Parliamentary Bureau – Committee request to meet at the same time as the parliament

Introduction

1. The Parliamentary Bureau is invited to consider a request from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee to meet, if necessary, at the same time as plenary proceedings on Thursday 9 May after Portfolio Questions. The purpose of this is to enable the Committee to consider a report from the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB).

Background to Request

2. The Committee will be considering the report from the SPCB during its normal meeting time on 9 May. In order to ensure the Committee can progress its consideration of the report in a timeous manner, the Committee is seeking agreement to meet, if necessary, at the same time as the Chamber in the afternoon of that day.

Timings proposed for meeting

3. In terms of Chamber business, the timings above would mean that the Committee is seeking approval to meet during the Ministerial Statement on 2024-25 Finance Update Following UK Government Spring Budget and Scottish Government business (the topic of which is not known at the time of writing this note). The Committee would ensure that Members are available at Decision Time.

Decision

4. The Bureau is invited to consider the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's request and to recommend to the Parliament that the Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber after Portfolio Questions on Thursday 9 May.

Parliamentary Business Team May 2024