



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 54, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 28 November 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. 25 Years of Tweeddale Youth Action:** The Parliament debated S6M-14645 in the name of Christine Grahame— That the Parliament congratulates Tweeddale Youth Action (TYA) on celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2024; notes that TYA, based in Peebles, provides a range of services to local young people, in addition to youth club drop-ins, excursions and holiday programmes, and also running the innovative Food Punks and Bike Punks initiatives; understands that Food Punks, a catering enterprise providing training to young people, has recently secured its first permanent premises on Peebles High Street, where it hopes to open a pizza shop, which will provide further hospitality training and employment opportunities for young people; further understands that Bike Punks also continues to go from strength to strength, with a workshop based in Innerleithen, tying in to the strong mountain biking presence in the area, which provides training on welding and repairing bicycles; believes that TYA has shown a genuinely innovative approach to improving the lives of local young people over its 25 years, which would not have been possible without the continuing hard work of the team of dedicated TYA staff, volunteers and trustees; wishes everyone involved the very best for the future, and recognises the contribution of youth work across Scotland in improving outcomes for young people.

**4. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting Older People with Increasing Energy Costs.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Transport (Fiona Hyslop) made a statement and answered questions on A96 Corridor Review Publication.

**8. Housing (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved S6M-15605—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Housing (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 31, Abstentions 4).

**9. Housing (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Housing (Paul McLennan) moved S6M-15211—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Housing (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).

**10. Appointments of Commissioners of the Scottish Land Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-15637—That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's consideration and recommendation of three appointments to the Scottish Land Commission at its meeting on 12 November 2024; welcomes the Committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the appointment of Dr Lucy Beattie and Dr Calum MacLeod as Land Commissioners to the Scottish Land Commission and the appointment of Robert Black as Tenant Farming Commissioner to the Scottish Land Commission, and approves the appointments as required by section 10 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 31, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.21 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
28 November 2024

## **Appendix**

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

### **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 28 November 2024—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 14th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 21 November 2024 (SP Paper 698)

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