

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

1. The Parliamentary Bureau previously agreed on 8 February 2022 to recommend designating the Criminal Justice Committee as the lead committee for Stage 1 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill, and on 29 March 2022 to recommend a Stage 1 deadline of Friday 6 May.
2. The Criminal Justice Committee is considering its draft report on the Bill at its meeting on 27 April, with a view to publishing the final agreed version of the report on either Thursday 28 April or Friday 29 April depending on the extent of the agreed changes.
3. Business Managers may wish to note that Monday 2 May is not a sitting day, as the office of the Clerk is closed for the public holiday. Depending on the publication date of the report, this means the general principles would be considered on either the first or second sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.
4. This means the report will be published less than five sitting days before the planned Stage 1 debate on Tuesday 3 May as required by Rule 9.6.3A of Standing Orders. Given the uncertainty over the report's publication date, Rule 9.6.3A of Standing Orders would need to be suspended.
5. Under Rule 17.2.1(b) of Standing Orders, the Parliament may on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, suspend such of these Rules or such part of a Rule (including a single word or number) as is specified in the motion, but only for the purpose of such particular item of business as is specified in the motion, and may make such alternative provision for the Rule or part suspended as is specified in the motion.
6. The Parliamentary Bureau is therefore invited to recommend that, for the purposes of its consideration of the Stage 1 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 17.2.1(b) of Standing Orders, Rule 9.6.3A of Standing Orders be suspended.

Business Team
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