



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 63, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 19 December 2024

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 a Minister.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 4. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.
- 5. Repairing Potholes on Scotland's Roads:** The Parliament debated S6M-14155 in the name of Pam Gosal— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the degrading state of Scotland's roads, due to potholes; understands that, between April 2023 and February 2024, 108,256 potholes were recorded in 29 out of 32 Scottish local authorities, including 2,463 potholes in East Dunbartonshire and 1,867 potholes in West Dunbartonshire; further understands that the number of potholes recorded by local authorities has increased by 15% since the fiscal year 2021-22; acknowledges the findings of a report from the RAC, which has shown that the state of roads was the main concern of six in 10 drivers across the UK, and that pothole damage costs drivers an average of £460, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to take meaningful action to repair Scotland's roads by providing local authorities with the funding that they need to repair potholes.

The meeting closed at 1.59 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
19 December 2024

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

Subordinate Legislation

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 December 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ardersier Port Limited (Pilotage Powers) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/382)
laid under section 30 of the Pilotage Act 1987

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 December 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Argyll Ferries Limited SC391762 Directors Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/300) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

CalMac Ferries Limited SC302282 Strategic Report, Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/298) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne Limited SCO15304 Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/297) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited SC282760 Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/299) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Marine Protected Area Network 2024 Report to the Scottish Parliament (SG/2024/306) laid under Section 103 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 and Section 124 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

NatureScot Scotland's Nature Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2023/24 (SG/2024/65) laid under section 10 of the Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991

Redress Scotland Annual report and Accounts 2023/2024 (SG/2024/311) laid under Section 17 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA)'s Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/62) laid under Section 11(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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