



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 8 February 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 (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. The Future of the Grangemouth Oil Refinery:** The Parliament debated S6M-11396 in the name of Stephen Kerr—That the Parliament understands what it sees as the importance of the Grangemouth oil refinery to the local economy and national economy; further understands that hundreds of jobs are directly linked, and thousands are indirectly linked, to the refinery; notes the concern about the potential impact that the closure of the Grangemouth refinery will have on the workers at the plant, including the potential job losses; further notes the concern about the consequences of closure for the numerous supply chains that it understands rely on production at Grangemouth, and notes the belief that the proposed closure would have a serious and detrimental impact on the energy security of Scotland and the rest of the UK.
- 4. Motion without Notice:** Stephen Kerr moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition were answered by Ministers.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol.

7. Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12096—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No. 3) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

8. Committee Meeting Times: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12102—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Wednesday 21 February 2024.

The motion was agreed (DT).

9. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12103—That the Parliament agrees that Jamie Greene be appointed to replace Sharon Dowey as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

The motion was agreed (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-12104—That the Parliament agrees that—

Brian Whittle be appointed to replace Graham Simpson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee; and

Graham Simpson be appointed to replace Brian Whittle as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee.

The motion was agreed (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.08 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
8 February 2024

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 8 February 2024—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 2nd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill (SP Paper 524)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 525)

Education and Children and Young People Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation: The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 [Draft] (SP Paper 526)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 8 February 2024 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]
laid under section 25(3)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 8 February 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/37)
laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/38)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Codes of Conduct for Members of certain Scottish Public Authorities) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/39)
laid under section 32(7) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/40)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 8 February 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The National Smart Ticketing Advisory Board (Public Services Reform) (Scotland) Order 2024 - Explanatory Document (SG/2024/26) laid under section 25(3)(b)(ii) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system - 8 February 2024 (SG/2024/22) laid under paragraph 10.b of Schedule 2 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

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