



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting
22 February 2022 at 12.00 pm
Q1.03 and MS Teams

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- Jennifer Bell*
- Mark Brough
- Polly Davidson*
- Catherine Fergusson*
- Gary Cocker
- Irene Fleming*
- Gail Grant*
- Matthew Linden*
- David McGill
- Connor Duffy
- Jason Nairn*
- Callum Thomson
- Tracey White

Apologies:

- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 8 February 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 21 February 2022, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 28 February and 7 March 2022.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 1 March would be S6M-02886: Emma Harper: Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2022, on Wednesday 2 March would be S6M-02932: Alasdair Allan: Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland, and on Thursday 3 March would be S6M-03136: Michelle Thomson: International Women's Day: Break the Bias.
4. Stephen Kerr indicated that his party had a number of requests for Ministerial Statements which he would send to the Minister after the meeting.

Bill Referral

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead Committee in the consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Referral of draft proposal

6. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal for the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill to the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.

Timetabling of Bill at Stage 1

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a Stage 1 deadline of Thursday 12 May 2022 for the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following SSIs would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 23 February:

- Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2021/Draft)
 - Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2021/Draft)
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022 (SI 2021/draft)
 - Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2021/Draft)
9. Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby reserved their party's positions on the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2022.
10. The Bureau also noted that, subject to the approval of the Covid-19 Recovery Committee, a motion approving the following SSI would be taken in the Chamber on Thursday 24 February:
- Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/Draft).
11. Stephen Kerr reserved his party's position on this SSI.

Committee request to meet during plenary

12. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be allowed to meet at the same time as the Chamber from 1.30pm – 3.45pm on Thursday 24 February.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
22 February 2022