



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 3 March 2022

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03453—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 3 March 2022—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Introduction of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Justice System Approach to Risk Management

The motion was agreed to.

2. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

4. International Women's Day 2022: Break the Bias: The Parliament debated S6M-03136 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament recognises 8

March 2022 as International Women's Day (IWD); acknowledges what it sees as the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women through history and around the world; understands that the theme of IWD 2022 is #BreakTheBias, which aims to highlight the impact of bias, both conscious and unconscious, on women and girls and to imagine a world free of bias, stereotype and discrimination; notes the view that it is important for MSPs to reaffirm a commitment to upholding the fundamental human rights of women and girls, while working together to accelerate gender parity in society; further notes the view that it is crucial for influential organisations to reject discrimination and abuse in society and within their own communities, while committing to be positive role models, and notes the calls to collaborate and unite behind the principles of IWD 2022, to ensure equity, diversity and inclusivity, and to break down barriers and forge women's equality in communities in Scotland and across the world.

5. Motion without Notice: Michelle Thomson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

7. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on The Introduction of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.

8. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Justice System Approach to Risk Management.

9. The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-03420—That the Parliament believes that public service broadcasting has a valuable role in society and provides vital platforms for the creative economy and cultural richness of the nation; recognises that substantial progress has been made in the last decade in increasing the volume of screen production made in Scotland, and welcomes Screen Scotland's actions to continue to attract productions; notes that broadcasters and producers like the BBC and STV have a vital role in the Scottish screen sector to help develop talent both on and off screen; condemns any efforts to undermine the BBC and Channel 4's operational independence by the UK Government; calls for BBC Scotland to receive a far fairer share of licence fee revenues raised in Scotland, and further calls for the Scottish Parliament's role in BBC Charter Renewal to be respected.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-03420.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03420 in the name of Angus Robertson (The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland), leave out from "condemns any efforts" to "raised in Scotland" and insert "understands the need to review how public service broadcasting is funded so that it is able to

continue delivering world-class content in a fair and sustainable way, and believes that all possible funding options should be considered as part of that review”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-03420.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03420 in the name of Angus Robertson (The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland), leave out from “calls for BBC Scotland” to end and insert “further condemns those who seek to undermine trust in the impartiality of British public service broadcasting; supports parity of esteem for Gaelic broadcasting compared with Welsh language broadcasting; calls for funding allocations to prioritise fair funding for fair work, in terms of hours worked and salaries, to ensure that talent is supported in Scotland; encourages the Scottish Government to provide more comprehensive support for freelancers, who make up a significant part of the industry; calls on the UK Government to ensure that broadcasting services that spread propaganda and misinformation, against the principles of public service broadcasting that this nation should defend, are unwelcome in Scotland and the UK, and further calls for the Scottish Parliament’s role in BBC Charter Renewal to be respected.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 27, Abstentions 18).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
3 March 2022

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 3 March 2022—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 4th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Committee on 2 March 2022 (SP
Paper 124)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 3 March 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/79)
laid under section 35 of Fire Services Act 1947

Police Pensions (Commutation) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI
2022/80)
laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 March 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Civil Online) 2022 (SSI 2022/81)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

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