



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 8, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 1 June 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**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. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-04716—That the Parliament congratulates Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee; expresses its gratitude for Her Majesty's exceptional public service and dedication to duty over 70 years; affirms the deep respect that is held for Her Majesty in Scotland, and sends good wishes for her continued service.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and Veterans, then Finance and the Economy, and then Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04748—That the Parliament—

(a) the following programme of—

Tuesday 7 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics 2020

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's National Parks

*followed by* Statement of Policy

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Census 2022

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Members' Business

Tuesday 14 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

*followed by* Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Wellbeing of Children and Young People

*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 16 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 June 2022, 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.

**6. Motion without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.56 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

**8. Access to Cannabis-based Products for Medicinal Use:** The Parliament debated S6M-03233 in the name of Collette Stevenson—That the Parliament welcomes the Home Office’s rescheduling of certain cannabis-based products for medicinal use (CBPMs) in 2018; notes the reported improvement in some children with treatment resistant epilepsy who take CBPMs, such as Cole Thomson, from East Kilbride, who it understands receives Bedrolite on private prescription; acknowledges the reported financial pressure that these prescriptions can place on families; further acknowledges the reported hesitancy of NHS consultants to prescribe unlicensed CBPMs due to the lack of robust evidence; notes the view that the rescheduling does not go far enough in assisting some patients, and the calls for a change in rules to allow GPs, who consider it appropriate, to prescribe unlicensed CBPMs where a non-NHS consultant has initiated that course of treatment; understands that the British Paediatric Neurology Association published its updated Guidance on the use of cannabis-based products for medicinal use in children and young people with epilepsy in October 2021, which, it considers, outlines concerns around the lack of randomised control trials demonstrating a product’s safety, quality and efficacy; acknowledges the Scottish Government’s reported commitment to collaborate with NHS England and the National Institute for Health Research to support research trials into medicinal cannabis in order to give NHS consultants the assurances that they need to consider prescribing CBPMs on the NHS; understands that, once a medicinal product has undergone clinical trials, it could be considered by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency for licensing and that this could lead to further consideration by organisations such as the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, the Scottish Medicines Consortium and NHS Scotland; notes the calls for industry to run observational and clinical trials; believes that an increased evidence base offers the best opportunities for expansion of the range of CBPMs available from the NHS; welcomes the reported plans by Target Healthcare, which operates in East Kilbride, to produce CBPMs in Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish and UK governments to work together to find solutions on these issues.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
1 June 2022

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 1 June 2022—

Public Audit Committee, 2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021-22 (SP Paper 169)

Education and Children and Young People Committee, 6th Report, Session 6, Cross-border Placements (Effect of Deprivation of Liberty Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SP Paper 177)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 33rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Online Safety Bill (SP Paper 188)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee for 2021/22 (SP Paper 193)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 June 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2022 [draft]  
laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 June 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/190)  
laid under section 275(3) Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020 (Suspension: Termination of Student Residential Tenancy) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/192)  
laid under section 10 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/193)  
laid under paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2022 (SSI  
2022/194)  
laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

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