



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 36, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 3 October 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. Ardrossan Harbour:** The Parliament debated S6M-12723 in the name of Katy Clark— That the Parliament understands that it has been seven years since the Scottish Government decided to retain Ardrossan as the service's mainland port for the Arran service, citing connectivity, reliability, overall operational cost to the public purse and socio-economic considerations; further understands that it has been six years since Transport Scotland approved proposals to redevelop the harbour, which it understands includes major works necessary to run the MV Glen Sannox and MV Glen Rosa vessels from the port; understands that a refreshed business case to redevelop the harbour is yet to be finalised; considers that the daily Ardrossan-Brodick service is critical to the economic development of both Ardrossan and the Isle of Arran, and that this is the quickest, shortest route, with supporting infrastructure already in place, and notes the belief that the Scottish Government must provide a clear commitment that Ardrossan will be retained as the mainland port to serve Arran in the long term.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Just Transition Inquiry for Grangemouth and the North East and Moray: Claire Baker, on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, moved S6M-14689—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Economy and Fair Work Committee's 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Inquiry into a Just Transition to net zero for the Grangemouth area (SP Paper 405), and its 4th Report, 2024, (Session 6), Inquiry into a Just Transition for the North East and Moray (SP Paper 556).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
3 October 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 3 October 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Education (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 655)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 3 October 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2024 Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2024

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 3 October 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (West Dunbartonshire Council) Designation Order 2024 (SSI 2024/270)
laid under paragraph 4 of schedule 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (West Dunbartonshire Council) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/271)
laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/272)
laid under section 12 of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 3 October 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/235) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/232) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Public Health Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the Year to 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/233) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Report to the Scottish Parliament in respect of changes to the National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Scotland) (SG/2024/238) laid under section 22(2)(b) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 – Resource Accounts (RS/2020/02) laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 – Devolved Taxes Accounts (RS/2024/03) laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2024-25 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2025 (SG/2024/240) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scotland's Census 2022: Health, disability and unpaid care (SG/2024/184) laid under Section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920

Scottish Ambulance Service Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/231) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (SG/2024/234) laid under Section 22 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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