

# Parliamentary Bureau – Committee request to meet at the same time as the Parliament

## Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

### Introduction

1. The Parliamentary Bureau is invited to consider a request from the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee to meet at the same time as plenary proceedings on Tuesday 29 October, from 2pm until the time at which the Committee has concluded Stage 2 proceedings on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.

### Background to Request

2. The Committee is lead committee for scrutiny of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill, which is proceeding through the Parliament on an expedited timetable.
3. The Parliament has agreed that Stage 2 must end by 29 October. The Committee's 29 October meeting is the only scheduled meeting between the Stage 1 debate and the Stage 2 deadline. This means that the Committee has only 1 meeting at which to consider Stage 2 amendments.
4. The number of amendments that will be lodged is unknown but, given the high interest among Members, it is possible that this number may be high. The Committee therefore considers it prudent to seek extra time in which to continue consideration of amendments if this cannot be completed during the usual Committee meeting time.
5. Given the current uncertainty surrounding the volume of amendments, it is difficult to propose an end time to the proposed meeting. The Committee is therefore seeking agreement to meet for as long as is necessary to complete the Stage 2. This will ensure the Bill can proceed in line with the timetable agreed by the Parliament.

### Timings proposed for meeting

6. In terms of Chamber business, the Committee is seeking approval to meet from 2pm, during Time for Reflection, Topical Questions and the Scottish Government Business that follows. While it is prudent, on a contingency basis, to request permission to continue the meeting across all of these items, it is the Committee's hope that the Stage 2 would be completed in good time to allow participation in as much Chamber business as possible.

### Decision

7. The Bureau is invited to consider the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's request and to recommend to the Parliament that the Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber on Tuesday 29 October from

2pm until the conclusion of the Stage 2 on the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Bill.

**Parliamentary Business Team**

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