



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 5, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 22 May 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, and then on Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Priorities for Scotland.
- 3. Adult Mental Health:** Richard Leonard, on behalf of the Public Audit Committee, moved S6M-13291—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Public Audit Committee's 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6), Adult mental health (SP Paper 532).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports that Creative Scotland was aware that the project, Rein, which received £76,196 of funding from the organisation, had scenes that were of a sexually explicit nature before awarding it funding, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson).
- 5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13318—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 May 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Vision for Health and Social Care in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 June 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 5 June 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 6 June 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 May 2024, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Stage 2 Extension: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13319—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Circular Economy (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be extended to 31 May 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13320—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13321—That the Parliament agrees that the Transport Partnerships (Transfer of Functions) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13326—That the Parliament agrees that Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Gillian Mackay as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. National Lyme Disease Awareness Month: The Parliament debated S6M-12082 in the name of Alexander Burnett—That the Parliament recognises that May 2024 marks Lyme Disease Awareness Month, which aims to raise awareness of the disease in order to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment; understands that Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can be spread to humans by infected ticks; recognises that cases of Lyme disease have been reported across Scotland, but that diagnosis and treatment of the disease can be difficult and complex due to varying symptoms, including a "bullseye" bite, rash, fatigue and flu-like symptoms; notes the importance of early diagnosis and access to antibiotic treatment, as in some cases Lyme disease can have long-term symptoms impacting someone's health, including memory problems, joint and nerve pain and heart problems, and further notes the view that there is still much more progress to be made in educating medical professionals across Scotland to help improve detection of the disease, as well as spreading public health information on how to prevent and treat Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses.

The meeting closed at 6.09 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 May 2024

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 22 May 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21st May 2024 (SP Paper 593)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 21 May 2024 (SP Paper 594)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 22 May 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2024 (SPSO/2024/05) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Published by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

All documents are available on
the Scottish Parliament website at:

www.parliament.scot/documents

For information on the Scottish Parliament contact
Public Information on:

Telephone: 0131 348 5000 or 0800 092 7500

Email: sp.info@parliament.scot

Live chat on parliament.scot

You can write to us in any language or contact us
using the Text Relay service or in British Sign

Language through contactScotland-BSL.

© Parliamentary copyright. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

The Scottish Parliament's copyright policy can be found on the website -
www.parliament.scot or by contacting Public Information.