



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 24 May 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Lorraine McMahon, Head of Community Outreach England, Scotland and Wales, Aid to the Church in Need, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill – Next Steps.
- 4. Keeping Care Close to Home and Improving Outcomes:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved S6M-04567—That the Parliament thanks Scotland's NHS and social care staff for going above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the focus on stabilising and recovering healthcare through investment and reform; notes the efforts to ensure that more patients receive high-quality person-centred care and treatment in the right place, at the right time; supports the focus on building and enhancing virtual capacity to support a sustainable future providing alternatives to hospital and improving patient experience; recognises the recent progress on the roll-out of hospital and home and community respiratory services, for example, and agrees with the commitment to upscale these services in the community, utilising technology and digital opportunities to support improvements.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-04567.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04567 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Keeping Care Close to Home and Improving Outcomes), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “supports increasing the focus on building and enhancing virtual capacity to provide alternatives to hospital and improve patient experience; agrees that more needs to be done to ensure that patients receive high-quality person-centred care and treatment in the right place, at the right time; requests that the Scottish Government provides regular updates on progress towards these goals; notes that care reform cannot wait for the establishment of a National Care Service; shares concerns that the National Care Service will be centralised, bureaucratic and less sensitive to local needs and geographical variation; is concerned that the National Care Service could lead to an increase in out-of-area care; regrets, in particular, that the centralisation of other public services in Scotland has made them more geographically remote; regrets more broadly that the commissioning of care at the moment is focussed on cost rather than quality or outcomes; calls, to this end, for a move towards ethical commissioning; notes that a lack of care-at-home packages is having a detrimental impact on delayed discharge; regrets that the use of technology and hospital-to-home services is insufficient, and welcomes the calls for a Local Care Service and a local care guarantee to protect individual choice and control, and ensure that support is delivered as close as possible to those who need it, especially in rural and island communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-04567.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04567 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Keeping Care Close to Home and Improving Outcomes), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “supports the focus on building and enhancing virtual capacity to support a sustainable future, providing alternatives to hospital and improving patient experience, but is concerned by the ongoing pressures across primary care in Scotland, with many patients experiencing persistent problems in accessing GP appointments and Allied Health Professionals (AHP) clinical care pathways; considers that the Scottish Government must ensure that patients who need to be seen in person can receive speedy treatment; regrets the Scottish Government's failure to take decisive action in addressing the social care crisis, with people unable to access essential care packages and unpaid carers reaching breaking point, whilst the sector faces a recruitment and retention plight; recognises that this is having a severe impact on NHS services, with delayed discharge at record levels and persistently long waits in A&E; agrees that the establishment of a National Care Service cannot be used as an excuse to delay reforms, and calls on the Scottish Government to immediately deliver its commitment to end non-residential care charges, as well as reverse the recent narrowing of eligibility to care packages, reopen the Independent Living Fund, and address poverty pay among social care workers by backing an increase in pay to at least £15 per hour.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 97, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

5. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04607—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 26 May 2022—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Accountability for Delivering the National Mission to Reduce Drug Deaths and Improve Lives

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-04607.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04607 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after—

"2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture"

insert—

"*followed by* Deputy First Minister's Statement: Ferries Contract Approval".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 53, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 96, Against 24, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

7. R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose, and Political Aesthetic: The Parliament debated S6M-04154 in the name of Clare Adamson— That the Parliament welcomes the launch of a new book examining the life and legacy of R.B. Cunninghame Graham; notes that the book, R.B. Cunninghame Graham and Scotland: Party, Prose, and Political Aesthetic, authored by the political scholar and history PhD, Dr Lachlan Munro, and published by Edinburgh University

Press, will be launched at The Black Bull Inn, Gartmore, on 6 May 2022; acknowledges that R.B. Cunninghame Graham was one of the most influential Scottish politicians of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, described by Dr Munro as "the most contentious, controversial, and contradictory Scot of his generation"; understands that Cunninghame Grahame, born in 1852, was a radical political campaigner, who founded the Scottish Labour Party with Keir Hardie in 1888, and was later instrumental in founding The National Party of Scotland in 1928, a predecessor of the Scottish National Party (SNP), becoming honorary president of the SNP; further understands that Cunninghame Graham, also a writer, journalist and adventurer, was elected as the Liberal MP for North West Lanarkshire but, after witnessing the poverty and destitution among the mining community, rebelled against his own party; notes that he was known as "The Miners' MP" and was an outspoken anti-racist and anti-imperialist who, at the age of 62, volunteered for service in the First World War, and was awarded the title of Colonel; recognises that, following his death in Buenos Aires in 1936, his body lay in state, and his coffin, followed by thousands of people, was put aboard the ship he planned to sail home on, and that he was buried in the ancient priory on Inchmahome where his grave can still be seen; commends Dr Munro's efforts in highlighting Cunninghame Graham's extraordinary and controversial life, and wishes him every success with the book launch.

The meeting closed at 6.12 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
24 May 2022

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

New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 May 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure —

Plant Health (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)
Act 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 20 May 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure —

Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/167)
laid under section 15A of the Social Security Act 1988

Novel Foods (Authorisations) and Smoke Flavourings (Modification of Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/168)
laid under Article 32A(4) of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 and Article 19A(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 2065/2003

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/169)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Health Service (Vocational Training for Dentists) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/170)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 23 May 2022 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/172)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/173)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

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