



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

14 May 2024

### Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Patrick Harvie

### Apologies:

- Gillian Mackay

### Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

### Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Callum Thomson
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Joanne Kendall
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Matthew Linden
- Ellen Wright

### Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 7 May.

## Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 13 May and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 20 and 27 May.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 21 May would be Marie McNair: National Epilepsy Week; on Wednesday 22 May: Alexander Burnett: National Lyme Disease Awareness Month and on Thursday 23 May: Alasdair Allan: Europe Day 2024.

## Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

4. The Bureau noted the Government's intention to seek the Parliament's agreement for the Bill to be treated as an Emergency Bill and that a motion to that effect would be considered by Parliament on 15 May.
5. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Stage 1 be held on Tuesday 21 May, Stage 2 on Thurs 23 May and to lodge a Motion to this effect.

## Agenda item 4 – Correspondence from the DPLR Committee

6. The Bureau agreed a response to correspondence from the DPLR Committee.

## Agenda item 5 – Committee request to meet at the same time as Parliament

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the SPPA Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber after Portfolio Questions on Thursday 16 May.

## Agenda item 6 – Committee Membership

8. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing a Committee Membership change to be taken at Decision Time on Tuesday 14 May, to take effect from that point forward

## Agenda item 7 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the deadline for consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to Friday 7 June 2024.

Katy Orr  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau

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