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Wednesday 27 April 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Implications for Scotland: The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-04159—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund fails to meet the Conservative manifesto commitment to replace Scotland’s EU Structural Funds in full; understands that Scotland will receive only £212 million, which is £337 million short of the £549 million estimated to be an appropriate replacement for EU Structural Funds, and calls on the UK Government to immediately increase the value of the fund to at least the level provided previously by Scotland’s EU Structural Funds; believes that the failure to do this will leave communities and third sector organisations across Scotland without important resources needed to tackle poverty and inequality; further believes that the lack of decision making for the Scottish Government in the governance of the Fund undermines devolution; considers that this approach will fail Scotland’s communities, which have benefited substantially from decades of EU investment, and further calls on the UK Government to fully devolve control of the Fund to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-04159.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04159 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Implications for Scotland), leave out from “agrees” to

end and insert “warmly welcomes the UK Government’s Levelling Up agenda, including the Shared Prosperity Fund, which will replace previous EU Structural Funds and which will provide £212 million of funding to Scotland by 2024-25, and further welcomes the UK Government’s focus on boosting productivity, skills, innovation, jobs and sustainable economic growth across Scotland, and on increasing the transparency of funding and the accountability for decision-making across Scotland’s local communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-04159.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04159 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Implications for Scotland), leave out from “further believes” to end and insert “recognises the importance of joint working between the Scottish and UK governments in order to achieve the common goal of strengthening Scotland’s communities; notes the benefits of previous EU funding, but also the concerns with the transparency in how it was administered and awarded in Scotland; further notes that cuts to the structural funding equivalent by the UK Government coincide with cuts to local government budgets by the SNP administration in cooperation with the Scottish Green Party to the detriment of communities across Scotland, and calls for the replacement for EU funding to fully match what has been available in the past and be administered as close to communities as possible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04176—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm General Questions

2.20 pm First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Debate: National Walking Month - Improving Health and Strengthening Communities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 10 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Scottish Government's international work

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and the Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 12 May 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 May 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-04176.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04176 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out—

"followed by Stage 1 Debate: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill"

and insert—

"followed by Scottish Government Debate: Long COVID".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 47, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

4. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04208—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 17.2.1(b) of Standing Orders, for the purposes of consideration of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at stage 1, Rule 9.6.3A of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 63, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

5. Approval of SI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04178—That the Parliament agrees that the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04179—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04180—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Online Safety Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04181—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Public Audit Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 11.40 am and 12.00 pm on Thursday 28 April 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Honouring Emergency Workers: The Parliament debated S6M-03442 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament recognises the campaign by the Lanarkshire Police Historical Society for officers murdered in the line of duty, including Constable George Taylor and Detective Sergeant William Ross Hunt, both of Strathclyde Police Force, to receive posthumous UK bravery awards; further recognises what it sees as the need for those who lose their lives while on public duty to receive recognition; notes the view that the UK Government should agree to create a new award for all emergency workers who are killed while serving the public, and that this should be retrospective; recognises what it sees as the sterling bravery shown by Constable George Taylor and Sergeant William Ross Hunt in the face of what it understands was horrific violence; congratulates the Chief Constable of Police Scotland, Iain Livingstone, on agreeing to honour both men, and notes with sadness the long wait that their families have had for both men to be acknowledged.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
27 April 2022

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 27 April 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 25th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 April 2022 (SP Paper 165)

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