



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 90, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 18 March 2020

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21303—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on Wednesday 18 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Education - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Economy - COVID-19

after

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Economy - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting our Communities - COVID-19

The motion was agreed to.

2. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Kate Forbes) and the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing), answered questions on Economy – COVID-19.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and, along with the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville), answered questions on Supporting our Communities – COVID-19.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and then on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

5. Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme: Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-21271—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 12 June 2008 and last amended by resolution of the Parliament on 15 March 2016, be amended to insert at the end of paragraph 3.4.1

“In exceptional circumstances the SPCB may reduce or suspend the qualifying period of absence and suspend the requirement in paragraph 3.4.2 for adequate medical certificates or other relevant documents.”

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21305—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on Thursday 19 March 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: COVID-19: Supporting our Communities

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Coronavirus Legislation

followed by Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

insert

1.45 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Economy, Fair Work and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Education - COVID-19

followed by Ministerial Statement: UK Coronavirus Legislation

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21297—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK COVID-19 Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 25 March 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills; Health and Sport

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Consumer Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 26 March 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Communities and Local Government

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 March 2020

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reform) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 1 April 2020

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Security and Older People; Finance

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 2 April 2020

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: 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

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 23 March 2020, 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.

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21287—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21288—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Cases and Upper Tribunal for Scotland (Composition) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21289—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Parking Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21290—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Registers of Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21291—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland General Regulatory Chamber Parking and Bus Lane Appeals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21292—That the Parliament agrees that the UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

14. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21293—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Judicial Members) Amendment Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

15. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21294—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

16. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21295—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Transfer of Functions of Bus Lane Adjudicators) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

17. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21296—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Liability for NHS Charges (Treatment of Industrial Disease) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

18. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
18 March 2020

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 18 March 2020—

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 2nd Report 2020
(Session 5): The UEFA European Championship (Trading and Advertising)
(Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SP Paper 706)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 18 March 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

NHS Scotland: Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2019 Annual Report SG/2020/41 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations

Compendium of Case Reports for March 2020 SPSO/2020/03 laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

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