



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 9 June 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport, and then Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Seventh Report on the Coronavirus Acts.
- 3. Addressing the Climate Emergency:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00278—That the Parliament agrees that addressing the twin climate and biodiversity crises remains a critical priority; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to deliver action to support a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring a just transition to net zero and a climate-resilient Scotland; agrees that this must be a shared and national endeavour by all sectors of the economy and society as a whole, and commits to working together, as Scotland prepares to welcome the world to Glasgow for COP26 and beyond, to restore nature and become a net zero nation.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-00278.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; recognises the importance of Scotland’s energy sector in delivering the transition; welcomes the UK Government’s North Sea Transition Deal, and calls on the Scottish Government

to work collaboratively and constructively with the sector to support businesses through the transition.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S6M-00278.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; agrees that progressing a Circular Economy Bill must be an urgent priority; commends children and young people in Scotland who have raised awareness about these twin crises and campaigned positively for the shift to net zero, and supports their calls for the embedment of climate justice education throughout the curriculum as part of learners’ entitlement to Learning for Sustainability.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S6M-00278.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; notes the 166 recommendations made by four parliament committees to improve the Climate Change Plan, including necessary changes to land use, transport, energy and housing policy; recognises the need for urgent and transformational change in these sectors to deliver on Scotland’s climate commitments, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a revised Climate Change Plan early in the current parliamentary session, demonstrating a credible pathway to achieving the 2030 target.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00278.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; recognises that rapidly reducing emissions in the transport sector will be critical to Scotland meeting its 2030 and 2045 targets; considers that achieving sustainability will require the acceleration of work, including the opening of new railway lines and stations, establishing a network of well-maintained rapid chargers for electric vehicles and additional support to rapidly increase active travel, and believes that, as an indication of its commitment to sustainability, the Scottish Government should immediately withdraw from its written agreement with Heathrow Airport to support the building of a third runway, which is incompatible with the climate emergency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 89, Abstentions 21).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 1, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that addressing the twin climate and biodiversity crises remains a critical priority; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to deliver action to support a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring a just transition to net zero and a climate-resilient Scotland; agrees that this must be a shared and national endeavour by all sectors of the economy and society as a whole; commits to working together, as Scotland prepares to welcome the world to Glasgow for COP26 and beyond, to restore nature and become a net zero nation; recognises the importance of Scotland's energy sector in delivering the transition; welcomes the UK Government's North Sea Transition Deal; calls on the Scottish Government to work collaboratively and constructively with the sector to support businesses through the transition; agrees that progressing a Circular Economy Bill must be an urgent priority; commends children and young people in Scotland who have raised awareness about these twin crises and campaigned positively for the shift to net zero; supports their calls for the embedment of climate justice education throughout the curriculum as part of learners' entitlement to Learning for Sustainability; notes the 166 recommendations made by four parliament committees to improve the Climate Change Plan, including necessary changes to land use, transport, energy and housing policy; recognises the need for urgent and transformational change in these sectors to deliver on Scotland's climate commitments, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a revised Climate Change Plan early in the current parliamentary session, demonstrating a credible pathway to achieving the 2030 target.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00295—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 June 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Ministers Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Women's Health

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs & Culture

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Mitigating, Tackling and Responding to the Skills Impact of Brexit

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Drug Related Deaths

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 June 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

followed by Stage 2 Debate: Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 June, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 87, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

5. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/191): The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00298—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/191) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/181): The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00299—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/181) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/186): The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00300—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/186) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/180): The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00301—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection

(Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/180) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/179): The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00302—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/179) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/209): The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00303—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/209) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/208): The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00304—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/208) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/204): The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00305—That the Parliament agrees that Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/204) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/202): The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00306—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/202) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/193): The

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00307—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/193) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

16. Social Justice and Fairness Commission Report: The Parliament debated S6M-00164 in the name of Neil Gray—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Social Justice and Fairness Commission report, *A route map to a fair and independent Scotland*; considers the report advances the debate about how to make Scotland a fairer nation as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, both under the devolved powers available to the Parliament and in looking towards an independent Scotland, and notes the calls for people in the Airdrie and Shotts constituency and across Scotland to engage with the issues raised constructively.

The meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
9 June 2021

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 9 June 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Sixth report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2021/134 laid under paragraph 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Coronavirus Acts: seventh report to Scottish Parliament SG/2021/114 laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 6 June 2021 SG/2021/138 laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 9 June 2021 SG/2021/139 laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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