



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 1, No. 47, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 16 November 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rev Dr James Connolly, Minister, Dundee West Parish Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02148—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 16 November 2021—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: COP26 Outcomes

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank

and insert

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followed by Ministerial Statement: COP26 Outcomes

(b) Thursday 18 November 2021—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

and insert

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

5. Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02127—That the Parliament notes the impact that the Scottish National Investment Bank, the first mission-based investment bank in the UK, has made in its first year since launch in November 2020; supports the progress made by the bank through a wide range of investments in its first year; recognises the important role that the bank has in delivering a just transition to a net-zero economy; notes the need for innovative finance to achieve Scotland’s goals on climate targets, housing and demographic challenges, and notes that the bank will continue to strengthen its role through investing in Scottish business, projects and communities and delivering positive environmental and social impacts, and positive financial returns for the people of Scotland, for many years to come.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-02127.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02127 in the name of Kate Forbes (Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank), insert at end “, and, to that end, wants to see much greater clarity from the Scottish Government over the role of the bank, how its achievements will be measured, including how it will attract private sector investment, as well as make best use of taxpayers’ funds, and how it will support small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the bedrock of the economy.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-02127.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02127 in the name of Kate Forbes (Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank), leave out from second “notes” to end and insert “considers that the inadequate progress made by the bank in creating green jobs for the future has hindered Scotland’s wider economic recovery from the impact of the pandemic and the transition to net zero; believes that the bank will be unable to make the socio-economic impact it was intended to achieve due to insufficient funding; further believes that other

enterprise agencies have also faced real-term cuts at a time that they should be focussing on Scotland's economic recovery, and calls on the Scottish Government to repurpose Scottish Enterprise as a business recovery agency to work in partnership with other regional enterprise agencies in order to grow Scotland's economy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the impact that the Scottish National Investment Bank, the first mission-based investment bank in the UK, has made in its first year since launch in November 2020; supports the progress made by the bank through a wide range of investments in its first year; recognises the important role that the bank has in delivering a just transition to a net-zero economy; notes the need for innovative finance to achieve Scotland's goals on climate targets, housing and demographic challenges; notes that the bank will continue to strengthen its role through investing in Scottish business, projects and communities and delivering positive environmental and social impacts, and positive financial returns for the people of Scotland, for many years to come, and, to that end, wants to see much greater clarity from the Scottish Government over the role of the bank, how its achievements will be measured, including how it will attract private sector investment, as well as make best use of taxpayers' funds, and how it will support small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the bedrock of the economy

6. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COP26 Outcomes.

7. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what support is being provided to NHS Lanarkshire in light of reports that Wishaw Hospital A&E Department was at full capacity at the weekend with patients being transferred to Monklands Hospital, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

8. Committee Announcement: Siobhian Brown, on behalf of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee Committee, made an announcement on COVID-19: preparing for winter and priorities for recovery.

9. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02150—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on 18 November 2021, the words "of up to 15 minutes" in Rule 13.9.3 are suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 9 as noted above.

11. World COPD Day 2021: The Parliament debated S6M-01827 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament welcomes World COPD Day, which takes place on 17 November 2021 and has a theme of Healthy Lungs – Never More Important; understands that Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a serious lung condition affecting 140,000 people across Scotland, and that an estimated 200,000 people across the country are said to be living with undiagnosed COPD; further understands that increased prevalence of COPD means that it is estimated that it will be the third most frequent cause of mortality worldwide by 2030; notes the publication of a new report by Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation Scotland, which surveyed over 8,000 people from across all four nations in the UK who have a diagnosis of COPD; understands that the majority of respondents to the survey reportedly conveyed that they are not receiving the five fundamentals of COPD care, which are offering smoking cessation, offering pneumococcal and flu vaccine, pulmonary rehabilitation, personalised self-management plan, and optimising treatment for comorbidities, and welcomes the steps that are being taken by the Scottish Government, in the devolved healthcare system, to improve the outcomes of those living with COPD, including through the publication of the Respiratory Care Action Plan in March 2021, which aims to improve the care and support for people with lung conditions, including COPD, through prevention, early diagnosis and addressing health inequalities that impact on COPD, such as smoking, air pollution and poor quality housing.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
16 November 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 16 November 2021—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6):
Stage 1 Report on the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement)
(Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 44)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 12 November 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments)
Regulations 2021 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 12 November 2021 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/409)
laid under section 104(1) of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus)
(Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/411)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
and section 122 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 12 November 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**NHS Scotland: Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2019
Annual Report SG/2021/277** laid at the request of a member of the Scottish
Government and not under any laying power

**Scottish Government response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security
report on the draft Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment
(Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 SG/2021/313** laid under section
97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Minister for Social Security and Local Government - Letter responding to SCoSS recommendations - The Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 SG/2021/312 laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 15 November 2021 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 SCoSS/2021/07 laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 16 November 2021 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/311 laid under section 13(5) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

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