



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 14, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 16 June 2022

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. Men Don't Talk:** The Parliament debated S6M-03064 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises the work that has gone into producing the one-act play, *Men Don't Talk*, by Clare Prenton, who is based in Peebles; understands that Clare based this play on the experiences of those involved with Peebles Men's Shed and conducted a number of workshops with members to inform the storyline, which was written and developed over two years; further understands that it explores the myth that men do not talk, in a fictional Men's Shed setting, discussing such issues as loneliness, alcoholism and recovery, loss of a life partner, caring for a partner with dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from previous service in the Armed Forces, and where the next supply of jaffa cakes is coming from; notes that this was made possible by funding from the Peebles-based charity, Inspiring Life - Evie Douglas Memorial Fund, which was set up by Freda Douglas in memory of her daughter Evie; congratulates those involved, on the play coming to fruition in January 2022, with a rehearsed reading at The Eastgate Theatre in Peebles, employing a professional cast of three actors and the services of one local amateur, who helped with the stage direction, in front of an audience of over 70 people; believes that projects such as this celebrate community collaboration and are an important part of raising awareness of issues around mental health, particularly among those in society who

may be less comfortable in engaging in conventional support for this, and considers that organisations such as Men's Sheds are a vital support for many in Scotland's communities.

4. Motion without Notice: Christine Grahame moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions: Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

6. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Role of Incineration in the Waste Hierarchy.

8. Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 84, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 88, Against 27, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 3 (For 50, Against 65 Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 24, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 24, Against 91, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 24, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 24, Against 92, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 6 and 9.

9. Motion Without Notice: Gillian Mackay, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 5.30 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

10. Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-04979—That the Parliament agrees that the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 117, Against 0, Abstentions 0)

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
16 June 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 16 June 2022—

Education and Children and Young People Committee, 7th Report, 2022
(Session 6): Annual Report 2021 - 2022 (SP Paper 185)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report, 2022 (Session
6): Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage on
15 June 2022 (SP Paper 203)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Economy and Fair Work Committee
on 15 June 2022 (SP Paper 204)

The following report will be published on 17 June 2022—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Alternative pathways to primary care (SP Paper 201)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 16 June 2022 and are
subject to the negative procedure—

Rural Support (Simplification and Improvement) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI
2022/206)

laid under section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data)
(Scotland) Act 2020

Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 (Notifiable Diseases and Notifiable
Organisms) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/212)

laid under section 122 of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment (No.
2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/213)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 June 2022 and is not
subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2022 (SSI 2022/211)

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 16 June 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2021-2022

SG/2022/120 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scotland's financial response to Covid-19: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland AGS/2022/8 laid under Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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