

The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 37, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 1 November 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- **1. Time for Reflection:** Sophie Reid MSYP, Chair, Scottish Youth Parliament, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- **3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to last night's disorder in Dundee, including what action it is taking to prevent it continuing and support the community to aid clean-up efforts, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown).
- **4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Humanitarian Response to the Ukraine Crisis.
- 5. Social Justice and Social Security Committee Debate: Robbing Peter to Pay Paul Low Income and the Debt Trap: Elena Whitham, on behalf of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee, moved S6M-06374—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's 8th Report, 2022 (Session 6): Robbing Peter to pay Paul: Low income and the debt trap (SP Paper 211).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Revision to Business Programme: George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-06557—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 2 November 2022—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

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followed by Ministerial Statement: Emergency Budget Review

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5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

- 7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.
- 8. World Menopause Month: The Parliament debated S6M-06225 in the name of Siobhian Brown—That the Parliament recognises that the World Health Organization and the International Menopause Society have designated October as World Menopause Month, and October 18 as World Menopause Day; understands that both events aim to raise awareness of menopause and to support options to improve health and wellbeing for women in mid-life and beyond; believes that women across Scotland, including those in Ayr, will benefit from an open conversation about menopause; notes that no two women will experience menopause in the same way and that being aware of symptoms is the first step in managing them, and recognises that Scotland is the first country in the UK to have a women's health plan, which, it believes, outlines ambitious improvements to women's health issues including menopause.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

David McGill Clerk of the Parliament 1 November 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 28 October 2022—

Criminal Justice Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6): The Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020 (Code of Practice) (Appointed Day) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] (SP Paper 244)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 31 October 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] laid under section 5(2) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 November 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 October 2022 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Assured Tenancies and Private Residential Tenancies (Prescribed Notices and Forms) (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/307)

laid under section 53(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and section 77(4) of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 October 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2021/22 (SPCPF/2022/01) laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/185) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2021-22 (SHRC/2022/01) laid under Section 15 of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

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

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2021/22 (CES/2022/01) laid under section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

The Scottish Civil Estate 2021-2022: The twelfth report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2022/186 laid under Section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 November 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2022-23 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2022/225) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Law Commission: Report on Cohabitation (SG/2022/202) laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

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