



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 8 March 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Joanna Butterfield MBE, Parasport Athlete, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. International Women's Day 2022:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-03485—That the Parliament unites to mark International Women's Day 2022; welcomes this year's theme of #BreakTheBias, which recognises that "whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead", and that intersecting characteristics such as disability and race can compound bias and discrimination; recognises that it is the responsibility of everyone to end the discrimination that women and girls face; acknowledges that, while much progress towards achieving equality has been made, it has not yet been achieved in Scotland or around the world; recognises the steps forward that the Scottish Parliament has taken to improve equal representation, and the record number of women elected, and acknowledges that there is more to do, especially for the representation of disabled, BAME and LGBT women and women from other minority groups; further recognises the tireless work of organisations and communities across Scotland to promote equality and support women, and agrees that equality is necessary for society and the economy to thrive, and that everyone should work together to break the bias on, and beyond, International Women's Day.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-03485.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03485 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (International Women's Day 2022), insert "; recognises that this global day in 2022 takes place against a background of conflict and bloodshed in Ukraine and other countries blighted by violence, and that women and girls are disproportionately affected by war, and believes that more must be done to tackle the scourge of violence against women and girls in Scotland and around the world."

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

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament unites to mark International Women's Day 2022; welcomes this year's theme of #BreakTheBias, which recognises that "whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead", and that intersecting characteristics such as disability and race can compound bias and discrimination; recognises that it is the responsibility of everyone to end the discrimination that women and girls face; acknowledges that, while much progress towards achieving equality has been made, it has not yet been achieved in Scotland or around the world; recognises the steps forward that the Scottish Parliament has taken to improve equal representation, and the record number of women elected, and acknowledges that there is more to do, especially for the representation of disabled, BAME and LGBT women and women from other minority groups; further recognises the tireless work of organisations and communities across Scotland to promote equality and support women; agrees that equality is necessary for society and the economy to thrive, and that everyone should work together to break the bias on, and beyond, International Women's Day; recognises that this global day in 2022 takes place against a background of conflict and bloodshed in Ukraine and other countries blighted by violence, and that women and girls are disproportionately affected by war, and believes that more must be done to tackle the scourge of violence against women and girls in Scotland and around the world.

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03518—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 9 March 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Anne's Law

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Nomination of a Pension Fund Trustee for the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

followed by Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 10 March 2022—

delete

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

after

followed by Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Rail Accident Investigation Branch Report into Carmont Passenger Train Derailment

after

followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26

insert

followed by Withdrawal of Bill: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03519—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.

8. Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2022: The Parliament debated S6M-03226 in the name of Pam Gosal—That the Parliament acknowledges Scottish Apprenticeship Week, which runs from 7 to 11 March 2022; recognises what it sees as the potential of apprenticeships to transform the career prospects of people of all ages across Scotland; notes with concern the belief that apprenticeships are sometimes seen as a lesser career path when compared to university; considers that, as Scotland recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, apprenticeships will be essential in addressing new gaps in the labour market; expresses openness to new ways of apprenticeships being used to address employer-led demand to aid the economic recovery, and notes the calls for an increased awareness of apprenticeship offerings across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
8 March 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 4 March 2022—

Criminal Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SP Paper 126)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 15th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 1 March 2022 (SP Paper 127)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 4 March 2022—

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-16)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 4 March 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/82)
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 4 March 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Hydro Nation Annual Report 2021 SG/2022/26 laid under Section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2021 SG/2022/22 laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

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