



Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

01 October 2024

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Jamie Hepburn
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Callum Thomson
- Irene Fleming
- Mark Brough
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Katy Orr
- Sigrid Robinson
- Lucy Scharbert
- Gael Scott
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Gail Grant
- Joanne Kendall
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 24 September.

Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 30 September and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 7 and 28 October.

Agenda item 3 – Timetabling of a Bill

3. The Bureau agreed the following for the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill—
 - Stage 2 consideration be completed by Tuesday 29 October;
 - the lodging deadline for Stage 2 amendments to be 12 noon on Wednesday 23 October;
 - the date for Stage 3 consideration to be 5 November; and
 - the lodging deadline for Stage 3 amendments would be 12 noon on Friday 1 November.
4. The Bureau noted that agreeing a deadline for the lodging of amendments to occur during recess period was an absolutely exceptional decision.
5. The Bureau agreed to lodge a Motion setting out the deadlines and Standing Order Rule suspensions in line with the agreed expedited timetable for consideration of the Bill.
6. Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on the Motion.

Agenda item 4 – Consideration of Bills at Stage 2

7. The Bureau agreed to—
 - refer the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill back to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 15 November; and
 - refer the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill back to the Criminal Justice Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 11 October.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee for the Criminal Justice Modernisation and Abusive Domestic Behaviour Reviews (Scotland) Bill.

Agenda item 6 – Approval of an SSI

9. Business Managers agreed to recommend to Parliament that the Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 be approved.

Agenda item 7 – Referral of LCMs

10. The Bureau agreed to refer—
 - the LCM on the Renters' Rights Bill to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee as lead committee; and
 - the LCM on the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill to the Economy and Fair Work Committee as lead committee.

Agenda item 8 – Review of Members' Business Motions

11. Business Managers agreed to retain the following Members' Business Motions on the Business Bulletin—
 - S6M-12169: Richard Leonard: Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Miners' Strike
 - S6M-12209: Jamie Halcro Johnson: 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
 - S6M-13569: Clare Haughey: Raising Awareness of Liver Disease (will be selected for Member's Business w/c 7 October)
 - S6M-12918: Fulton MacGregor: Tackling Sibling Sexual Abuse in Scotland
 - S6M-13331: Emma Roddick: Recognising the Dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - S6M-13635: Stephanie Callaghan: 80th Anniversary of One Parent Families Scotland
 - S6M-13402: Audrey Nicoll: Invasive Non-native Species in Scotland

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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