



Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

30 April 2024

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- George Adam
- Gillian Mackay
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Callum Thomson
- Joanna Kendall
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Matthew Linden
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 23 April.

Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 29 April and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 6 and 13 May.

3. Alexander Burnett raised his party's request for a statement by the Lord Advocate on Horizon/Post Office prosecutions and convictions, which Labour had supported. The Minister responded that this request was under consideration.
4. The Bureau noted a change to that week's Members Business: Motion S6M-12695: Ariane Burgess: Welcoming the Five Bids Submitted for the Designation of Scotland's Next National Park, would be replaced with S6M-12420: Maggie Chapman Celebrating Workers and Trade Unions on May Day.
5. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 7 May would be S6M-12540: Richard Leonard: Supporting the Further Education Workforce; on Wednesday 8 May: S6M-12707: Emma Harper: World Asthma Day and on Thursday 9 May: S6M-12342: Collette Stevenson: Shining a Light on Domestic Abuse in LGBT+ History Month.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 2

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—
 - consideration of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 24 May 2024 and
 - consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 24 May 2024.

Agenda item 4 – Referral of an LCM

7. The Bureau agreed to refer the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Victims and Prisoners Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 5 – Recess Dates

8. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion recommending the dates of the Parliamentary recesses up to January 2026.

Agenda item 5 – Management of Parliamentary Business

9. The Bureau noted changes to the arrangements for parliamentary business following the ending of the Bute House Agreement.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau

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