



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 23, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 4 September 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic, and then on Finance and Local Government, were answered by the Deputy First Minister, a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Statement: The First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement on Programme for Government 2024-25.

3. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2024-25: The Parliament debated Programme for Government 2024-25.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14305—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 September 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland)
Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 11 September 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 12 September 2024

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Mission to Reduce Deaths and Improve
Lives of People Impacted by Drugs and Alcohol

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government - Growing
Scotland's Green Economy

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 September 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Languages Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 18 September 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 Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 September 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 1 Debate: Judicial Factors (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 9 September 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.

5. Stage 2 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14306—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 September 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14307—That the Parliament agrees that the Tied Pubs (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14308—That the Parliament agrees that Daniel Johnson be appointed to replace Foysol Choudhury as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Office of the Clerk: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-14309—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2025 and 31 January 2026, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 18 April, 21 April, 5 May, 23 May, 26 May, 12 September, 28 November, 24 December (pm), 25 December and 26 December 2025, and 1 and 2 January 2026.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Tackling the Misuse of Off-road Vehicles: The Parliament debated S6M-13189 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the significant public safety issues regarding the misuse of off-road vehicles, including quad bikes, being used dangerously, inappropriately and often illegally on roads, footpaths and various open spaces, which, it believes, poses a serious risk of injury and risk to life for those driving such vehicles, as well as others within the community; considers that their misuse can also have a detrimental impact on a community due to nuisance, antisocial behaviour and damage caused; notes the belief that registration of off-road vehicles, which is a reserved power, may assist Police Scotland with what it considers to be the often hazardous and unenviable tasks regarding policing, identification and enforcement; further notes that the Off-Road Vehicles (Registration) Bill is being progressed by Anne McLaughlin MP within the UK Parliament, and that the UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to establish a task force to look at the wider issues caused by off-road vehicles, and notes the belief that such a working group in Scotland should include the Scottish Government, local authorities, Police Scotland and others to consider what more can be done to keep the public safe and nuisance-free from the

misuse of off-road vehicles across Scotland, including in the Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn constituency.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
4 September 2024

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 4 September 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 3rd September 2024 (SP Paper 636)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Housing (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 637)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 4 September 2024 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union Withdrawal Act 2018 (as applied by paragraph 12(3) of that schedule of that Act)

Rural Development (Continuation of Operation) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 3(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

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