



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 14 December 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Canon Gerard Tartaglia, Our Holy Redeemer's and St Margaret's Church, Whitecrook, Clydebank, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02544—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 14 December 2021—

delete

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

and insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels Statistics

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Recovery and Improvement in Schools and Early Learning

followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Public Inquiry

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Actions to increase access, choice and support through drugs services in Scotland.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Recovery and improvement in schools and early learning.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 public inquiry.

8. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.

9. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02562—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 15 December 2021—

delete

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Dalzell Historical Industrial Transaction

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Backing the North East Economy

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Ending the Not Proven Verdict

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

10. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

11. Importance of Community Defibrillators: The Parliament debated S6M-02093 in the name of Jenni Minto—That the Parliament notes the importance of access to defibrillators in communities across Scotland; understands that a defibrillator is required within three minutes of cardiac arrest for it to be effective; believes therefore that a wide spread of these devices across communities could play a key role in saving lives; understands that people living in the least affluent areas of the country are 60% less likely to survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; recognises the incredible community effort nationally, including in Argyll and Bute, of people who have raised funds to install and maintain defibrillators, but notes the view that more needs to be done; commends the work of the British Heart Foundation, in partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service, the NHS and Microsoft, in establishing the Circuit, which is Scotland's first network of defibrillators; notes the calls for more work to raise awareness of, and improve education on, defibrillator use, and further notes the calls for anyone with a defibrillator to register it on the Circuit to help the Scottish Ambulance Service find its location in the event of an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
14 December 2021

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

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