



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting
22 March 2022 at 12.00 pm
Q1.03 and MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing*
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Neil Bibby*
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- Jennifer Bell*
- Mark Brough
- Polly Davidson*
- Catherine Fergusson
- Gary Cocker*
- Irene Fleming*
- Gail Grant*
- Matthew Linden*
- Rebecca Carradice
- Connor Duffy*
- Jason Nairn*
- Callum Thomson*
- Tracey White

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 15 March 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 21 March 2022, and programmes of business for the weeks commencing 28 March and 18 April 2022.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 29 March would be S6M-03278: Sarah Boyack: Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022 on Wednesday 30 March would be S6M-03472: Marie McNair: Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and on Thursday 31 March would be S6M-03259: Kaukab Stewart: Impacts of Benefit Sanctions
4. The Presiding Officer noted that Jamie Greene would be invited to make some remarks at the start of business following the death of David Hill. Stephen Kerr noted his appreciation for the support from the Presiding Officer, Chief Executive and First Minister to the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party following David's death.
5. Stephen Kerr requested ministerial statements on the following issues:
 - drugs deaths
 - the Covid vaccine certification scheme
 - the Climate Change report
 - pothole repairs
 - The European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Scotland) Bill.
6. Stephen Kerr confirmed he would send these requests in writing to the Minister for further consideration and a response.

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following SSIs would be taken in the Chamber during the week commencing Monday 21 March with the exact date confirmed later by correspondence:
 - Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alteration of Expiry Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/40)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
 - Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)

Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby reserved their party's positions on all of these SSIs.

8. The Bureau also noted that a motion to approve the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/74) would be taken in the Chamber on Tuesday 22 March.
9. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following SSIs would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 16 March:
 - Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
 - Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Roll) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
 - Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
 - Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft)
10. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following affirmative SSIs be considered by the Parliament, and to revise the business for Tuesday 22 March to enable these to be taken in the Chamber:
 - The Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/draft)
 - Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/draft)

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
22 March 2022