



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 63, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 17 November 2020

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Martin Ritchie, Minister at Greenbank Parish Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-23396—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 17 November 2020—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.10 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 19 November 2020—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, Europe and External Affairs

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID Vaccine

delete

4.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Scotland's Social Security Benefits.

**6. Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-23370—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's veterans and armed forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make to Scotland; supports the Strategy for our Veterans, developed jointly with the UK Government, devolved governments and partners across the public, private and third sectors, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that, earlier this year, the Scottish Government published its response to its strategy consultation setting out how it will take that vision forward in Scotland, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with the UK Government and the other devolved governments, to ensure that the veterans and armed forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

Alex Rowley moved amendment S5M-23370.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23370 in the name of Graeme Dey (Scottish Government Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2020), insert at end "; notes the impact of COVID-19 on the ability of veterans charities to raise funds and provide support for veterans and their families, and agrees to work with such charities to support them through this period."

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of Scotland's veterans and armed forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make to Scotland; supports the Strategy for our Veterans, developed jointly with the UK Government, devolved governments and partners across the public, private and third sectors, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes that, earlier this year,

the Scottish Government published its response to its strategy consultation setting out how it will take that vision forward in Scotland; agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with the UK Government and the other devolved governments, to ensure that the veterans and armed forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland; notes the impact of COVID-19 on the ability of veterans charities to raise funds and provide support for veterans and their families, and agrees to work with such charities to support them through this period.

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

**8. Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Musicians and Music Industry:** The Parliament debated S5M-23195 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament recognises the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on musicians, songwriters, composers and the wider music sector, including music education; believes that this has limited the ability of people in the sector to perform and earn income; understands that the Musicians Union and PRS for Music have been working hard to support their members by carrying out surveys and work such as encouraging action to be taken, and distributing over £3 million in hardship funding; understands that 34% of musicians surveyed have said that they may quit the industry due to the impact of the pandemic, that 47% have had to look for work outside music and 65% are facing financial hardship; notes that PRS for Music is predicting a fall of income of between 15-25%, including a 75% decline in income from live performances; acknowledges that, subject to pandemic protocols, many spaces for professional and non-professional musicians to perform and rehearse, including recording studios, are closed, further limiting options for creative output and generating income; regrets the impact that this will have on communities, including in Mid Scotland and Fife, their cultural activities, economy and wellbeing; understands that public health restrictions acutely impact live music venues, promoters and production companies; notes what it sees as the impact of the ban on background music on musicians' and composers' copyright returns, and, to ensure that Scotland's music and wider cultural infrastructure is protected, acknowledges the view that there is a need for the continued support of musicians and the music sector at what it sees as a time of crisis.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Claire Baker moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
17 November 2020

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 12 November 2020—

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 8th Report, 2020 (Session 5):  
COVID-19: impact on businesses, workers and the economy and pre-budget  
scrutiny (SP Paper 853)

The following reports were published on 13 November 2020—

Justice Committee, 18th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the  
Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 843)

Justice Committee, 19th Report, 2020 (Session 5): Stage 1 Report on the  
Post-mortem Examinations (Defence Time Limit) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper  
844)

The following report was published on 15 November 2020—

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 3rd Report, 2020 (Session 5): Race  
Equality, Employment and Skills: Making Progress? (SP Paper 854)

The following report was published on 17 November 2020—

Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee, 9th Report, 2020 (Session 5):  
Stage 1 Report on the Heat Networks (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 855)

**Subordinate Legislation**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2020 and  
is subject to the made affirmative procedure—

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.  
23) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/378)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008  
for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning  
with the day on which the Regulations were made, not taking into account  
periods of dissolution or recess for more than 4 days

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2020 and  
is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Cross-border Health Care (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020  
[draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

### **Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2020 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Food and Feed (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/372)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/376)  
laid under section 125(4) of the Police Act 1997 and section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

### **Laid Only Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2020 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Reciprocal Enforcement of Foreign Judgments (Norway) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2020 (SSI 2020/371)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/373 (C. 31))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 16 November 2020 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension: Adult Social Care) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/377)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/379 (C. 32))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

### **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 13 November 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2020 SG/2020/157** laid under section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982

**Transport Scotland: The costs and benefits of extending local Concessionary Travel Schemes to community bus services – A report in terms of Section 49 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 SG/2020/234** laid under section 49 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 November 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/142** laid under section 5(4) of Part 1 of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

**Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/229** laid under section 43(5) of the Police Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 17 November 2020 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Transport Focus Annual Report and Accounts 2019-20 SG/2020/241** laid under paragraph 11(6) of Schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

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