



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

20 February 2024

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Matthew Linden
- Ellen Wright
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 6 February.

Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend a revised programme of business for the week commencing 19 February and agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 26 February and 4 March.



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3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 27 February would be Stuart McMillan: McClure Solicitors; on Wednesday 28 February Sharon Dowey: Local Infrastructure and Rural Connectivity on the A77 and A75 and on Thursday 29 February Paul Sweeney: Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that it agrees to designate the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee as lead committee for consideration of the Disability Commissioner (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Agenda item 4 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

5. The Bureau agreed to refer the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill back to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 22 March 2024.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of a draft proposal for a Members' Bill

6. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal on the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Scotland) Bill to the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee.

Item 6 - Correspondence

7. The Bureau agreed a response to a letter from Murdo Fraser MSP on the re-establishment of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee.

Item 7 – Ministerial Changes – Impacts on Parliamentary Business

8. The Bureau agreed a new 3-weekly cycle of portfolio questions commencing from the week beginning 4 March 2024.

Item 8 – Committee Membership and substitutes

9. The Bureau agreed to lodge motions proposing Committee Membership and Substitute changes to be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 20 February, to take effect from that point forward.

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Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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