



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 21 April 2022

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Keeping CalMac Public and Publicly-owned Ferry Services:** The Parliament debated S6M-02902 in the name of Katy Clark—That the Parliament notes the view that lifeline ferry services should be in the public sector; is alarmed by the Scottish Government's reported contract with Ernst & Young to review governance of Scotland's public ferry contracts, including Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS); understands that the current operator, CalMac Ferries, the entire fleet and the majority of harbours on the CHFS network are publicly owned, employing 1,600 people; considers that unbundling of CHFS routes would mean privatisation; is concerned at reports that the Scottish Government has reneged on the commitment it gave the RMT in 2017 to build the case for permanent in-house operation of the CHFS contract; agrees with the reported view of the RMT that the CHFS network lacks resilience and capacity due to vessel procurement failures and not due to the public ownership model; understands that the contract with the public sector operator, CalMac Ferries, ends in October 2024; further understands that CalMac staff have helped carry over 47 million passengers and 12 million cars in the last decade and that the Road Equivalent Tariff fares subsidy drove a 20% increase in passengers, pre-COVID-19 pandemic, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to categorically rule out extending private ferry operations or privatisation of any routes in the CHFS

contract and to commit to keeping CalMac Ferries public and expanding ferry capacity and resilience in the public sector.

4. Motion without Notice: Katy Clark moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Progressing Scotland's Leadership on Blue Carbon.

7. The Scottish Approach to Managing the Global Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-04070—That the Parliament recognises the extraordinary positive impact of antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs in the health and social care system; recognises the terrible costs, in terms of morbidity and mortality and wider societal and economic impact, of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and notes the ongoing risk posed to Scotland and the world if AMR continues unchecked; acknowledges the effective One Health approach to tackling AMR taken by Scotland; welcomes the ongoing commitment of the Scottish Government to contain and control AMR, including through participation in the UK's 20-year vision for antimicrobial resistance and five-year National Action Plan; recognises the hard work and commitment of those working to contain and control AMR within the NHS and across all One Health sectors in Scotland, and acknowledges that everyone in Scotland has a role to play in antimicrobial stewardship, preserving the effectiveness of antimicrobial drugs in the years to come.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-04070.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04070 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Scottish Approach to Managing the Global Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance), insert at end “, and believes that the Scottish Funding Council should be tasked with a review of domestic and global funding streams available to Scottish universities and research groups to contribute to the global research efforts in AMR and avenues to UK and international research partnerships.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the extraordinary positive impact of antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs in the health and social care system; recognises the terrible costs, in terms of morbidity and mortality and wider societal and economic impact, of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and notes the ongoing risk posed to Scotland and the

world if AMR continues unchecked; acknowledges the effective One Health approach to tackling AMR taken by Scotland; welcomes the ongoing commitment of the Scottish Government to contain and control AMR, including through participation in the UK's 20-year vision for antimicrobial resistance and five-year National Action Plan; recognises the hard work and commitment of those working to contain and control AMR within the NHS and across all One Health sectors in Scotland; acknowledges that everyone in Scotland has a role to play in antimicrobial stewardship, preserving the effectiveness of antimicrobial drugs in the years to come, and believes that the Scottish Funding Council should be tasked with a review of domestic and global funding streams available to Scottish universities and research groups to contribute to the global research efforts in AMR and avenues to UK and international research partnerships.

8. Health and Care Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-04074—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provision of the Health and Care Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 6 July 2021, relating to commercial dealings in organs for transplantation: extra-territorial offences, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.57 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
21 April 2022

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 21 April 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 April 2022 (SP Paper 159)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 April 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Genetically Modified Food and Feed (Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/137)

laid under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 April 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The 2020/21 audit of South Lanarkshire College SG/2022/81 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

New College Lanarkshire Regional Financial Statements Year Ended: 31st July 2021 SG/2022/68 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

South Lanarkshire College, East Kilbride - Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2021 SG/2022/67 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

University of the Highlands and Islands: Inverness College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2021 SG/2022/66 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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