



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 23, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 5 September 2019

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Doors Open Days 2019:** The Parliament debated S5M-18570 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Civic Trust and its partners on organising 2019's Doors Open Days, which will take place across Scotland throughout September; understands that Doors Open Days is Scotland's largest festival that offers free access to over 1,000 venues across the country; notes that this annual event provides people with a chance to explore some of Scotland's architecturally and culturally significant buildings for free, with access to properties that are either not usually open to the public or that would normally charge an entry fee; is aware that Doors Open Days first took place in Glasgow and Ayr in 1990 where it formed part of the European City of Culture celebrations, meaning that the festival is now in its 30th year; acknowledges the hard work of the 6,300 volunteers who gave their time to run tours, steward sites and activities in 2018 and the many more who are anticipated to participate in this anniversary year; encourages local residents and visitors alike to take the opportunity offered by Doors Open Days to discover some of the world-class examples of architecture and building design in their communities, including the 24 sites available to visit in Cunninghame North, and believes that Doors Open Days make a positive and valuable impact on local communities by increasing knowledge of Scotland's built heritage.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing (Joe FitzPatrick) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Drug Related Deaths.

6. Avoiding a No-deal Exit from the EU: The Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations (Michael Russell) moved S5M-18695—That the Parliament agrees that the UK should in no circumstances leave the EU on a no-deal basis, and condemns the Prime Minister’s suspension of the UK Parliament from as early as 9 September until 14 October 2019.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-18695.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-18695 in the name of Michael Russell (Avoiding a No-deal Exit from the EU), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “should respect the result of the 2016 EU referendum; agrees that a negotiated exit remains the best way to deliver on that vote, and supports the UK Government in reaching a deal with the EU.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
5 September 2019

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

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2019 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Environmental Protection Act 1990 Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/draft)
laid under section 2(8) and (9)(e) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2019 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Environmental Liability etc. (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/276)
laid under paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Plant Health (Forestry) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2019 (SSI 2019/278)
laid under section 6 of the Plant Health Act 1967 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2019 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/277)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2019 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Registers of Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19 SG/2019/146 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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