

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 76, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 21 February 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection: Dr Rose Reilly MBE led Time for Reflection.
- **2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-07968—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 2) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

- **4. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.
- 5. Victims Awareness Week, Championing the Rights of Crime Victims: The Parliament debated S6M-07559 in the name of Russell Findlay—That the Parliament welcomes Victim Support Scotland's Victims Awareness Week, which will take place from 20 to 26 February 2023; understands that the awareness week will highlight the work undertaken by Victim Support Scotland to support those affected by crime by hearing their voices, highlighting their experiences and championing their rights; notes that Victim Support Scotland is a charity that provides specialist support to people impacted by crimes, including murder, terrorism, rape and sexual assault, domestic violence and hate crime; acknowledges that the impact of crime is wideranging and can affect people emotionally, mentally, physically and financially; understands that the week will celebrate the practical assistance and emotional

support, including financial support, that can be provided by Victim Support Scotland, and other organisations, to crime victims, their families and friends, and witnesses to empower them to cope with the aftermath of crime and move forward with their lives; notes that Victim Support Scotland also advocates for positive improvements in the criminal justice system and works alongside criminal justice partners, the third sector and local organisations, and further notes the calls on MSPs to commend the work of victim support organisations and raise awareness of what it considers the vital work that they do to help victims and survivors.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 21 February 2023

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 10 February 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 15th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 319)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Energy Bill (SP Paper 320)

The following report was published on 17 February 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 2nd Report, 2023 (Session 6): Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on the Environmental Regulations (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 317)

The following report was published on 21 February 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 February 2023 (SP Paper 321)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 15 February 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]

laid under section 50(5)(b) of the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] laid under section 14(3) of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 10 February 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/34)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development and Use Classes) (Scotland) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/35) laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/36) laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/37) laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 February 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax (Discounts) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/38)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/39)

laid under section 138 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Local Taxation Chamber and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/40)

laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 21 February 2023—

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-33)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 15 February 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations - Compendium of Case Reports for February 2023

(SPSO/2023/02) laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2023/26) laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system February 2023 (SG/2023/33) laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

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