



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 52, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 25 November 2021

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage as Part of Scotland's Net Zero Ambitions: The Parliament debated S6M-01994 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the Scottish Government's ambitious target to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, its interim target of 75% reduction by 2030 and its strong support for the Scottish cluster of proposed carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS) projects; understands that the UK Government's evaluation process scored the Acorn Project in Aberdeenshire as the most deliverable project in the UK; notes the calls on the UK Government urging it to change its decision regarding investing in CCUS in Scotland and award the Scottish cluster Track-1 status as part of a wider strategy to achieve as much carbon storage as possible; recognises what it believes would be the impact on the north east in particular of the UK Government failing to support the Scottish cluster; believes that this is a pivotal moment for CCUS on the decarbonisation pathway; notes the advice from the Climate Change Committee on the importance of CCUS toward reaching Scotland's net zero commitments, and believes that this is a view shared by many industrial partnerships.

4. Motion without Notice: Gillian Martin moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

6. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women : The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-02267—That the Parliament marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which this year reaches its 30th anniversary; notes that the 2021 campaign focuses on the dual themes of Femicide and Ending Domestic Abuse in the World of Work; reaffirms its commitment to continue to work collaboratively from constituency, to committee, to chamber, to eradicate gender-based violence; agrees that only by prioritising prevention, can there be an end to violence against women and girls; gives thanks to the organisations and individuals that support women and children affected by gender-based violence, including the Women's Aid and Rape Crisis networks; notes that gender-based violence, which includes, but is not limited to, domestic abuse, rape and sexual violence, is a function of gender inequality and an abuse of male power and privilege; recognises that there is an increasing level of online abuse and the disproportionate impact this has on women and girls; agrees that in order to effectively tackle gender-based violence, society must challenge the outdated gender stereotypes and attitudes towards women and girls that enable it to continue; further agrees that it is clear that women and girls should no longer have to modify their everyday behaviour in order to stay safe; unites in its condemnation of violence against women and girls in all of its forms, in Scotland and around the world, on which it speaks with one voice; mourns all the women around the world who have been killed by men this year, including Sabina Nessa, Bibaa Hendry, Nicole Smallman, and Sarah Everard, whose murders showed how fragile the veneer of safety for women can be, and notes, as a mark of respect, the one-minute silence held in their honour.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
25 November 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 24 November 2021—

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee, 3rd report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 17 November 2021 (SP Paper 52)

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee, 4th report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (SP Paper 53)

The following report was published on 25 November 2021—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 November 2021 (SP Paper 54)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before Parliament on 25 November 2021 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Scottish Road Works Commissioner (Imposition of Penalties) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/431)
laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Animal Products (Transitional Import Conditions) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/432)
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and paragraph 10A of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/438)
laid under section 7(5) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 25 November 2021 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/428 (C. 30))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2020 - 2021

SG/2021/275 laid under section 16(4) of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts and Financial Statements Year ended 30 June 2021 SG/2021/274 laid under paragraph 15(2) of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21

SG/2021/232 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2020/2021 SG/2021/352 laid under Paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

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