



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 21 September 2021 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 / MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- George Adam
- Stephen Kerr
- Neil Bibby
- Gillian Mackay

Apologies:

- Liam McArthur

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Gary Cocker
- Jason Nairn*
- Polly Davidson*
- Rebecca Carradice
- Tim Ferguson*
- Mark Brough
- Jennifer Bell*
- Gail Grant*

- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 14 September 2021 were agreed.

Matters arising

2. There were no matters arising.

Business Programme

3. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 20 September, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 27 September and 4 October 2021.
4. The Bureau noted that the order of Scottish Labour debates on Wednesday 22 September would be swapped.
5. George Adam confirmed that the Scottish Government would provide the title for its debate on Thursday 30 September as soon as possible.
6. Neil Bibby requested a ministerial statement on vaccine passports and was supported by Stephen Kerr. George Adam indicated that the Scottish Government was not currently minded to bring forward a statement on this topic.
7. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 28 September would be S6M-01136: Jamie Halcro Johnston: Ambulance Services Across Scotland; on Wednesday 29 September, would be S6M-01065: Fulton MacGregor: Alleviating Poverty Associated with the Purchase of School Uniforms in Scotland; and on Thursday 30 September, would be S6M-00875: Rhoda Grant: Community Wealth and the Emergence of "Green Lairds".

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved:
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/299)
9. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following affirmative SSI be approved:

- Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)

Committee substitutions

10. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament the appointment of Scottish Labour committee substitutes as set out in Bureau papers. The Bureau also agreed to propose to Parliament the following changes to Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party committee members and substitutes circulated by correspondence in advance of the meeting:

- **Finance and Public Administration:** Jamie Halcro Johnston replacing Tess White as substitute member
- **Health, Social Care and Sport:** Sue Webber will replace Annie Wells; Russell Findlay will replace Sue Webber as the substitute member
- **Citizen Participation and Public Petitions:** Alexander Stewart will replace Tess White
- **Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments:** Tess White will replace Alexander Stewart; Sue Webber will replace Maurice Golden as the substitute member
- **Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture:** Maurice Golden will replace Sue Webber

Parliamentary calendar: Office of the Clerk

11. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament the following motion setting out days when the Office of the Clerk will be open:

Days when the Office of the Clerk will be open and sitting days—

From 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 15 April, 18 April, 2 May, 27 May, 2 June, 3 June, 16 September, 2 December, 23 December, 26 December and 27 December 2022, and 2 and 3 January 2023.

12. The Bureau discussed times of notification of selection of amendments and questions. The Clerk undertook to examine the situation and update the Bureau.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
21 September 2021