



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 7, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 31 May 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Mike Pilavachi MBE, Senior Pastor, Soul Survivor, Watford Church, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Investing in Scotland's Future.
- 4. Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm:** The Parliament debated Tackling Drug Deaths and Drug Harm.
- 5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04723—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 1 June 2022;

delete

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy;
Education and Skills
followed by Motion on the Platinum Jubilee

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

3.35 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

The motion was agreed to.

6. Variation of Standing Orders : The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04728—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill at stage 3, that Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word "fifth" with "third", so that the deadline for lodging a stage 3 amendment will be the third sitting day in advance of proceedings.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

8. Ethical Principles in Wildlife Management: The Parliament debated S6M-03023 in the name of Colin Smyth—That the Parliament notes reports that thousands of animals and birds are taken and killed in wildlife management operations every year, including in the South Scotland region; considers that these are sentient beings that are capable of experiencing pain and suffering; notes the view that Scotland should lead the way in sustainable and humane interaction with the wild animals in the environment; notes the belief that wildlife management should be governed by ethical principles, such as the international consensus principles for ethical wildlife control, which recommend that efforts to control wildlife should, wherever possible: alter the human practices that cause human-wildlife conflict and develop a culture of coexistence, be justified by evidence that significant harms are being caused to people, property, livelihoods, ecosystems, and/or other animals, have measurable outcome-based objectives that are clear, achievable, monitored, and adaptive, minimise animal welfare harms and be confined to the fewest number of animals, be informed by community values as well as scientific, technical, and practical information, be integrated into plans for systematic long-term management, and be based on the specifics of the situation rather than negative labels such as “pest” or “overabundant”, and notes the view that there are opportunities to integrate ethical principles into the Scottish Government’s strategic approach to wildlife management and its species licensing review.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
31 May 2022

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 30 May 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd Report, 2022 (Session 6): Report on Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Annual Report 2021-22 (SP Paper 175)

The following reports were published on 31 May 2022—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 7th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Committee on 24 May 2022 (SP Paper 187)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report 2021-22 (SP Paper 190)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee for 2021-22 (SP Paper 191)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 6th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Annual Report of The Social Justice and Social Security Committee For 2021-22 on 31 May 2022 (SP Paper 192)

New Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 30 May 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/186)
laid under section 133 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 30 May 2022 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014: statutory guidance SG/2022/78 laid under section 29(4) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 31 May 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Scotland's Economic and Fiscal Forecasts – May 2022 SFC/2022/1 laid under section 5(2) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Fiscal Update – May 2022 SFC/2022/2 laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

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