



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wednesday 15 March 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands and then Health and Social Care were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Delivering the Scottish Government's Vision for Agriculture through the Agricultural Reform Route Map:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-08212—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's Vision for Agriculture, which outlines its aim to transform how it supports farming and food production in Scotland to become a global leader in sustainable and regenerative agriculture, commits to supporting farmers and crofters to produce more of Scotland's food more sustainably to contribute to food security, and acknowledges the need for change to make sure that farming plays its part in cutting emissions, mitigating climate change and restoring and enhancing nature and biodiversity; agrees that there is no contradiction between high-quality food production and producing it in a way that delivers for climate and nature restoration; welcomes the recently-published Agricultural Reform Route Map, which sets out the phased implementation of the four-tier Future Support Framework in order to deliver the Vision and avoid any cliff edges; further welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to co-development, demonstrated through its consultation on a Scottish Agriculture Bill and its commitment to working with all partners committed to a vibrant and successful rural Scotland; recognises the uncertainty and limitations on planning, caused by Brexit, and calls upon the UK Government to fulfil its outstanding commitments to fully replace EU funds, and to engage collectively and meaningfully on future agriculture funding.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-08212.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08212 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Delivering the Scottish Government's Vision for Agriculture through the Agricultural Reform Route Map), leave out from “to become” to end and insert “; welcomes the ongoing commitment from Scotland's agricultural sector to meet net zero by 2045; notes the sector's contribution of £2.9 billion to Scotland's economy, with one in 10 jobs being dependent on agriculture; further notes that the Climate Change Committee has highlighted that, as things stand, the Scottish Government will miss its targets to reduce agricultural emissions; recognises that agricultural businesses plan years in advance and that the Scottish Government has failed to provide these businesses with funding certainty, including clarity on whether farmers will be able to apply for all tiers of funding in the new proposed payment system; congratulates farmers and crofters for putting high-quality food on people's plates; urges the Scottish Government to put food security at the heart of its new vision, with a pragmatic land use strategy; calls for farmers in Scotland to be allowed to use gene editing technology to help drive innovation and keep costs low for the agricultural sector, and welcomes the Scottish Government's engagement with farmers and crofters from across Scotland to shape a viable and successful future for generations to come.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

**3. 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 4.38 pm.

**4. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 2 as noted above.

**5. Promoting the Benefits of Camping:** The Parliament debated S6M-07215 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament welcomes the Outjoymnt Report conducted by Liverpool John Moores University and Sheffield Hallam University; acknowledges that the report, commissioned by The Camping and Caravanning Club, surveyed nearly 11,000 people to assess their attitudes toward the benefits of camping; recognises that the report found that 97% of campers said happiness was their top motivator for going camping, while 48% of campers reported feeling happy almost every day, compared with 35% of non-campers; further recognises that the report found that 93% of people go camping to enjoy being in nature, while 93% of campers value camping for the benefits it has for their health and wellbeing; notes the reported concerns raised by communities around Scotland that short-term lets, such as Airbnb, are changing the make-up of communities and their economies; reflects that, given these considerations, along with what it sees as the need to provide incentives to support local economies following the COVID-19 pandemic, the promotion of camping and its benefits are important; believes that promoting camping is also important in cultivating, especially in children, an appreciation for the environment and a passion to protect it; notes the belief that citizens across

Scotland, including in the Glasgow Shettleston constituency, should consider the benefits of camping breaks for both their own health and Scotland's local economy, and thanks Liverpool John Moores University and Sheffield Hallam University for what it considers this insightful report.

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
15 March 2023

## **Appendix**

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

### **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 15 March 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 21st Report, 2023 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 March 2023 (SP Paper 339)

### **Subordinate Legislation**

#### **Laid Only Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 15 March 2023 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Lands Valuation Appeal Court) 2023 (SSI 2023/75)  
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)  
Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Valuation Appeal Rules Amendment) 2023 (SSI 2023/76)  
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland)  
Act 2010

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