



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 52, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 26 November 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev. Teri C Peterson, Minister at Gourock, St John's Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2A, 2, 4 and 5.

The following amendment was moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn:
3.

- 4. 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 shall begin at 9.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

- 5. Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-15603— That the Parliament agrees that the Prisoners (Early Release) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 67 (including 3 proxy votes), Against 54 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

6. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-15624—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 28 November 2024—

after

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Supporting Older People with Increasing Energy Costs

and after

followed by Financial Resolution: Housing (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Appointments of Commissioners of the Scottish Land Commission

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: There were no divisions as a result of today's business.

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
26 November 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 26 November 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 70th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26th November 2024 (SP Paper 692)

The following report will be published on 27 November 2024—

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 12th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Interim report on petition PE1758: End greyhound racing in Scotland (SP Paper 693)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft]
laid under section 15(2) of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2024 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Electronic Monitoring (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/354)
laid under section 15 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 November 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules 2021 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Statutory Interveners) 2024 (SSI 2024/353)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 22 November 2024—

Kate Forbes, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Gaelic: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Data (Use and Access) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-52)

Other Documents

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

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited, Annual Report and Accounts For the Year to 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/203) laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 November 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/286) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Security Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2023-24 (SG/2024/139) laid under Paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24, For the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/271) laid under Scotland Act 1998 section 88

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