



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 4 June 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Joseph J Morrow, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Annual Progress Report 2023-24.
- 4. Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-13464—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-13176—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

- (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and
- (b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. A Vision for Health and Social Care in Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) moved S6M-13466—That the Parliament recognises the urgent and critical need for health and social care reform within the context of an ageing population, persistent health inequalities and fiscal pressures, whilst ensuring that the founding principle that the NHS in Scotland remains in the hands of the public and is free at the point of use will not change; agrees that reform must focus on a more sustainable healthcare system, performance improvement, prevention, providing quality services and maximising access, with a foundation of due consideration for the people at the heart of Scotland's health and social care services, including the workforce; recognises the importance of continuing to invest in mental health and GP services, including the investment of £190 million in 2024-25 for multi-disciplinary teams to support general practice and the new support for protected learning time in GP practices, and supports the Scottish Government's commitment to a national engagement that will inform and inspire the reform programme.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-13466.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13466 in the name of Neil Gray (A Vision for Health and Social Care in Scotland), leave out from second “, including” to end and insert “; notes with concern that the Scottish Government has frozen all major NHS project investment for two years and that, for waiting lists to be cut, construction on these projects must resume immediately; further notes that the Scottish Government's A&E target has not been met in almost four years and that its 62-day cancer referral standard has not been met in over a decade; notes with alarm that one in seven people in Scotland are now on an NHS waiting list, and that the Scottish Government has failed to meet its targets to end long waits for treatment; requests that the Scottish Government reconsider its plans for a National Care Service, which will only serve to take power away from local authorities, and will not address the underlying issues in social care; reminds the Scottish Government that, since it promised to end delayed discharge seven years ago, successive health secretaries have failed to do so, and emphasises that any reform of health and social care must address the issues listed above as a matter of urgency and incorporate modern, efficient and local solutions into the health service.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 57, Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote)).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-13466.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13466 in the name of Neil Gray (A Vision for Health and Social Care in Scotland), insert at end “; is concerned that 840,300 people in Scotland are on NHS waiting lists for tests and treatment, of which over 87,000 have waited more than a year; notes that more patients are forced to use the private sector, with the latest data showing that the number of privately paid for hospital admissions is 80% higher than before the

COVID-19 pandemic, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a plan for reducing waiting times.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 87, Abstentions 7 (including 1 proxy vote)).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 30, Abstentions 0).

7. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13492— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 5 June 2024—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Low Emission Zones - Protecting Public Health and Improving Air Quality

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 6 June 2024—

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.55 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.03 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

9 Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

10. Child Safety Week 2024: The Parliament debated S6M-13063 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament marks Child Safety Week, the flagship annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), which takes place between 3 and 9 June 2024; understands that the 2024 theme, Safety Sorted!, encourages families to feel confident that, with one small change, they can stop a serious accident and be clear what they need to do to keep children safe; considers that Child Safety Week acts as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities across Scotland, helping families to build confidence and skills in managing the real risks to children’s safety; believes that child safety is a social justice issue and understands that children living in Scotland’s most deprived communities are more likely to experience preventable accidents than those from the least deprived areas; applauds Child Safety Week’s online resources and activities, which are available free to families and agencies; commends CAPT and other safety organisations for their ongoing efforts to promote the safety and wellbeing of children, and wishes all the organisers and volunteers the best for Child Safety Week 2024.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
4 June 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 31 May 2024—

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Education, Children and Young People Committee 2023 - 2024 (SP Paper 600)

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee 2023-24 (SP Paper 605)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee (SP Paper 611)

The following report was published on 3 June 2024—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 11th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee on 21 May 2024 (SP Paper 591)

The following report was published on 4 June 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 4th June 2024 (SP Paper 612)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 31 May 2024—

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Amendment Order 2024 [draft]
laid under sections 3A(3) and 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 June 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 31 May 2024 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers Rules) (Amendment) 2024 (SSI 2024/157)

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

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Mutual Legal Assistance) 2024 (SSI 2024/159)

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

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