



Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

12 November 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
- Irene Fleming
- Mark Brough
- Katy Orr
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Gail Grant
- Joanne 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 5 November.

Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of Business for the week beginning 11 November and a programme of business for the weeks beginning 18 and 25 November.

Agenda item 3 – Consideration of Future Business

3. Business Managers discussed an approach to proposed emergency legislation to introduce changes to the release point for prisoners. The Bureau agreed—
 - that a debate on a Motion to designate the Bill as an Emergency Bill would take place on Thursday 21 November for a duration of 30 minutes. (Alexander Burnett and Martin Whitfield reserved their parties' position on the Business Motion which would include this item).

Agenda item 4 – Consideration of a Bill at Stage 2

4. Business Managers agreed to refer the Scottish Languages Bill back to the Education, Children and Young People Committee for consideration at Stage 2, and to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Bill at Stage 2 be completed by Friday 20 December 2024.

Agenda item 5 – Approval of SSIs

5. Business Managers noted that motions would be lodged to approve the following instruments—
 - Town and Country Planning (Amendment of National Planning Framework) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
 - The Masterplan Consent Area Scheme (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
 - The Free-Range Egg Marketing Standards (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
 - The Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024.
6. Alexander Burnett, Martin Whitfield and Gillian Mackay reserved their parties' positions on the Winter Heating Assistance (Pension Age) (Scotland) Regulations 2024.

Agenda item 6 – Correspondence from the Finance and Public Administration Committee

7. Business Managers agreed—
 - to recommend to the Parliament that a Committee should be established to review Scotland's Commissioner Landscape; and
 - to finalise details relating to the establishment of the committee and agree a motion, to include the committee's membership and convenership, at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 7 Correspondence from the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

8. Business Managers agreed to note correspondence on the Committee's report on its inquiry into the A9 Dualling Project and to return to the matter following a debate on the Committee's report.

Agenda Item 8 Correspondence from the Public Audit Committee

9. Business Managers agreed a response to the Public Audit Committee on Committee meeting days.

Agenda Item 9 Committee Membership Changes

10. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing a change to Committee membership, to be taken at Decision Time on Wednesday 13 November, to take effect from that point forward.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
November 2024