



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 23 September 2021

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. FASD Awareness Day-9 September:** The Parliament debated S6M-01089 in the name of Siobhian Brown—That the Parliament recognises International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day on 9 September, which was first recognised in 1999; notes that the day helps to raise awareness about the range of conditions that can result from alcohol consumption during pregnancy; understands that drinking heavily during pregnancy can risk affecting a child in a number of ways, and may cause learning disabilities, speech and language difficulties, behavioural issues, vision and hearing impairment, and problems with vital organs, among others; commends the excellent work being done by Oshay's FASD organisation, which is based in Ayr, and which offers advice, guidance and support to parents and carers of children who are affected by FASD, and wishes Oshay's FASD group success as it aims to raise awareness of this often undiagnosed condition.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport (Graeme Dey) made a statement and answered questions on Decarbonising Scotland's Transport.

6. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01318—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01211—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Carer's Allowance Supplement (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).

8. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01331—That the Parliament agrees —

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Annie Wells as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Tess White as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Tess White be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Sue Webber as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
23 September 2021

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 September 2021—

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Committee on 23 September 2021 (SP Paper 17)

New Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 23 September 2021 and are subject to the negative procedure—

NHS Education for Scotland Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/330)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/333)
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/337)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 23 September 2021 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 SG/2021/246 laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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