MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 12 noon.

Attending: Ken Macintosh (chair), Linda Fabiani, Christine Grahame, Graeme Dey, Maurice Golden, Neil Findlay, Patrick Harvie, Willie Rennie.

Observing: George Adam

Officials present: Paul Grice, Tracey White, Catherine Fergusson, Lewis McNaughton, Kathryn Stewart, Joanne McNaughton, Jennifer Bell, Hannah Gunn.

1. Item 1a: Minutes of last meeting — The minutes of 19 February 2019 were agreed.

   Item 1b: Matters arising — There were no matters arising.

2. Future business programme — The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 4 and 11 March 2019.

   The Bureau noted that Members’ Business on Tuesday 5 March 2019 would be motion S5M-15475 Neil Findlay on Scottish Government Declines Help of Mesh Expert, on Wednesday 6 March 2019 would be motion S5M-15292 Gordon MacDonald on Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal; and on Thursday 7 March 2019 would be motion S5M-15513 Annabelle Ewing on Settled Status Scheme for EU Citizens in Scotland.

3. Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments — The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved—

   - the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft]
   - the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft]
   - the Sheriff Court Simple Procedure (Limits on Award of Expenses) Amendment Order 2019 [draft]
   - the Drug Driving (Specified Limits) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft].

   Maurice Golden reserved his party’s position on the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 [draft].

4. Referral of a Members Bill proposal — The Bureau agreed to refer the draft Members Bill proposal for the Protection of Livestock (Scotland) Bill to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee and the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

5. Committee on the Scottish Government’s Handling of Harassment Complaints: request to meet at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament — The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion to allow the Committee on the Scottish Government’s Handling of Harassment Complaints to meet at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament.
Complaints to meet at the same time as the Parliament from 3.00pm to Decision Time on Thursday 14 March 2019.

The Presiding Officer noted that this decision did not set a precedent for future meetings.

6. Members’ Business – Approaches to avoiding duplication of debates — The Bureau agreed to consider this matter further at a future meeting.

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

8. Date of next meeting — The next meeting of the Bureau would be 12 noon on Tuesday 5 March 2019.

Irene Fleming
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
26 February 2019