



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 65, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 19 November 2020

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

The meeting opened at 12.20 am.

- 1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, Europe and External Affairs were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport (Jeane Freeman) made a statement and answered questions on COVID Vaccine.
- 4. Improving Youth Football in Scotland:** Gail Ross, on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee, moved S5M-23361—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Petitions Committee's 2nd Report 2020 (Session 5), *PE1319: Improving youth football in Scotland* (SP Paper 763).

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

- 5. Coronavirus: Scotland's Strategic Approach:** The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) moved S5M-23416—That the Parliament agrees the measures set out by the Scottish Government on 17 November 2020 under its *Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Strategic Framework*, and notes that the regulations implementing these measures will be laid in Parliament.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S5M-23416.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23416 in the name of John Swinney (Coronavirus: Scotland's Strategic Approach), insert at end “; urges the Scottish Government to publish its scientific evidence that justifies keeping local authority areas in Level 4 for a three-week period; further urges it to provide immediate clarification with respect to new travel restrictions and to detail what powers the police will have to enforce these restrictions, noting the potential for a disproportionate impact on rural communities; acknowledges the severe impact of new restrictions on retail and hospitality businesses, particularly in the weeks preceding the festive period; calls for appropriate business support to protect jobs through the winter period, especially for those businesses going into Level 4 restrictions; further calls on the Scottish Government to establish a Coronavirus Business Advisory Council, and calls on it to allow for a one-week adaptation period from the announcement and introduction of new restrictions.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 71, Abstentions 0).

Richard Leonard moved amendment S5M-23416.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23416 in the name of John Swinney (Coronavirus: Scotland's Strategic Approach), leave out from “and notes” to end and insert “on condition that the Scottish Government introduces a programme of mass testing and improves the operation of Test and Protect to contain the virus and prevent the need for further tighter restrictions, withdraws the regulation imposing a statutory travel ban and consults the Parliament on any future regulations.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 99, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S5M-23416.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-23416 in the name of John Swinney (Coronavirus: Scotland's Strategic Approach), insert at end “; believes that these measures can only be fully effective if the test, trace, isolate, support system continues to improve; recognises that self-isolation poses significant challenges for many people, which the existing conditional self-isolation grant cannot fully meet, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a comprehensive package of support for self-isolation to ensure that everyone who needs to is able to take this step to protect their community.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 23, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees the measures set out by the Scottish Government on 17 November 2020 under its *Coronavirus (COVID-19): Scotland's Strategic Framework*; notes that the regulations implementing these measures will be laid in Parliament; believes that these measures can only be fully

effective if the test, trace, isolate, support system continues to improve; recognises that self-isolation poses significant challenges for many people, which the existing conditional self-isolation grant cannot fully meet, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a comprehensive package of support for self-isolation to ensure that everyone who needs to is able to take this step to protect their community.

6. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 6.40 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
19 November 2020

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 19 November 2020—

Covid-19 Committee, 9th Report 2020 (Session 5) Subordinate legislation considered by the Covid-19 Committee at its meeting on 18 November 2020 (SP Paper 856)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 66th Report 2020 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 19 November 2020 (SP Paper 857)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th Report 2020 (Session 5): Review of the Presiding Officer's determination to identify a Scottish Law Commission Bill as defined in Rule 9.17A of Standing Orders on 19 November 2020 (SP Paper 858)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was re-laid before the Parliament on 19 November 2020 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Invasive Non-native Species (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(1) and (3) of schedule 2 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 19 November 2020 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Animal Health and Welfare and Official Controls (Agriculture) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/380)

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

Valuation Appeal Committee (Procedure in Civil Penalty Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/382)

laid under Section 15(4) of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1963, and sections 31(7) and 34(5) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Genetically Modified Organisms and Pesticides (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/381)
laid under Schedule 7 paragraph 1(3) European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 November 2020 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 11) Regulations 2020 (SSI 2020/383 (C. 33))
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 19 November 2020 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 SG/2020/190 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 SG/2020/191 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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