



The Scottish Parliament o Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 4, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 21 May 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Esther Elliott, Church of Scotland Community Chaplain, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13317—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 21 May 2024—

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Infected Blood Inquiry

after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 22 May 2024—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Priorities for Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

4. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Infected Blood Inquiry.

5. Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-13292— That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT)

6. Post Office (Horizon System) Offences (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-13232— That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Post Office (Horizon System) Offences

(Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT)

7 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 5.28 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

9. National Epilepsy Week: The Parliament debated S6M-13087 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament recognises National Epilepsy Week, which runs from 20 to 26 May 2024; notes that this takes place to raise awareness of epilepsy, the challenges that those living with the condition face and to promote greater understanding and inclusion; further notes, in particular, the employment challenges that can face those living with epilepsy; understands that it is the most prevalent of the main neurological conditions, with around 58,000 people living with epilepsy in Scotland; recognises what it sees as the importance of National Epilepsy Week to foster conversations and greater understanding amongst the general public of the condition and what to do when someone has a seizure; welcomes the work of local groups such as West Dunbartonshire Epilepsy Support Group and, nationally, Epilepsy Scotland, for what it regards as the vital social support services that they provide to those living with epilepsy, but notes the reported difficulties that they are facing through independently funding these services, and hopes for a productive and successful National Epilepsy Week.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
21 May 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 17 May 2024—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6):
Report on the Transport Partnerships (Transfer of Functions) (Scotland) Order
2024 [draft] (SP Paper 592)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 May 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/146)
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 May 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI
2024/147)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 May 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Sheriff (Removal from Office) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/148)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 20 May 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report to The Scottish Parliament in Respect of Changes to The Scottish Teachers' Pension Scheme (SG/2024/112) laid under Section 22 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Scottish Government: Eighth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (SG/2024/31) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

UK Government's Eighth Annual Report on the Implementation of the Scotland Act 2016 (SG/2024/30) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 May 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scotland's Census 2022 - Ethnic group, national identity, language and religion (SG/2024/89) laid under Section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920

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