



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 84, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 29 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. Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024:** The Parliament debated S6M-11892 in the name of Paul Sweeney—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2024, which runs throughout March; considers the Great Daffodil Appeal to be Marie Curie's most prominent awareness-raising appeal; notes that Marie Curie is the largest provider of palliative and end of life care for adults in Scotland; understands that Marie Curie has found that around one in three working age people who die do so in poverty; considers that deprivation and its associated challenges are exacerbated at the end of life; recognises that Marie Curie is able to support people to die at home, if that is their wish, through its Hospice Care at Home team, in 31 out of 32 local authority areas; commends the work of the two Marie Curie Hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow in providing inpatient care and support for community palliative care; further commends Marie Curie volunteers who, through its companion service, help to tackle isolation and loneliness at the end of life; understands that Marie Curie cared for and supported almost 8,000 people in Scotland in 2022-23 to die in a place of their own choosing; further understands that, despite the best efforts of Marie Curie and other providers of palliative and end of life care, demand for palliative care will increase as Scotland's ageing population means that by 2040, 60,000 people will die with palliative care needs, which is 10,000 more

per year than currently; considers that this rising need for palliative care places a burden on unscheduled care services, reportedly costing the NHS £190 million per year, and unpaid carers, many of whom are ageing or ill themselves, to deliver care and support; further considers that it is likely that many will require more complex palliative care support, as people projected to die with multi-morbidities will reportedly increase by 82%; believes that the current unmet need and growing demand for palliative care will ensure that the care and support from Marie Curie remains an essential service in Scotland; notes the belief that there is a need for a sustainable funding settlement for palliative care, given that less than 40% of Marie Curie costs are covered by commissioned income, and further notes the encouragement for as many people as possible to support the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal in March 2024.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Eljamel and NHS Tayside Public Inquiry and the Independent Clinical Review.

**6. National Care Service (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Social Care, Mental Wellbeing and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-12331—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 50, Abstentions 1).

**7. National Care Service (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance (Shona Robison) moved S6M-12093—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the National Care Service (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) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 1).

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

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

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



## **Appendix**

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

### **Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 29 February 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Standards Commission for Scotland Strategic Plan 2024-28 (SCfS/2024/01)** laid under paragraph 10A to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standard in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

### **Legislative Consent Memorandum**

The following memorandum was lodged on 29 February 2024—

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Automated Vehicles Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-42a)

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