



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 81, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 22 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. Immediate Ceasefire in Palestine and Israel:** The Parliament debated S6M-12177 in the name of Ivan McKee—That the Parliament notes with concern reports of the recent upsurge in violence in Palestine and Israel, which, it understands, has seen more than 28,000 people, including mostly women and children, killed by Israeli forces in Gaza, 1,400 people killed by Hamas and other terrorist organisations in Israel, and more than 300 Palestinian civilians killed by Israeli armed settlers in the West Bank; believes strongly that there is no justification for inflicting terror or killing innocent civilians, or for the taking of civilian hostages, and condemns violence in all its forms; notes with concern what it considers to be the risk of disease and malnutrition in Gaza as a consequence of the Israeli blockade of the strip, which, it believes, may itself constitute a breach of international law; recognises what it sees as the critically important relief work of organisations such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) and Medical Aid for Palestinians, and notes that the UK Government and others are being urged to continue to financially support this work; considers that this conflict did not begin on 7 October 2023, and notes the belief that a lasting peace with justice will only come through a negotiated settlement; notes the calls for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine and Israel to allow diplomatic discussions to take place that will safeguard

innocent civilians; further notes the reported ruling by the International Court of Justice and the view that there may be a case to answer that the actions of Israel in Gaza constitute genocide against the Palestinian people; commends the work of Israeli human rights organisations, including B'Tselem and Breaking the Silence, which, it considers, continue to make the case for a lasting and just peace in what it sees as these horrific times; notes the calls on the UK Government, including from communities in the Glasgow Provan constituency, to do its part in working with other UN nations to demand an end to deadly military action in Gaza and settler violence in the West Bank, and to bring to justice those responsible for terror attacks and any who may be guilty of war crimes or incitement to genocide, and further notes the calls on the UK Government to recognise the State of Palestine.

**4. Motion without Notice:** Ivan McKee 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 Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy (Màiri McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Grangemouth Refinery.

**7. Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-12248—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 29, Abstentions 25).

**8. Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Victims and Community Safety (Siobhian Brown) moved S6M-11800—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Scottish Rate Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12252—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for Income Tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer to be charged above the personal allowance), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2024-25 are as follows—

(a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,306,

(b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,306 and up to a limit of £13,991,

(c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £13,991 and up to a limit of £31,092,

(d) a higher rate of 42%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £62,430,

(e) an advanced rate of 45%, charged on income above £62,430 and up to a limit of £125,140, and

(f) a top rate of 48%, charged on income above £125,140.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

**10. Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12249—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Trade (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership) Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 8 November 2023, relating to procurement, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity (Jim Fairlie) moved S6M-12250—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 4 December 2023, relating to animal welfare, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.14 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
22 February 2024



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

**Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 22 February 2024—

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 4th Report, 2024 (Session 6):  
Stage 1 Report on the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 530).

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 22 February 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Non-Domestic Rates (Islands and Remote Areas Hospitality Relief) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/55)  
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Order 2024 (SSI 2024/56)  
laid under sections 44(1)(b) and 80(2) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

Discretionary Financial Assistance (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/58)  
laid under section 69(3) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000

Non-Domestic Rates (Transitional Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/59)  
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 February 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 10 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/ 57 (C. 5))  
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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