



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 6, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 23 May 2024

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (John Swinney).

**3. Europe Day 2024:** The Parliament debated S6M-12992 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament is pleased to celebrate Europe Day 2024, which takes place on 9 May and marks the 74th anniversary of the historic Schuman Declaration; considers that Europe Day is a chance to reflect on the aspiration for peace and unity across Europe, both within and outwith the EU; notes with alarm that this Europe Day takes place at a time of war in Europe, and reinforces Scotland's solidarity with the people of Ukraine; applauds the efforts of organisations, including the European Movement in Scotland, New Europeans UK, Citizens' Rights Project, and the Scottish Council on Global Affairs, to mark Europe Day 2024 with a Festival of Europe, which will be held from 11-12 May at Summerhall in Edinburgh; is firm in the belief that Scotland remains a steadfastly European nation, bound to its neighbours by a long history of cultural, social and economic ties; notes that the flag of Europe is still flown with pride outside the Scottish Parliament building; recommit to the shared EU values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law and human rights, as well as the EU motto, "United in Diversity"; notes what it sees as the positive impact that EU programmes and structural funds have had on communities in the Na h-Eileanan an Iar constituency and across rural Scotland; regrets what it sees as the continued

damage on Scotland's economy and society resulting from Brexit, and that, it believes, the people of Scotland had their European citizenship taken from them against their democratic will; notes the belief that it is in Scotland's interests to rejoin the EU and the single market, and reaffirms what it considers to be Scotland's aspiration to play an active role in its European future.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Transport were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13358—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 28 May 2024—

delete

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

and insert

7.20 pm Decision Time

**6. 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 4.32 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to be taken on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.32 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
23 May 2024

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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 22 May 2024—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 10th Report, 2024 (Session 6):  
Annual Report of the Health, Social Care, and Sport Committee 2023-24 (SP  
Paper 590)

The following reports were published on 23 May 2024—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6):  
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security  
Committee on 23 May 2024 (SP paper 589)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report,  
2024 (Session 6): Complaint against Michael Matheson MSP (SP Paper 597)

**Legislative Consent Memorandum**

The following memorandum was lodged on 23 May 2024—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs:  
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice Bill  
(UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-43b)

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 23 May 2024 and is not  
subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme: Progress Report 2023-24 -  
Fifth annual progress report on the “Climate Ready Scotland: Scotland’s  
Climate Change Adaptation Programme 2019 to 2024” (SG/2024/110)**  
laid under Section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

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