



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 23 June 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Finance and Economy, and then on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Progress Report.

3. Urgent Question: An urgent question to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the formal notification by RCN Scotland that it is in trade dispute with it over pay, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00473—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 August 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2021-22

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22

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 2 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: National Care Service

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 September 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 9 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 September, 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.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00474—That the Parliament agrees that, with effect from 30 June 2021, Temporary Standing Orders Rule 3 be amended—

(a) in paragraph 1 to delete "from the date of dissolution until either such time as the newly elected Parliamentary corporation has taken a decision on public access to the Parliament, Holyrood or 30 June 2021, whichever is the earlier" and insert "until 9 October 2021"

(b) in paragraph 2 to delete "those timescales" and insert "9 October 2021".

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230): The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00476—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224): The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00477—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227): The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00478—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. National Gaelic Language Plan 2023-28: The Parliament debated S6M-00166 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Bòrd na Gàidhlig's consultation events on the next National Gaelic Language Plan; understands that these plans provide strategic direction for the development of the Gaelic language; recognises what it believes is the precarious position that the language faces in the remaining vernacular communities in the Western Isles and elsewhere in Scotland; notes the publication in July 2020 of a comprehensive sociolinguistic study into the use of Gaelic in the vernacular-island communities; understands that this study, The Gaelic Crisis in the Vernacular Communities, concluded that the social use and transmission of Gaelic is at the point of collapse; notes the view that public policy could and should do more to support and protect the language; believes that developments over the next few years will be vital for its future, and notes the hopes that have been expressed calling for Members to use the forthcoming Scottish Languages Bill and other opportunities to play their part in supporting the Gaelic language.

The Member has provided the following translation

Gu bheil a' Phàrlamaid a' cur fàilte air toiseach tachartasan co-chomhairleachaidh Bhòrd na Gàidhlig air an ath Phlana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig; a' tuigsinn gu bheil na

planaichean seo a' toirt stiùireadh ro-innleachdail do leasachadh na Gàidhlig; ag aithneachadh na tha i a' creidsinn a bhith na shuidheachadh cugallach don chànan anns na coimhearsnachdan dùthchasach a tha air fhàgail anns na h-Eileanan an Iar agus ann an àiteachan eile ann an Alba; gu bheil i a' toirt fa-near foillseachadh san Iuchar 2020 de làn sgrùdadh sòisio-chànanach air cleachdadh na Gàidhlig anns na coimhearsnachdan dùthchasach eileanach; gu bheil i a' tuigsinn gun do cho-dhùin an sgrùdadh seo, The Gaelic Crisis in the Vernacular Communities, gu bheil cleachdadh sòisealta agus tar-chur na Gàidhlig an impis mòr-chrìonadh; a' toirt fa-near don bheachd gum b' urrainn agus gum bu chòir do phoileasaidh poblach barrachd a dhèanamh gus taic agus dìon a thoirt don chànan; a' creidsinn gum bi leasachaidhean thairis air na beagan bhliadhnaichean a tha romhainn deatamach don chànan san àm ri teachd, agus gu bheil i a' toirt fa-near an dòchais a chaidh a chur an cèill gun cleachd Buill Bile Cànanan na h-Alba a tha ri thighinn agus cothroman eile gus am pàirt fhèin a ghabhail ann a bhith a' toirt taic don Ghàidhlig.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
23 June 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 June 2021—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6):
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 22 June 2021 (SP Paper 1)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 23 June 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costing – Carer’s Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill SFC/2021/5 laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

NDA Designation of Hunterston B AGR Station Site SG/2021/148 laid under section 3(8) of the Energy Act 2004

NDA Designation of Torness AGR Station Site SG/2021/149 laid under section 3(8) of the Energy Act 2004

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Discontinued Investigations-Compendium of Case Reports for June 2021 SPSO/2021/05 laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 23 June 2021 SG/2021/154 laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 20 June 2021 SG/2021/155 laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scotland’s Climate Assembly: Recommendations for Action SG/2021/132 laid under Part 2A, Paragraph 32A and section (8)b of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

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