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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 1 June 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Canon David Richards, Rector, St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Health Recovery: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-00144—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government commitment to produce an NHS Recovery plan within 100 days, reflecting that the necessary actions of the NHS to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted on waiting times for care and treatment; recognises that this impact will mean that many people are waiting longer for treatment and that this will be a source of worry for them and their families; notes that the aim of the recovery plan will be to increase inpatient, day case and outpatient activity by 10%, and that urgent care such as cancer will continue to be prioritised and action taken to reduce the longest waits; believes that the recovery plan should address both mental and physical health as all aspects of wellbeing have been affected by the pandemic; further believes that a women's health plan should also be brought forward within 100 days in order to better shape the services that are needed by women of all ages but that have too often fallen short in the past; commends the health and care staff for the remarkable efforts that they have made to provide the best care and treatment possible during the pandemic, and recognises that fundamental to the recovery of the NHS is a recognition of their care and support needs so that they can best meet the needs of patients, and supports the establishment of a National Care Service to ensure that care services are founded on

fairness, equality and human rights, and are placed on the same level of esteem as the National Health Service.

Annie Wells moved amendment S6M-00144.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00144 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Health Recovery), leave out from “, and supports the establishment” to end and insert “; welcomes the Feeley Review and aims to work with families and the sector to design reforms focused on putting Scotland’s social care system on a sustainable footing; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the promised increase in inpatient, day case and outpatient activity will not adversely affect the time consultants get to spend with a single patient; recognises the unacceptably high levels of drug deaths in Scotland and believes everyone should have a right, enshrined in law, to the necessary alcohol and/or drug treatment option that they seek, and awaits the early publication and progress of a bill on restitution for victims of the Mesh scandal.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 68, Abstentions 22).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-00144.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00144 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Health Recovery), insert at end “; recognises that patients were experiencing unacceptably long waits before the pandemic and significant health inequalities persisted across Scotland; notes the acute need to find missing cancer diagnoses and establish a catch-up initiative in screening programmes; considers that tackling the mental health crisis must be an urgent priority with an end to rejected referrals, putting mental health professionals in general practice and a new suicide prevention strategy; believes that the social care workforce has been undervalued for too long, and calls on the Scottish Government to address poverty pay in the sector by funding an immediate pay rise to at least £12 per hour for social care workers, rising to £15 per hour in the current parliamentary session.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question to ask the Scottish Government for its response to the Scottish Law Commission’s Discussion Paper on the Mental Element in Homicide and the wider implications it has in ending the so-called rough sex defence, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Keith Brown).

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00196—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 2 June 2021—

delete

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Economic Recovery

and insert

2.00 pm Ministerial statement: National Qualifications 2021

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Economic Recovery

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/158), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/166) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/168), rules 10.1.3(a) and 10.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(c) that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/158), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/166) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/168) be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.16 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
1 June 2021

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

Laid Only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 June 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Qualified One-Way Costs Shifting) 2021 (SSI 2021/226)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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