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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 6 December 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Gareth Edwards, Perth Gospel Hall, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. COP27 Outcomes:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan—That the Parliament notes the outcome of COP27; recognises the ground-breaking global agreement to give formal recognition to the fact of loss and damage as a result of the climate crisis and to establish a fund under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), alongside other financial mechanisms, to provide support to those countries suffering loss and damage; commends the commitment of the Global South and campaigners over 30 years in arguing for such a fund; notes that the agreement at COP27 follows the commitment by the Scottish Government at COP26 of £2 million for loss and damage, making Scotland the first developed nation to recognise its obligations in this area; is disappointed that COP27 was unable to build on the progress made in Glasgow towards keeping 1.5 degrees alive, and failed to extend the language of the Glasgow pact on a phasedown of unabated coal-use to include other fossil fuels, despite support from the EU, USA, UK and others for doing so, and calls for a coalition of action to be built ahead of COP28 to secure greater progress in global efforts to tackle the climate crisis; welcomes the focus on human rights during COP27 and urges the Egyptian government to take firm action to ensure that human rights in Egypt are fully respected, protected and fulfilled; notes that COP15, the biodiversity COP, begins on

7 December 2022 in Montreal and that it is vitally important that nations reach an ambitious global agreement on the protection and restoration of nature, including reaching agreement on protecting 30% of land and seas by 2030, and welcomes the conclusion of the Edinburgh Process, which collated views from over 400 subnational governments, cities and local authorities, and resulted in nearly 300 signatories to the Edinburgh Declaration committed to take action for biodiversity.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-07093.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan (COP27 Outcomes), leave out from “, and failed” to “Egypt” and insert “; recognises that the Scottish Government has failed to meet a host of climate change targets and is on track to miss future targets; acknowledges that the ethos of COP27 was around working together and collaboratively across borders, and sees, therefore, that working with the UK Government as part of the UK is the best way to move Scotland towards net zero and meet future targets; calls for a coalition of action to be built ahead of COP28 to secure greater progress in global efforts to tackle the climate crisis; welcomes the focus on human rights during COP27 and urges all governments to take firm action to ensure that human rights across the world”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-07093.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07093 in the name of Màiri McAllan (COP27 Outcomes), insert at end “; notes that the Scottish Government has repeatedly not met its own annual target for emissions; agrees that it is important for Scotland to lead by example through action and delivery, and calls on the Scottish Government to use all the powers available to it to realise Scotland’s full potential in the renewable energy sector, including consideration of establishing a publicly-owned energy company, to improve public transport, including by providing adequate funding for councils to establish municipal bus companies, to implement a bold industrial strategy to grow domestic supply chains and create local green jobs in communities across Scotland, and to take all necessary steps to secure a just transition to net zero.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

4. Standing Orders Temporary Rule Change – Proxy Voting Pilot: Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-07078—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Report on a Proxy Voting pilot (SP Paper 270), and agrees that the temporary rule

change to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 4 January 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reported claims that there was a cover up in relation to the publication of the Royal College of Physicians report into breast cancer care in NHS Tayside, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

6. 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 5.09 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

8. Carers Rights Day 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-06783 in the name of Paul O’Kane—That the Parliament recognises that Carers Rights Day 2022 takes place on 24 November 2022; understands that Carers Rights Day is about raising the awareness of the rights that carers have, but also of what carers still lack in rights and representation; notes the view that amplifying the voice of carers has become even more vital; believes that they have been demonstrably impacted by particular pressures, from the COVID-19 pandemic to the rise in the cost of living; notes the view that, as the cost of living crisis continues, carers must be listened to and their concerns taken seriously and acted upon by the Scottish and UK governments; notes that the State of Caring in Scotland 2022 survey, conducted by Carers Scotland, found that 40% of carers on carers allowance are cutting back on food and heat to make ends meet; celebrates what it sees as the immense contribution that carers make, firstly to their own families and loved ones, who they take care of and support, but also to their wider communities, and believes that their efforts, in turn, prevent added pressures being put onto health and social care services.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
6 December 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 2 December 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 64th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 273)

The following report was published on 5 December 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 65th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the first quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2022-23 (SP Paper 275)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 5 December 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/269) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders Health Board Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/270) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/271) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Fife Annual report and consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/272) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/273) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 December 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Grampian Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/274) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts For the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/275) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/276) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/277) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/278) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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