



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 21 November
2023 at 12:00 pm

Present:

- Liam McArthur (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Gillian Mackay
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Martin Whitfield

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Jen Griffin
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Apologies:

- Alison Johnstone

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 14 November.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 27 November and 4 December 2023.

3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 28 November would be Motion S6M-11200: Kenneth Gibson: Celebrating Age Scotland's 80th Anniversary; on Wednesday 29 November Motion S6M-11334: Clare Haughey: World AIDS Day and on Thursday 30 November S6M-11282: Mark Ruskell - Restoring Nature to Tackle Climate Change.

4. The Minister for Parliamentary Business indicated that the Scottish Government was still considering the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party's request, supported by Scottish Labour, for a Ministerial Statement from the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care outlining his position on the situation regarding his data roaming usage, how it aligns with the Ministerial Code and explaining how his health duties are being affected by it.

Reconsideration Stage of a Bill

5. The Bureau noted information regarding the Reconsideration Stage of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Aggregates Tax and Devolved Taxes Administration (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved—

- The Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023
- The Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023
- The Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2023

Alexander Burnett and Martin Whitfield reserved their parties' position on the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Extension and Expiry of Temporary Justice Measures) Regulations 2023.

Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on Heat Networks (Supply Targets) (Scotland) Regulations 2023.

Approval of Committee to meet at the same time as Parliament

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Finance and Public Administration Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber between 11.40 am and 12 noon on Thursday 7 December.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
21 November 2023