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Thursday 12 January 2023

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 Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Caledonian Sleeper Service:** The Parliament debated S6M-07156 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament welcomes that ScotRail Services transferred into public ownership on 1 April 2022 and that Scotland's rail passenger services are operated by Scottish Rail Holdings Ltd, a company owned and controlled by the Scottish Government; notes that the sleeper service between Scotland and England is approaching its 150th anniversary; recognises what it sees as the significant social, economic and environmental values of the Caledonian Sleeper service, including for the Central Scotland region; notes that the current franchise is due to end in June 2023, following the Scottish Government's decision not to rebase the franchise; further notes that the Scottish Government has not yet confirmed how sleeper services will be operated from June 2023 onwards; notes the view that this is the ideal opportunity to bring the Caledonian Sleeper Service into public ownership via established structures and reintegrate the sleeper service with ScotRail and that, in so doing, the public purse would not be expected to fund profits for a private operator of the service, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to confirm that it will not give Serco a further contract for the Caledonian Sleeper service and that it will instead use a Scottish Government-owned company to run the service from June 2023.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) made a statement and answered questions on Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act.

6. National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives: The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved S6M-07469—That the Parliament welcomes the cross-government response to the Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce final report, Changing Lives; supports the transformational principles underpinning that response of treating problem drug use as any other health condition is treated, and ensuring that people with lived and living experience of problem drug use are included in the co-production of policy and strategy development in any area of government policy or delivery that affects them; recognises that cross-government planning and activity is needed to support the National Mission, and that this has resulted in over 80 actions; acknowledges the publication of the stigma action plan, which will play a vital role in the culture change required, and recognises the role of the Scottish Parliament in this regard, and believes that, with commitment across government, the Parliament and beyond, it is possible to save lives and improve health and wellbeing.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-07469.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07469 in the name of Angela Constance (National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives), leave out from “cross-government response” to end and insert “publication of the Scottish Drug Deaths Taskforce final report, Changing Lives; supports the transformational principles of treating problem drug use as any other health condition is treated, and ensuring that people with lived and living experience of problem drug use are included in the co-production of policy and strategy development in any area of government policy or delivery that affects them; recognises that cross-government planning and activity is needed to support the National Mission, and that this has resulted in over 80 actions; acknowledges the publication of the stigma action plan, which will play a vital role in the culture change required, and recognises the role of the Scottish Parliament in this regard; believes that, with commitment across government, the Parliament and beyond, it is possible to save lives and improve health and wellbeing; welcomes many of the report's recommendations, including that individuals should never be turned away from treatment and therefore urges the Scottish Government to back Douglas Ross's Proposed Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill, which would enshrine in law a right to treatment, so that all people with addiction in Scotland can get the support they need; notes that the report states that “While we believe legislative change is required, more should - and can - be done in Scotland under current constitutional arrangements”; believes that the Scottish Government should accelerate its focus on tackling drug-related deaths until there is a meaningful and sustained downward trend in the number of drug-related deaths; regrets, therefore, the recent decision to cut the alcohol and drugs budget for 2022-23 by £1 million; notes, with disappointment, that the Scottish Government failed to

introduce Medication Assisted Treatment standards by April 2022, and calls for urgent action to be taken to ensure standards 1-5 and 6-10 are fully implemented by April 2023 and April 2024, respectively.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 23).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-07469.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07469 in the name of Angela Constance (National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives), insert at end “; regrets that over 12,000 people in Scotland have tragically lost their lives to drugs since 2007; notes that it is three and a half years since the Scottish Government established its Drug Deaths Taskforce, but that the most recent figures show the second highest number of drug-related fatalities on record; is concerned by the slow progress with implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment standards, in addition to concerns that the proposed National Care Service could distract from Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADP) in delivering these standards, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently publish a workforce action plan for ADPs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-07469.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07469 in the name of Angela Constance (National Drugs Mission: Cross-government Response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce Report, Changing Lives), insert at end “; further believes that the Scottish Government must use its response to the Drug Deaths Taskforce report to propel effective and immediate action to tackle the continuing high numbers of drugs deaths in Scotland; asserts that there are some actions which can be undertaken now, such as the implementation of drugs testing facilities, as seen in other parts of the UK, at events such as festivals, to prevent harm; acknowledges the current work being done to implement safe consumption facilities in Edinburgh and Glasgow, and calls on the Scottish Government to start preparing plans immediately for a Scotland-wide network of facilities so that those outside of the central belt have access to lifesaving spaces.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 93 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.
8. **Circular Fashion: Looping the Thread:** The Parliament debated S6M-06368 in the name of Stephanie Callaghan—That the Parliament encourages the adoption

of circular fashion methods that ensure clothing is produced in a more considered way that closes the loop on production, including responsible manufacturing, use, and the end-of-life stage, emphasising the value of utilising a garment right to the end; understands that, over the past decades, the production and consumption of clothing has increased exponentially around the world leading to a dramatic increase in the negative social and environmental consequences; notes that a report by Zero Waste Scotland, which assessed the carbon impact of Scotland's household waste, showed that textiles account for nearly a third of emissions even though they only make up 4% of waste by weight; further notes that Scotland is home to what it understands is the UK's leading circular fashion hub, Advanced Clothing Solutions (ACS), offering fashion brands and retailers a carbon neutral, rental and resale fulfilment service from a developing biodiversity area in Holytown, North Lanarkshire; welcomes the Scottish Government's £2 million Circular Textiles Fund, as well as the £18 million Circular Economy Investment Fund, administered by Zero Waste Scotland, offering investment for SMEs based in Scotland and supporting work that will deliver circular economy growth; considers that there is need for transparency in the fashion supply chain; notes the calls for legislation that helps to achieve fair pay for textile and garment workers around the world, in light of reports that modern slavery runs deep within the industry, and further notes the growing calls to incentivise responsible and circular consumption through fiscal and regulatory levers that reward fashion companies that design products with lower environmental impacts and penalise those that do not.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
12 January 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 12 January 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 10 January 2023 (SP Paper 293)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 January 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment
Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act
2002

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 12 January 2023 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2)
Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/3 (C. 1))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms)
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/4)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 12 January 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Cost of Living (Tenant Protection (Scotland) Act 2022: First Report to the Scottish Parliament (SG/2023/003) laid under Section 9 of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

Government Chemist Review 2021 (SG/2023/018) laid under Section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

HMICS Thematic Inspection of Domestic Abuse Phase 1 (HMICS/2023/01) laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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