



Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

19 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
- Mark Brough
- Katy Orr
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Gail Grant
- Joanne Kendall
- Jennifer Griffin
- Samantha Currie
- Matthew Linden

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 12 November.

Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of Business for the week beginning 18 November and a programme of business for the weeks beginning 25 November and 2 December.
3. Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on the item on Thursday 28 November on Appointments of Commissioners of the Scottish Land Commission.

Agenda item 3 – Consideration of Future Business

4. Business Managers discussed an approach to proposed emergency legislation to introduce changes to the release point for prisoners. The Bureau noted —
 - The Scottish Government’s proposal that, subject to the Parliament’s agreement to treat the Bill as an emergency bill, Stage 1 of the Prisoner Release (Scotland) Bill would take place on Thursday 21 November and Stages 2 and 3 on Tuesday 26 November and noted that a Bureau motion including these dates would be lodged.
 - that the Presiding Officer would consider a suitable deadline for lodging of Stage 2 amendments and advise Business Managers in due course.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of an SSI

5. Business Managers noted that a motion would be lodged to approve the following instrument—
 - Funeral Expense Assistance (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/Draft)

Agenda item 5 – Establishment of a Committee

6. Business Managers agreed—
 - to establish a Committee of six Members, to be drawn from the six parties represented in the Parliament, with an SNP Convener and no deputy Convener;
 - a draft remit for the Committee
 - that the duration of the Committee would be until 30 September 2025.
 - that a motion setting out these details and details of membership would be circulated for the Bureau to agree before lodging.

Agenda item 6 – Committee Substitute Changes

7. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing a change to Committee substitutes, to be taken at Decision Time on Wednesday 20 November, to take effect from that point forward.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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