions be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 31 October.

Correspondence on Government Announcements

11. The Bureau discussed correspondence on announcements made by the Government outwith the normal Parliamentary channels. The Presiding Officer reiterated that long-standing guidance states that announcements of Scottish Government policy should be made in the first instance to the Parliament.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
31 October 2023