



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 21 June 2022 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 and MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Neil Bibby
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay*

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- Mark Brough
- Gary Cocker*
- Irene Fleming*
- Gail Grant*
- David McGill
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn*
- Callum Thomson
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jen Bell
- Tracey White
- Sam Currie

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 14 June 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a revised programme of business for the week commencing 20 June 2022 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 27 June 2022 and 4 September 2022.
3. After discussion, the Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament changes to business, including rescheduling the Stage 3 debate for the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill from Thursday 23 June 2022 to Wednesday 28 June 2022. The Minister also indicated he would update Bureau members in writing after the meeting regarding scheduling a legislative consent motion.
4. Stephen Kerr asked about the scheduling of Ministerial Statements on Project Neptune and on Moray Maternity Services. The Minister confirmed that it was intended to bring forward statements on both topics but that scheduling could not be confirmed.
5. Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby reserved their party's position on the business programme.
6. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 28 June would be S6M-04364: Michael Marra: Dundee Drugs Commission Review Report; on Wednesday 29 June would be S6M-03994: John Mason: Scotland's Companies, and on Thursday 30 June would be S6M-05097: Marie McNair: Action Mesothelioma Day 2022.

Timetabling at Stage 1

7. The Bureau agreed to recommend consideration of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 28 October 2022.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau noted that motions on the following SSIs would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 22 June:
 - Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/draft)
 - Plant Health (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/draft)

Committee substitutes

9. The Bureau noted a motion replacing Sue Webber with Stephen Kerr as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute for the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 22 June.

Time for Reflection

10. The Bureau agreed for the Presiding Officer to finalise the programme of contributors for the September-December 2022 period, and to make any adjustments according to contributor availability.
11. The Bureau also agreed to continue to draw their members' attention to the opportunity to nominate Time for Reflection Contributors, with particular consideration given to gender balance and those from both faith and non-faith backgrounds.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
21 June 2022