



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 20 February 2019

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Sport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill: Kezia Dugdale, on behalf of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill, moved S5M-15617—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Hutchesons' Hospital Transfer and Dissolution (Scotland) Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning (Kevin Stewart) moved S5M-15892—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Fuel Poverty (Target, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15899—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 February 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Patient Safety within the NHS in Scotland

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 February 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government; Social Security and Older People

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 28 February 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: UK Immigration Policy after Leaving the EU: Impacts on Scotland's Economy, Population and Society

followed by Ministerial Statement: Delivery of Devolved Benefits

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Appointment of a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 March 2019

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 6 March 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance, Economy and Fair Work; Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 7 March 2019

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 27 February 2019, the second sentence of rule 8.11.3 is suspended and replaced with "Any Member may speak on the motion at the discretion of the Presiding Officer";

and

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 28 February 2019, in rule 13.6.2, insert at end "and may provide an opportunity for Party Leaders or their representatives to question the First Minister".

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motions: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S5M-15901 Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 5 April 2019.

S5M-15902 Business Motion—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 5 April 2019.

The motions were agreed to.

6. Parliamentary Bureau Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15900—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

7. Efforts to Save St Rollox Railway Works: The Parliament debated S5M-15541 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament expresses its dismay and disappointment at the reported proposal by Gemini Rail Services to close the St Rollox Railway Works, which threatens the employment of up to 200 highly-skilled workers in Springburn; considers that the St Rollox site has had a proud history within the world locomotive industry since 1856 and is still affectionately known as “the Caley”; understands, however, that its future is now under threat as a result of Gemini serving a statutory notice regarding redundancies, and that a 45-day consultation period has now commenced; regrets that the company has taken this course of action, which it believes is likely to reduce the time period within which to identify and implement solutions to save both jobs and operations at the site; acknowledges the formation of a stakeholder group in December 2018 by the Scottish Government, chaired by the transport secretary, which aims to save St Rollox Railway Works; notes that this stakeholder group was established following representations made to the First Minister on 13 December 2018 at First Minister’s Questions, and understands that there have been proactive efforts to save St Rollox Railway Works, including the Unite campaign, Rally Roon the Caley, which has made a number of suggestions such as the electrification of the track into the site to reduce business costs and the identification of contract work for the order book to allow the lifespan of St Rollox in its current form to be extended, and allow time for further work to restructure or diversify activities at the works.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
20 February 2019

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

Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2019 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Services of Lawyers and Lawyer's Practice (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Forestry (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]
laid under paragraph 1(2) and (6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2019 and is subject to the **provisional affirmative** procedure—

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/58)
laid under section 41(3) and (4)(c) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2019 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Marine Environment (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/55)
laid under paragraph 1(1) of schedule 2 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/56)
laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

Genetically Modified Organisms (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/57)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Scotland Act 1998 (Specification of Functions and Transfer of Property etc.) Order 2019 (SI 2019/183)
laid under sections 90 and 93 of the Scotland Act 1998

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 20 February 2019—

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5):
Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee: Business Support, (SP Paper 470)

Health and Sport Committee, 4th Report 2019 (Session 5): Community Care
(Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 [draft]
(SP Paper 472)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant
clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general
committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 February 2019 and is
not subject to parliamentary procedure-

**Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued
Investigations Compendium of Case Reports for February 2019 SPSO/2019/02**
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act
2002

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