

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2020 AT 12 noon.

Attending: Ken Macintosh (chair), Linda Fabiani, Christine Grahame\*, Lewis Macdonald, Graeme Dey, Liz Smith, Rhoda Grant, Patrick Harvie\*, Willie Rennie.

Apologies: Elaine Smith.

Observing: George Adam.

Officials present: David McGill, Tracey White, Irene Fleming, Catherine Fergusson, Neil Stewart, Lewis McNaughton\*, Susan Duffy\*, Joanne McNaughton\*, Steven Bell, Judith Morrison\*, Jason Lloyd.

\* indicates attendance by videoconference

1. Item 1a: Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of 12 May 2020 were agreed.
2. Future business programme – The Bureau discussed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 18 May 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks beginning 25 May 2020 and 1 June 2020.

In relation to consideration of the Coronavirus (No. 2) (Scotland) Bill, the Bureau noted that consideration at Stage 2 was ongoing at the time of its meeting. In relation to Stage 3 proceedings, the Bureau—

- agreed to meet at 4.30pm on Tuesday 19 May to further consider the deadline for amendments at Stage 3
- noted that, if more than 79 Members were present in the Parliament and wished to vote, arrangements would be put in place to facilitate this including longer divisions.

Business Managers discussed the proposed statement from the First Minister on lockdown: next steps. Following discussion, Graeme Dey agreed to consult on a possible opportunity for the statement to be made on Thursday 21 May, and to update the Bureau at its additional meeting at 4.30pm on Tuesday 19 May.

Following discussion, the Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 18 May 2020 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 25 May 2020 and 1 June 2020.

Rhoda Grant reserved her party's position in relation to the business programme.

The Bureau also agreed to postpone a further test of remote voting to after Decision Time on Wednesday 20 May.

3. Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1 – The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—

- the deadline for consideration of the Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to Friday 7 November 2020
- the deadline for consideration of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be set at Friday 18 December 2020.

4. Timetabling of Bills at Stage 2 – The Bureau agreed to—

- refer the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill back to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at that stage be completed by Friday 26 June 2020.
- refer the Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Bill back to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee for consideration at Stage 2 and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at that stage be completed by Friday 5 June 2020.

5. Approval of SSIs – The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Direct Payments (Crop Diversification Derogation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/135) be approved.

6. Publication scheme – It was agreed that all papers considered at the meeting should be published.

7. Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Bureau would be at 12 noon on Tuesday 26 May 2020.

Irene Fleming  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
19 May 2020