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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 22 December 2022

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-07312—That the Parliament agrees that the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 86, Against 39, Abstentions 0).

- 4. Revised Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-07375—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 10 January 2023—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: People's Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland's Democratic Mandate.

Alexander Burnett moved amendment S6M-07375.2

As an amendment to motion S6M-07375 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out "Scottish Government Debate: People's Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland's Democratic Mandate" and insert—

"Ministerial Statement: Curriculum for Excellence Achievement Statistics

followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Transport Projects Review 2

followed by Ministerial Statement: Biodiversity Strategy".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 30, Against 68 Abstentions 24).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-07375.1

As an amendment to motion S6M-07375 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out "People's Right to Choose - Respecting Scotland's Democratic Mandate" and insert "A New NHS Recovery Plan".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 54, Against 68 Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 68, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands, then on Health and Social Care, and then on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Climate Change Committee's Review of Scottish Emissions Targets and Progress Report 2022.

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

8. Maternity Services at Dr Gray's: The Parliament debated S6M-07192 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament notes with concern reports that Moray women and families are now in the fifth winter of living with what it considers downgraded maternity services; believes that this is unacceptable and notes the view that the full focus of the Scottish Government and NHS Grampian should be on delivering on model six, which is a return to a consultant-led maternity unit in Elgin; acknowledges the reported significant objections from campaigners and clinicians to

model four, which is a community maternity unit linked mainly to Raigmore; understands that clinicians have stated that plans for model four are “predicated on a transparently and wildly inaccurate underestimate of the number of Moray patients who would deliver at Raigmore Hospital”, and that they are “fundamentally flawed”; believes that NHS Grampian will detail its plan for model six at a meeting of its board on 15 December 2022, and notes the view that the Parliament should have an early opportunity to debate this plan and hear the Scottish Government's response to it.

The meeting closed at 6.02 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 December 2022

Appendix

(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 22 December 2022—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 14th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Report on the Legislative Consent
Memorandum (LCM) for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (SP Paper
278)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 8th Report,
2022 (Session 6): Complaint against Jackson Carlaw MSP (SP Paper 289)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 22 December 2022 and is
not subject to parliamentary procedure—

NatureScot Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/253) – laid under
section 10 of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991

**Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority Annual Report and
Accounts 2021/22 (SG/2022/252)** – laid under section 26 of the National Parks
(Scotland) Act 2000

**Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Annual Report of SAWC Activity 2021-
2022 (SG/2022/300)** – laid under Section 14(2) of the Scottish Animal Welfare
Commission Regulations 2020

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 22 December 2022 and is
subject to the negative procedure—

Parole Board (Scotland) Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/385)
laid under section 45 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland)
Act 1993

Laid Only instruments

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 22 December 2022 and is
not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 10) Regulations 2022 (SSI
2022/386 (C. 21))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

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