



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 25 February 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Wayne Sutton, Senior Pastor, Carrubbers Christian Centre, led Time for Reflection.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16585—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the third legislative consent memorandum on the Great British Energy Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 110 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 7).

3. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16586—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 25 February 2025—

after

followed by Topical Questions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Concerns Raised Regarding Care of Children at Skye House

after

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Great British Energy Bill - UK Legislation

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Concerns Raised Regarding Care of Children at Skye House.

6. Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2 and 3.

7. Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-16562—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 21).

8. Great British Energy Bill - UK Legislation: The Acting Minister for Climate Action (Alasdair Allan) moved S6M-16578—That the Parliament agrees that all relevant provisions of the Great British Energy Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 25 July 2024 and subsequently amended in relation to an independent review of GB Energy (clause 6A) on 20 February 2025, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 7).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-15868 in the name of Emma Harper— That the Parliament recognises that the week of 24 February to 2 March is Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2025, and that the theme is that anyone can be affected by an eating disorder; understands that eating disorders affect at least one in 50 people across Scotland, including people of all

ages, genders and backgrounds, with anorexia nervosa having a higher mortality rate than any other mental health condition, and that there is a range of recognised eating disorders; further understands that the sooner someone is treated for an eating disorder, the better their chance of making a full recovery, but that people too often delay seeking help due to perceived stigma and misconceptions about who can develop an eating disorder; welcomes the work of Beat, a UK-wide charity supporting people living with eating disorders and their families; understands that Beat continues to provide help across Scotland through funding from the Scottish Government; notes what it sees as the importance of protecting vital eating disorder services during the current fiscal challenges, and further notes the calls encouraging anyone in Scotland concerned about an eating disorder to contact their GP surgery and reach out to Beat on 0808 801 0432 or at beateatingdisorders.org.uk.

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
25 February 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 24 February 2025—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 3rd Report, 2025 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
on 19 February 2025 (SP Paper 740)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 2nd Report, 2025
(Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Committee on 19
February 2025 (SP Paper 741)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 12th Report, 2025 (Session
6): Delegated powers in the Leases (Automatic Continuation etc.) (Scotland)
Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 742)

The following report was published on 25 February 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report, 2025 (Session
6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 25 February 2025 (SP Paper 743)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2025 and is
subject to the negative procedure—

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SSI
2025/48)
laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 February 2025 and is
not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2025
(SSI 2025/47)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 February 2025 and is
not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2 (Amendment) and
Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2025 (SSI 2025/49 (C.5))

laid under section 28(2) of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 24 February 2025—

Gillian Martin, Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Great British Energy
Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-48c)

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