



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 10 November 2022

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).
- 3. Mental Health Stigma in the Workplace:** The Parliament debated S6M-05911 in the name of Emma Roddick—That the Parliament is concerned by what it sees as continued stigmatisation of mental health issues and those who experience them; considers that, while wider understanding of depression and anxiety is progressing, organisations such as the Royal College of Psychiatrists have noted a pervasive stigma relating to personality, dissociative, and psychosis-related disorders; understands that this stigma is particularly concentrated in the world of work, meaning that people with psychiatric conditions are less likely to be employed or remain so; notes efforts such as SeeMe Scotland's See Me in Work scheme, which aim to support employers to tackle mental health discrimination; understands that a survey by SeeMe was explored in a recent report, *Mental Health – Exploring the Current Landscape*, published by Centred, a mental health charity based in the Highlands of Scotland, which showed around half of people believe someone would not disclose a mental illness at work for fear of adverse effects on their employment; considers that this report contains valuable research around stigma, rural mental health, and the overall situation in Scotland; further notes the belief that this demonstrates that more work needs to be done by employers, public health agencies and government to tackle mental health stigma, and notes the calls for

these issues to be addressed in the new Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Alternative Pathways to Primary Care: Gillian Martin, on behalf of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, moved S6M-06702—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's 9th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Alternative pathways to primary care (SP Paper 201).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06711—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
10 November 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 10 November 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 8 November 2022 (SP Paper 253)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 November 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Seed (Equivalence of Countries) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/328)
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 10 November 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Civil Protection Measures (EU Exit)) 2022 (SSI 2022/329)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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