



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 101, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 24 April 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Home Affairs, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Stage 3 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12947—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 10 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 2 hours 5 minutes

Groups 7 to 9: 3 hours 5 minutes

Groups 10 to 12: 4 hours 10 minutes

Groups 13 to 15: 5 hours 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 42, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 48, 23, 25, 26, 27, 1, 28, 30, 31, 32, 87, 37 and 38.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

34 (For 62, Against 48, Abstentions 0)

36 (For 64, Against 46, Abstentions 0)

39 (For 79, Against 32, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

40 (For 46, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

43 (For 48, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

44 (For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

46 (For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

47 (For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

2 (For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0)

24 (For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

57 (For 48, Against 63, Abstentions 0)

58 (For 48, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

54 (For 46, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

55 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

56 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

64 (For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

65 (For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

66 (For 46, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

82 (For 46, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

33 (For 21, Against 89, Abstentions 0)

35 (For 44, Against 68, Abstentions 0)

88 (For 44, Against 67, Abstentions 0)

89 (For 43, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 41, 80.

The following amendments were not moved: 45, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 29, 83, 84, 85, 86, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 97.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12948—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 April 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Appointment of the Scottish Pubs Code Adjudicator

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 1 May 2024

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy; Finance, Deputy First Minister Responsibilities and Parliamentary Business

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality and Modern Positive Masculinity

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 2 May 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: Transport

followed by Ministerial Statement: Publication of the Mental Health and Capacity Reform Programme - Initial Delivery Plan

followed by Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Debate: Petition PE1887: Create an Unborn Victims of Violence Act

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 May 2024

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare of Dogs (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 8 May 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 9 May 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: Social Justice

followed by Scottish Government Business

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 29 April 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 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12949—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Housing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 November 2024.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Decision Time: There were no decisions to be taken at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
24 April 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 24 April 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 28th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23rd April 2024 (SP Paper 568)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 24 April 2024—

Sea Fisheries (Remote Electronic Monitoring and Regulation of Scallop Fishing) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]
laid under section 51(4)(b) and paragraph 5(2)(c) of schedule 8 of the Fisheries Act 2020

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 April 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Glasgow Kelvin College Annual Report & Financial Statements 2022-2023 (SG/2024/61) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the year to 31 July 2023 (SG/2024/64) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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