



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

4 March 2025

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

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 25 February.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week beginning 3 March and a programme of business for the weeks beginning 10 and 17 March.
3. Business Managers noted that Members Business in the week beginning 10 March would be—

- Tuesday 11 March: Alexander Stewart: Additional Support Needs in Scotland
- Wednesday 12 March: Audrey Nicoll: International Women's Day 2025
- Thursday 13 March: Paul O'Kane: Young Carers Action Day 2025.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Agenda item 4 – Approval of SSIs

5. Business Managers noted that motions to approve the following instruments would be lodged—
 - The Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025
 - The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025
 - The Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (List A and B Offences) Amendment Regulations 2025
 - the Regulated Roles with Children and Adults (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025
 - The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2025
 - The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025

Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on the Rural Support (Improvement) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025.

Katy Orr
 Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
 March 2025