



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 4, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 26 May 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00123—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 26 May 2021—

after

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required);

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136) Rules 10.1.3(a) and 10.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(c) that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136) be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

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

3. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Priorities.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question to ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the publication of the appeals process for 2021 National Qualifications, in light of the SQA missing publication deadlines was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00124—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 June 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Ministers Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Health Recovery

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 2 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Economic Recovery

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 3 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 June 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 June, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Recess Dates: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00125—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 26 June to 29 August 2021 (inclusive), 9 to 24 October 2021 (inclusive), 24 December 2021 to 9 January 2022 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00126—That the Parliament agrees that, between 1 June 2021 and 31 January 2022, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 17 September, 26 November, 24 December (pm), 27 and 28 December 2021, and 3 and 4 January 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00128—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 3.31 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
26 May 2021

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

Subordinate Legislation

Made Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 May 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/211)
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 May 2021 and is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/212)
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 May 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/210)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 26 May 2021 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/214)
laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 May 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Coronavirus Acts: sixth report to Scottish Parliament SG/2021/52 laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 23 May 2021 SG/2021/130 laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 26 May 2021 SG/2021/131 laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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