



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 20 December
2022 at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Gillian Mackay
- Neil Bibby

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jo Hardy
- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Keith McDonald
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Bell*
- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming *
- Gail Grant *
- Samantha Currie*

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 13 December 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a revised programme of business for the week commencing 19 December and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 9 and 16 January 2023.
3. Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on the business programme.
4. Alexander Burnett requested that the time allocated to the debate on Stage 3 of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill be extended to enable more speeches from backbench Members. The Bureau did not agree to this request.

Approval of SSIs

5. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following would be lodged—
 - Common Organisation of the Markets in Agricultural Products (Poultrymeat) (Miscellaneous Temporary Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/352)
 - Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2022/Draft)

Referral of LCMs

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend, under Rule 9B.3.5, that the Parliament designate the Economy and Fair Work Committee as lead committee on the LCM on the UK Infrastructure Bank Bill.
7. The Bureau agreed to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM to the Rural Affairs, Islands, and Natural Environment Committee as lead committee on the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill.

Statement on a final proposal for a Members' Bill

8. The Bureau noted that the Scottish Government had made a statement that it would legislate to give effect to Alex Rowley MSP's proposal for a Domestic Building Environmental Standards (Scotland) Bill.

9. Standing Orders provide that the Government must repeat this statement at a meeting of the Parliament as soon as is reasonably practicable. The Bureau agreed to schedule the Ministerial Statement as part of its consideration of the Business Programme.

Proxy voting scheme for information

10. The Bureau noted the details of the proxy voting scheme that would take effect from 4 January 2023.

Date of next meeting

11. The Presiding Officer confirmed the next meeting of the Bureau would be held on Tuesday 10 January.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
20 December 2022