



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 22, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 5 September 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Alasdair Bennett, Chief Executive, Bethany Christian Trust, led Time for Reflection.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10339—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 5 September 2023—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2023-24

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2023-24

(b) Wednesday 6 September 2023—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equality within the 2023-24 Programme for Government

(c) Thursday 7 September 2023—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Motion of Condolence for Winnie Ewing

delete

followed by Scottish Government Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Professor Eljamel, NHS Tayside

followed by Ministerial Statement: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Opportunity within the 2023-24 Programme for Government

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Humza Yousaf) made a statement on Programme for Government 2023-24.

5. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2023-24: The Parliament debated Programme for Government 2023-24.

6. Committee Membership: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10298—That the Parliament agrees that Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Christine Grahame as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-10299—That the Parliament agrees that—

Christine Grahame be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee; and

Miles Briggs be appointed to replace Tess White as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. NHS Borders Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit Celebrates 20th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S6M-09590 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament congratulates NHS Borders on the 20th anniversary of its Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit, which is based at Borders General Hospital, in Melrose; understands that the Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit is a fundamental part of the wider innovation of children’s healthcare at NHS Borders with a focus on keeping children at home and avoiding time in hospital where possible; notes that the Unit was set up on 20 May 2003 to allow children to receive treatment and return home rather than having to be admitted to a ward and that, over the last 20 years, thousands of children have attended the Unit to have a range of assessments, procedures, investigations and treatments, and pays credit to the paediatric nursing team on their commitment, quality of care and innovation in developing the service, and contributing to a better experience for children and families who have been able to avoid being admitted to hospital thanks to the Paediatric Ambulatory Care Unit.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
5 September 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 3 July 2023—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 6th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Public Administration – Effective Scottish Government Decision-Making (SP
Paper 425)

The following reports were published on 6 July 2023—

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 4th Report, 2023 (Session 6): COVID-19
Recovery Committee Legacy report (SP Paper 420)

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): COVID-19
Recovery Committee: Annual Report 2023-24 (SP Paper 421)

Subordinate Legislation

Statutory Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 August 2023 and is
subject to approval—

Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment: Statutory Guidance
(SG/2023/162)

laid under section 18(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union
(Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 4 September 2023 and is
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Carer's Assistance (Carer Support Payment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 July 2023 and is
subject to the negative procedure—

Valuation (Proposals Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2023 (SSI
2023/207)

laid under section 3ZA(10)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 21 July 2023 and is
subject to the negative procedure—

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2023 (SI 2023/850)

laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 August 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 and Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules 2019 Amendment) (Telecommunications Infrastructure) 2023 (SSI 2023/223)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 30 August 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Police Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/239)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Local Government Pension Scheme (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/240)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Teachers' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/241)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firefighters' Pensions (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/242)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 September 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/243)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service Pension Schemes (Remediable Service) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/246)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandum was lodged on 19 July 2023—

Shona Robison, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance:
Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Activity of Public Bodies
(Overseas Matters) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-38)

The following memorandum was lodged on 4 September 2023—

Angela Constance, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs:
Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Northern Ireland
Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-
S6-27b)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 4 July 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

MG ALBA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2022/2023 (SG/2023/142)
laid under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 6 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts 2022/2023 (SG/2023/116) laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Business Plan 2023/24 (SG/2023/117) laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 11 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 – reporting requirement (SG/2023/140) laid under Section 29(2)(a) of the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 12 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

BBC Group Annual Report & Accounts 2022/23 (BBC/2023/01) laid by the BBC under the memorandum of understanding

Big Lottery Fund (operating as The National Lottery Community Fund) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/145) laid under Section 34 and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A of the National Lottery etc Act 1993

Ofcom Annual Report and Accounts 2022/23 for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/119) laid under paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 1 to the Office of Communications Act 2002

UK Statistics Authority annual report and accounts 2022/2023 (UKSA/2023/01) laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 13 July 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/150) laid under section 5 of the Utilities Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 17 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/125) laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23 (CMA/2023/02) laid under the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013, sch4 s14(3)(a) (as amended by the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020, s40(3))

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2022 – 2023 (SG/2023/98) laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The National Lottery Heritage Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2022 – 2023 (SG/2023/97) laid under Section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

Scottish Canals - Corporate Plan 2023-28 (SG/2023/132) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 18 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2022/2023 (SG/2023/118) laid under Article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008 (S.I. 2008, No. 576)

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/129) laid under Section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2022-23 (SG/2023/148) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/136)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/149) laid under Chapter 1, Section 2 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2023 (SPSO/2023/07) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Transport Focus Annual report and accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/122) laid under paragraph 11(6) of Schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 20 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2022 to 2023 (SG/2023/44)
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

HMICS Custody Inspection Report - Tayside (HMICS/2023/04) laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by the Secretary of State for Business and Trade, the First Minister of Scotland, and the Welsh Ministers for the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/126) laid under Section 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 21 July 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/120) laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The King's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 (SG/2023/152) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/130)
laid under Paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013

Security Industry Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2022/23 (SG/2023/151)
laid under paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 27 July 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Education Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 (SG/2023/92) - laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 31 July 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations (SPSO/2023/08) Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: second Compendium of Case Reports for July 2023 - Volume 1 of 1 Case ref: 202200588 - Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 2 August 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Standards Commission for Scotland - Annual Report and Accounts Year Ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/161) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2022-2023 (SG/2023/144) laid under Section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 8 August 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report 2022-2023 (CCYP/2023/02) laid under Section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 August 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scotland's Guiding Principles on the Environment: Statutory Guidance - Statement required under Section 18 (4) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 ("the Continuity Act") (SG/2023/163) laid under Section 18(4) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 16 August 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2023 (SPSO/2023/08) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 23 August 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

NHS Scotland: Scottish Advisory Committee On Distinction Awards 2022/23 Annual Report (SG/2023/147) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2022-23 (SCTS/2023/02) laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 29 August 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Fiscal Commission Forecast Evaluation Report - August 2023 (SFC/2023/3) laid before the under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 30 August 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter Headline Findings 2022/23 (SG/2023/146) laid before the Scottish Parliament under Section 41 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 31 August 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/158) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

South of Scotland Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023 (SG/2023/164) laid under Section 16 of the Scottish Enterprise Act 2019

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 4 September 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Fiscal Commission Supplementary Costing - Carer Support Payment - September 2023 (SFC/2023/4) laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 5 September 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Annual Report to Parliament on the monitoring programme for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) – years 2021 and 2022 (SG/2023/143) laid under Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 999/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 May 2001

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