



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 36, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 27 October 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. The Mòd Coming Back to Perth:** The Parliament debated S6M-05734 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal National Mòd on its decision to return to Perth, which it understands will be its 10th visit to the city; notes that the Mòd will take place in Perth from 14 to 22 October 2022; further notes that the estimated economic benefit to the area from the Mòd is understood to be between £2.5 million and £3.5 million; praises the activities of An Comunn Gàidhealach, which support and promote the Scottish Gaelic language and culture at local, national and international levels, and welcomes ongoing support from public bodies for Gaelic.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry Chair.

**6. Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-06459—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 33, Abstentions 4).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.11 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
27 October 2022

## Appendix

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

### Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 27 October 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Moveable Transactions (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 242)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill (SP Paper 243)

### Subordinate Legislation

#### Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 October 2022 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Environment Act 2021 (Commencement and Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/305 (C. 18))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

#### Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 27 October 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Draft Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022 and the intended future use of the power under Section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period 1 September 2022 – 31 August 2023 (SG/2022/211)** laid under Section 11(1)(a) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

**Heat in Buildings Strategy: 2022 update (SG/2022/201)** laid under Section 62(2) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

**Scottish Information Commissioner, Section 46 Report 2021-22 (SG/2022/194)** laid under section 46(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

**Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2021-22 (SG/2022/183)** laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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