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

Economy and Fair Work Committee

Introduction

1. The Parliamentary Bureau is invited to consider a request from the Economy and Fair Work Committee to meet, if required, at the same time as plenary proceedings, after decision time, on Wednesday 21 January.

2. The purpose would be to continue and conclude stage 2 proceedings on the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill to meet the Parliament's deadline for completion of stage 2.

Background to Request

3. The Committee had scheduled meetings on 14 and 21 January to consider the Bill at Stage 2. More amendments than initially anticipated were lodged.

4. On 14 January, the Parliament agreed a deadline of 23 January for completion of stage 2. To ensure this is met, the Committee extended the start and finish times of both meetings on 14 and 21 January.

5. The Committee aims to complete Stage 2 proceedings at its meeting on 21 January. However, should that not be possible, the Committee requests approval to continue stage 2 consideration after decision time on 21 January. This would be a contingency plan in the unlikely event that further time is needed.

Timings proposed for meeting

6. The Committee is seeking approval to meet after Decision Time, if required, during members' business, on Wednesday 21 January.

Decision

7. The Bureau is invited to consider the Economy and Fair Work Committee's request and to recommend to the Parliament that the Committee be given permission to meet, if required, at the same time as the Chamber after Decision Time on Wednesday 21 January.

Economy and Fair Work Committee Clerks
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