



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 107, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 8 May 2019

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Roseanna Cunningham) made a statement and answered questions on Deposit Return Scheme for Scotland.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Security and Older People and then on Finance, Economy and Fair Work were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. Scotland's Future, Scrap the Cut to the Air Departure Tax: Colin Smyth moved S5M-17190—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to abandon its policy to cut, then abolish, the Air Departure Tax.

Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S5M-17190.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17190 in the name of Colin Smyth (Scotland's Future, Scrap the Cut to the Air Departure Tax), leave out from "abandon" to end and insert "review its policies and commitments in response to the global climate emergency and the Committee on Climate Change Report; believes that the Scottish Government should maintain its commitment to increasing the share of capital expenditure spent on low-carbon projects year on year; agrees that local authorities must be more empowered to tackle climate change and pursue policies and investments that are designed to encourage modal shift, such as the workplace parking levy and low emission

zones, and further agrees that cutting and then abolishing Air Departure Tax is not now compatible with the more ambitious targets that Scotland wishes to pursue.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Jamie Greene moved amendment S5M-17190.4—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17190 in the name of Colin Smyth (Scotland’s Future, Scrap the Cut to the Air Departure Tax), leave out from “calls” to end and insert “notes the benefits of a competitive Air Departure Tax (ADT) regime; recognises that a reduction in this taxation for long-haul flights is essential for the retention and development of new intercontinental routes and economic ties across the world with a view to boost trade, tourism and inward investment into Scotland; understands that the devolution of ADT is a critical economic lever to achieve this, and calls on the Scottish Government to honour the commitment made in the manifesto it stood on in 2016 and introduce a reduction in Scotland’s current ADT regime.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to review its policies and commitments in response to the global climate emergency and the Committee on Climate Change Report; believes that the Scottish Government should maintain its commitment to increasing the share of capital expenditure spent on low-carbon projects year on year; agrees that local authorities must be more empowered to tackle climate change and pursue policies and investments that are designed to encourage modal shift, such as the workplace parking levy and low emission zones, and further agrees that cutting and then abolishing Air Departure Tax is not now compatible with the more ambitious targets that Scotland wishes to pursue.

4. Urgent Support for Scotland’s Midwives: Monica Lennon moved S5M-17191—That the Parliament acknowledges that the International Day of the Midwife took place on 5 May 2019 and commends the commitment and skills of Scotland’s midwives and their crucial role in caring for women and babies; recognises that a continuity of carer throughout the maternity journey is valued by women and that, if adequately resourced, can improve outcomes in maternity and neonatal care; is concerned that many midwives are experiencing significant workforce pressures; believes that action must be taken to address low morale, bullying and work-related stress; further believes that the concerns raised by midwives in NHS Lothian in an open letter, which claims that they do not have enough computers, equipment and pool cars, needs urgent investigation; understands that only £12 million has been allocated towards the implementation of the Best Start recommendations and believes that this funding falls short of what is needed to safely deliver the new

transformative models of care that are required by the Scottish Government, and urges the Scottish Government to ensure that all midwives have adequate time, training and resources and to provide an additional £10 million towards the implementation of the Best Start recommendations.

Minister for Mental Health (Clare Haughey) moved amendment S5M-17191.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17191 in the name of Monica Lennon (Urgent Support for Scotland's Midwives), leave out from "understands that only" to end and insert: "agrees that the contribution of 600 NHS staff, 600 maternity and neonatal service users, the NHS, the Royal College of Midwives, the National Childbirth Trust and Bliss, along with others, was instrumental in shaping the five-year plan for maternity and neonatal care; recognises that this expert input led to the plan taking a phased approach; further recognises that the initial budget of £12 million is only intended to support the initial phase, including implementation of the new model of continuity of carer at five early implementer sites across Scotland, and believes that the plan is the right way forward and, if fully and appropriately resourced, will result in mothers and babies being offered a truly family-centred, safe and compassionate approach to their care, with real continuity of care and carer."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S5M-17191.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-17191 in the name of Monica Lennon (Urgent Support for Scotland's Midwives), after "work-related stress" insert "and applauds the work undertaken by the Royal College of Midwives to help midwives deal with these issues, address bullying in the workplace and encourage a more supportive workplace culture".

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

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 26, Abstentions 5).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament acknowledges that the International Day of the Midwife took place on 5 May 2019 and commends the commitment and skills of Scotland's midwives and their crucial role in caring for women and babies; recognises that a continuity of carer throughout the maternity journey is valued by women and that, if adequately resourced, can improve outcomes in maternity and neonatal care; is concerned that many midwives are experiencing significant workforce pressures; believes that action must be taken to address low morale, bullying and work-related stress and applauds the work undertaken by the Royal College of Midwives to help midwives deal with these issues, address bullying in the workplace and encourage a more

supportive workplace culture; further believes that the concerns raised by midwives in NHS Lothian in an open letter, which claims that they do not have enough computers, equipment and pool cars, needs urgent investigation; agrees that the contribution of 600 NHS staff, 600 maternity and neonatal service users, the NHS, the Royal College of Midwives, the National Childbirth Trust and Bliss, along with others, was instrumental in shaping the five-year plan for maternity and neonatal care; recognises that this expert input led to the plan taking a phased approach; further recognises that the initial budget of £12 million is only intended to support the initial phase, including implementation of the new model of continuity of carer at five early implementer sites across Scotland, and believes that the plan is the right way forward and, if fully and appropriately resourced, will result in mothers and babies being offered a truly family-centred, safe and compassionate approach to their care, with real continuity of care and carer.

5. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17207—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Global Climate Emergency: Scotland's Response

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting Sheep Farming in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Place Principle

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 15 May 2019

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Economy; Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrat Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 16 May 2019

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: Justice and the Law Officers

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Food and Drink

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 May 2019

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Portfolio Questions: Government Business and Constitutional Relations; Culture, Tourism and External Affairs; Education and Skills

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 22 May 2019

1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Business Support Inquiry

followed by General Questions

followed by First Minister's Questions

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

(b) that, in relation to any debate on a business motion setting out a business programme taken on Wednesday 15 May 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";

(c) that, in relation to First Minister's Questions on Thursday 16 May 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"; and

(d) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 May 2019, 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.

6. Approval of SSI: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17208—That the Parliament agrees that the Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2019 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, and 6 as noted above.

8. Scotland, a Nation of Lifesavers: The Parliament debated S5M-16822 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament welcomes reports that every local authority in Scotland has now committed to training all secondary school pupils in CPR skills; believes that this will see the country sit alongside international CPR leaders, including Denmark and Norway, where cardiac arrest survival rates greatly increased after they took similar decisions to train young people; understands that the councils' commitment is in response to poor cardiac arrest survival rates, with only one in 12 people surviving a heart attack out of hospital; believes that the use of effective CPR is critical and can potentially double the likelihood of survival, and applauds each of Scotland's local authorities, including those in the Lothian region, on this plan to create a nation of lifesavers among the country's young people, which it believes will help more people survive out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
8 May 2019

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 8 May 2019:

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 23rd Report 2019 (Session 5)
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee on 7 May 2019 (SP Paper 523)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 8th May 2019 and is not
subject to parliamentary procedure-

HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection of the resourcing of events (HMICS/2019/02)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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