



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 24 November 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Social Care and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-02234—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02167—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02251—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 November 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 Ministerial Statement: Pathways to Recovery - Update on progress and milestones for expanding access to Residential Rehabilitation in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Justice and the 16 Days of Action

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 December 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by COVID-19 Recovery Committee Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 December 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 Legislative Consent Motion: Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill - UK Legislation

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

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 9 December 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2022/23

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 29 November 2021, 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.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02252—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/382) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02253—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/384) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02254—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02255—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02256—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02257—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02258—That the Parliament agrees that the Valuation and Rating (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02259—That the Parliament agrees that the Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02260—That the Parliament agrees that the COVID-19 Recovery Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. 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 4.57 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

15. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

16. Mouth Cancer Action Month 2021: The Parliament debated S6M-01700 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament recognises that November 2021 is Mouth Cancer Action Month; acknowledges the work of the Mouth Cancer Foundation and the Oral Health Foundation in raising awareness of mouth cancer; understands that mouth cancer is the sixth most common cancer worldwide, with over 8,300 new cases diagnosed in the UK each year; believes that nine out of 10 mouth cancer cases could be prevented by adopting lifestyle changes; understands that, while mouth cancer is twice as common in men than women, an increasing number of women are also being diagnosed with the disease; welcomes the increased education of the risks, signs and symptoms of mouth cancer, in order to encourage everyone to discuss these with their dental professional, and commends the efforts of all organisations and campaigners that continue to raise awareness of mouth cancer and aim to make a difference by saving thousands of lives through early detection and prevention.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
24 November 2021

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report will be published on 25 November 2021—

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 4th Report, 2021
(Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Local Government,
Housing and Planning Committee on 23 November 2021 (SP Paper 51)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 24 November 2021 and is subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner: Strategic Plan 2021-2025 SBC/2021/01 laid under section 28 (1) (b) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Commission on Social Security Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/315 laid under Section 12(1) of Schedule 1 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021 SG/2021/266 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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