



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 92, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 24 March 2020

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

The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Iain May, Minister, South Leith Parish Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21331—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21332—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 24 March 2020—

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Justice (COVID-19)

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: UK Coronavirus Bill

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Health (COVID-19)

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill - UK Legislation

6.00 pm Decision Time

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: First Minister

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Justice (COVID-19)

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: UK Coronavirus Bill - UK Legislation

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill - UK Legislation

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme

4.45 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 25 March 2020—

delete

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

5.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 26 March 2020—

delete

11:40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11:40 am General Questions

12:00 pm Ministerial Statement: First Minister

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

5.00 pm Decision Time

(d) Wednesday 1 April 2020—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.30 am Stage 1 Debate: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

11:30 am Ministerial Statement: COVID-19: Social Security

12.00 pm Ministerial Statement: First Minister

2.00 pm Stage 2: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: COVID-19 Emergency Legislation

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) and the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made statements and, along with other Cabinet Secretaries, answered questions on Novel coronavirus COVID-19.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Lord Advocate and Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made statements and answered questions on Justice – COVID-19.

**6. Coronavirus Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs (Michael Russell) moved S5M-21322—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Coronavirus Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 19 March 2020, so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020:** The Minister for Public Finance and Migration (Ben Macpherson) moved S5M-21327—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-21315—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Air Traffic Management and Unmanned Aircraft Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 9 January 2020, so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Reimbursement of Members' Expenses Scheme:** Andy Wightman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S5M-21330—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 18 March 2020, be amended to insert after paragraph 7.2.2: "7.2.3 The SPCB may, in exceptional circumstances, approve exceptional expenses incurred by members where the Scheme does not otherwise provide for reimbursement."

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21343—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on:

(a) Tuesday 31 March 2020—

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2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions

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

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 2 April 2020—

delete

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 Scottish Government Business

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21333—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 8 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**12. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21334—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Children (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 8 May 2020.

The motion was agreed to.

**13. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21335—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Domestic Abuse Bill (UK Legislation).

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-21336—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) 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-21337—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Annual Canvass) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) 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-21338—That the Parliament agrees that the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21339—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21340—That the Parliament agrees that the Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Act 2018 (Success Fee Agreements) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**19. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-21341—That the Parliament agrees that the Funeral Expense Assistance and Young Carer Grants (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**20. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
24 March 2020

## **Appendix**

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

### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 24 March 2020—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 21st Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 24 March 2020 (SP Paper 712)

Health and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Coronavirus Bill (LCM(S5)36) (SP Paper 713)

### **New Subordinate Legislation**

#### **Laid only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid on 24 March 2020 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2020 (SSI 2020/93)

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 24 March 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**List of Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets 2018-2045  
SG/2020/67**

laid under section 3C of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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