



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

25 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
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Sigrid Robinson
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie
- Ellen Wright

Agenda item 1 – Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on 18 March.

Agenda item 2 – Business Programme

2. The Bureau confirmed the programme of business for the week beginning 24 March and agreed a programme of business for the weeks beginning 31 March and 21 April.

3. Business Managers noted that Members Business in the week beginning 31 March would be—
 - Tuesday 1 April: Daniel Johnson: Learning Disability, Autism and Neurodivergence Bill.
 - Wednesday 2 April: Jamie Halcro Johnston: Scotland's Islands.
 - Thursday 3 April: George Adam: Celebrating the University of the West of Scotland's Groundbreaking Foundation Academy.

Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (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 Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025.
 - The Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2025.
 - The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Further Extension) Order 2025.
6. Alexander Burnett and Martin Whitfield reserved their parties' positions on the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Qualifications Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2025.

Agenda item 5 – Referral of an LCM

7. Business Managers agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum relating to the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
March 2025