



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 51, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 1 December 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 a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Small Business Saturday 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-06414 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of the Small Business Saturday initiative that is taking place across Scotland and other parts of the UK, on 3 December 2022; understands that Small Business Saturday aims to promote the work of small businesses, highlight their positive impact on their communities throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis, and encourage people to shop local and recognise the value of small businesses within their communities across Scotland; notes that Small Business Saturday involves support for a range of SMEs, including self-run companies, family businesses, local community stores, small manufacturers, wholesalers, business services and online stores; further notes figures from the Scottish Parliament SPICe briefing, Scotland's Business Base: Facts and Figures, showing that, in 2020, sole proprietors, owner-manager or employee director companies, mainly in the arts or education fields, accounted for 70% of the 364,310 private sector enterprises in Scotland and contributed 14% of employment in Scotland, and small businesses employing up to 49 employees accounted for 28% of all private sector enterprises and 29% of total employment in Scotland; considers that these figures show that the majority of enterprises in Scotland are small businesses;

understands that the Small Business Saturday initiative is a grassroots campaign, which is in its 10th year and is sponsored in its efforts by American Express; congratulates the initiative on the work that it has done to support and recognise small businesses thus far, looks forward to the initiative's continued success in the future during what it sees as these uncertain and challenging times, and appreciates the work done across Scotland, including in the Falkirk East constituency, to support local small businesses.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. World AIDS Day:** The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-07025—That the Parliament believes that, to mark World AIDS Day, everyone should commit to the goal of ending AIDS, and support the World Health Organization's call to recognise and address the inequalities that are holding back progress; recognises that key to this is ensuring there is equalised access to essential HIV services for all; welcomes progress in recent years in the decline of HIV diagnoses in Scotland, and supports the ambition of ensuring there are zero transmissions in Scotland by 2030; notes the encouraging impact of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and that HIV incidence rates fell by 43% in a large cohort of men attending sexual health clinics following its introduction in Scotland; further notes that over 6,500 people have accessed PrEP in Scotland already, and endorses the widening access to ensure that everyone at risk of acquiring HIV is eligible to be prescribed PrEP; appreciates that everyone in society has a role to play in the goal of eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland, and commends the HIV Transmission Elimination Oversight Group's recommended population-based approach of testing, education and stigma reduction, combined with prevention, specialist care and contact tracing.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-07025.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07025 in the name of Maree Todd (World AIDS Day), insert at end “; notes a rise in demand for access to appropriate sexual health services, and believes that timely access to such services is paramount in successful early detection, treatment and prevention strategies.”

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-07025.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07025 in the name of Maree Todd (World AIDS Day), insert at end “, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline a clear timescale for eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland by 2030 and commit to providing the Scottish Parliament with an annual progress report.”

After debate the amendment was agreed to (DT).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that, to mark World AIDS Day, everyone should commit to the goal of ending AIDS, and support the World Health Organization's call to recognise and address the inequalities that are holding back progress; recognises that key to this is ensuring there is equalised access to essential HIV services for all; welcomes progress in recent years in the decline of HIV diagnoses in Scotland, and supports the ambition of ensuring there are zero transmissions in Scotland by 2030; notes the encouraging impact of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), and that HIV incidence rates fell by 43% in a large cohort of men attending sexual health clinics following its introduction in Scotland; further notes that over 6,500 people have accessed PrEP in Scotland already, and endorses the widening access to ensure that everyone at risk of acquiring HIV is eligible to be prescribed PrEP; appreciates that everyone in society has a role to play in the goal of eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland; commends the HIV Transmission Elimination Oversight Group's recommended population-based approach of testing, education and stigma reduction, combined with prevention, specialist care and contact tracing; notes a rise in demand for access to appropriate sexual health services; believes that timely access to such services is paramount in successful early detection, treatment and prevention strategies, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline a clear timescale for eliminating HIV transmission in Scotland by 2030 and commit to providing the Scottish Parliament with an annual progress report.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
1 December 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 1 December 2022—

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Police Act 1997 (Offences in Schedules 8A and 8B) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SP Paper 255)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No.2) Order 2 (SP Paper 256)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 1 December 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 [draft]  
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

**Negative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 December 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Provision of Service Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/358)  
laid under section 61(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (by virtue of sections 134 and 135 of the Transport Act 1985)

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 30 November 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2021/2022 (SG/2022/231)**  
laid under paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 December 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Changes to the General Dental Council and the Nursing and Midwifery Council's international registration legislation – Report on Consultation response (SG/2022/264)** laid under paragraph 9(4) of schedule 3 of the Health Act 1999

**Health and Care Professions Council Fitness to Practise Annual Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/247)** laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

**The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/213)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022: (SG/2022/214)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The Scottish Government Non Domestic Rating Account for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/215)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**The 2021/22 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2022/217)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Land Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2021-2022 (SG/2022/248)** laid under Section 20(2)(c) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/236)** laid under Section 11(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 (SG/2022/229)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

**sportscotland National Lottery accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 (SG/2022/230)** laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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