Parliamentary Bureau – Committee request to meet at the same time as the parliament

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Introduction

1. The Parliamentary Bureau is invited to consider a request from the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee to meet at the same time as plenary proceedings after decision time on Wednesday 10 December. The purpose of this meeting is to continue stage 2 proceedings on the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill.

Background to Request

2. The Committee scheduled three meetings – 19 and 26 November and 3 December – to consider the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at stage 2. The Committee also sought, and was granted, approval to meet at the same time as plenary business on the evening of 3 December. Due to the number of amendments and other referred business, however, the Committee has not been able to conclude stage 2 proceedings at these meetings.

3. As a result, the Committee has agreed to request to meet at the same time as the Parliament after decision time on Wednesday 10 December. The Committee has also cleared its agenda for its morning meeting on Wednesday 10 December and is very hopeful that, taken together, it will be able to complete stage 2 proceedings over these two meetings next Wednesday.

Timings proposed for meeting

4. In terms of Chamber business, the timings above would mean that the Committee is seeking approval to meet during members' business on Wednesday 10 December.

Decision

5. The Bureau is invited to consider the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee's request and to recommend to the Parliament that the Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber after 6.00 on Wednesday 10 December.

Committee clerking team
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