



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 70, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 21 January 2025

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Chris Hellawell, Director, Edinburgh Tool Library, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.
- 3. Compensation for WASPI Women:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-16160—That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to compensate Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) women as recommended by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-16160.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-16160 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Compensation for WASPI Women), insert at end “; acknowledges that the UK Government has apologised to women who have been impacted as a result of maladministration, and agrees that the UK Government should look at all options for remedy, particularly for those most adversely impacted.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 72 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-16184—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 23 January 2025—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government response to Fatal Accident Inquiries into the Deaths of Katie Allan and William Brown

followed by Ministerial Statement: Future of the National Care Service

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. European Showmen's Union Congress 2025: The Parliament debated S6M-16016 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament welcomes the European Showmen's Union (ESU) to Edinburgh for its 43rd national congress from 21 to 23 January 2025; understands the event will bring together delegates from 17 countries to celebrate the ties between The Showmen's Guild of Great Britain and its European counterparts to discuss current topics, such as safeguarding the industry and the preservation and promotion of European fairgrounds, and to promote friendly cooperation and international understanding; notes that the international industry meeting, which takes place every two years, is being held in Britain for the first time; further notes that the ESU was founded to promote cooperation between the member countries and to create a common voice for the fairground industry and the future of the fairgrounds as a cultural asset; understands that it is one of the oldest European professional organisations, with over 70,000 members; believes that hosting the Congress in Edinburgh will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase Scotland's rich heritage and the history of Scotland's showpeople communities, highlighting their contributions to European and international cultural exchanges, and commends the ESU for what it sees as its continued commitment to supporting the

livelihoods of showmen and showwomen and ensuring that their voices are represented in policy discussions at all levels.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
21 January 2025

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 17 January 2025—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 1st Report, 2025 (Session 6): Follow-up inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland (SP Paper 720)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 721)

The following report was published on 20 January 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Data (Use and Access) Bill (SP Paper 723)

The following report was published on 21 January 2025—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2025 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 January 2025 (SP Paper 724)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2025—

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Incidental, Supplementary and Consequential Provision) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 91(3) of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 January 2025 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery (Variation) Order 2025 (SSI 2025/7)
laid under section 20(2) of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 17 January 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: The Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 (SCoSS/2025/01)
laid under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Third Annual Statement Under Section 2(8) and 2(9) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims Of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2025/1) laid under Section 2(8) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 January 2025 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Ofgem Annual Report and Accounts - Scotland foreword 2023-24 (SG/2025/14)
laid under section 5 of the Utilities Act 2000

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2025/7) laid under section 5 of the Utilities Act 2000

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