

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 96, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 28 March 2024

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 (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards: The Parliament debated S6M-12187 in the name of Christine Grahame—Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards.
- **4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- **5. The Future of Public Transport The Fair Fares Review:** The Parliament debated The Future of Public Transport The Fair Fares Review.
- **6. Committee membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12702— That the Parliament agrees that Oliver Mundell be appointed to replace Stephen Kerr as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 28 March 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 28 March 2024—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 20 March 2024 (SP Paper 562)

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered on 26 March 2024 - Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol (SP Paper 563)

The following report will be published on 29 March 2024—

Criminal Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 560)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/102)

laid under section 275(5) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Argyll Ferries Limited SC391762 Directors Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/38) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

CalMac Ferries Limited SC302282 Strategic Report, Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/36) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (CCYP/2024/01) laid under Section 14A(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Strategic Plan 2024-2028 (CES/2024/01) laid under section 14(5) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

David MacBrayne Limited Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/35) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2024/37) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Progress report on Environment Strategy March 2024 (SG/2024/48) laid under Section 47 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Heat Networks Delivery Plan: Review Report 2024 (SG/2024/39) laid under section 93 of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021

Inspiring Connections: Scotland's International Culture Strategy 2024-30 (SG/2024/49) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Fourteenth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2024/29) laid under Section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Police Service of Scotland Annual Police Plan 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 (PSoS/2024/01) laid under section 35 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Revenue Scotland Corporate Plan 2024-2027 (RS/2024/01) laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Scottish Discretionary Housing Payments Guidance Manual (SG/2024/40) laid under Part 5, Section 91 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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