

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 30 November 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, and then on Health and Social Care, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to reduce deaths in custody, in light of new statistics showing that a record number of people have died in prisons in the past three years, was answer by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown).

3. Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls: The Minister for Equalities and Older People (Christina McKelvie) moved S6M-07002-That the Parliament recognises that violence against women and girls is abhorrent and has both a devastating impact on those affected and a destructive impact on the wellbeing of society; acknowledges that the global theme of 2022's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence is "UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls"; recognises that the eradication of violence against women and girls cannot be achieved without men recognising the vital role they must play on a daily basis in tackling deep-rooted sexism and misogyny that is inherent in the perpetrating of such violence; welcomes Police Scotland's Don't be that Guy campaign as a positive contribution in promoting a wider cultural shift to encourage men to take responsibility for stopping violence and discrimination against women and girls across all settings, and challenging the idea that it is the responsibility of women and girls to protect themselves from male violence, and is united in wanting a strong and flourishing Scotland, where all individuals are equally safe and respected.

Pam Gosal moved amendment S6M-07002.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07002 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls), insert at end ", and notes the comments made by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, Reem Alsalem, regarding the possible safety risks to women and girls of the Scottish Government's Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-07002.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-07002 in the name of Christina McKelvie (Recognising the Vital Role Men Must Play in Challenging and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls), after "such violence;" insert "understands that concerted efforts are required to enhance the criminal justice response to cybercrimes that specifically target women and girls, and to ensure that women can access justice when they do become victims of cyberviolence, such as 'cyberflashing', revenge porn and threats of rape, as well as encourage the collection of data on cyberviolence;".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07018—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business— Tuesday 6 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: COP27 Outcomes

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate:

Proxy Voting

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist 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 8 December 2022

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 Ministerial Statement: Scottish Attainment Challenge - Local Authority

Stretch Aims for Recovery and Accelerating Progress in 2022-23

followed by Scottish Government Debate: International Human Rights Day

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 December 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

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 14 December 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance

and the Economy

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 15 December 2022

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: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 5 December 2022, 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. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07019—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 16 December 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07020—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be

designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.

Stroke Association's Report, Keeping Stroke Recoveries in Mind, 8. Launched on World Stroke Day: The Parliament debated S6M-06461 in the name of Gillian Mackay-That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Stroke Association's report, Keeping Stroke Recoveries in Mind, on World Stroke Day, 29 October, which focusses on patient experiences of the hidden effects of strokes; notes the key message in the report that emotional and psychological wellbeing for someone after a stroke is just as important as their physical recovery; further notes that the report outlines the results of the charity's lived experience of stroke survey showing that almost all, 95%, of stroke survivors report experiencing psychological or an emotional impact as a result of their stroke, yet only 25% report having received enough support, and provides recommendations on a new approach for stroke services in Scotland as devised by the Scottish Stroke Psychology Forum and included in the Progressive Stroke Pathway, endorsed by the National Advisory Committee for Stroke earlier this year; understands that this new approach is a holistic model involving all stroke clinical and social care staff, and one which treats strokes as having an emotional and psychological impact from the point of diagnosis; further understands that there are around 15,000 people in Central Scotland who are living with the effects of their stroke; notes the calls for all 14 geographical NHS boards to appropriately resource and deliver the model for psychological care as part of a progressive stroke pathway and thus involve all those working in stroke care to improve the recovery experience for all stroke survivors, and warmly commends those people with lived experience of stroke who shared their experience to inform and shape this report.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 30 November 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 30 November 2022-

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 29 November 2022 (SP Paper 269)

The following report will be published on 1 December 2022-

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on the Financial Memorandum for the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 272)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 30 November 2022-

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Shark Fins Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-31)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 30 November 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) (Amendment) 2022 (SSI 2022/355)

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

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