



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 30 January 2024

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Gordon M Hay, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Scotland's Place in the European Union:** The Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-12004— That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government's paper, Building a New Scotland: an independent Scotland in the EU, and believes that Scotland's economic, social and political future is best served by being part of the EU.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-12004.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12004 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the European Union), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "regrets that the Scottish Government continues to disrespect the outcome of the two referendums held in 2014 and 2016, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on the real priorities of the people of Scotland rather than obsessing over the constitution."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-12004.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12004 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the European Union), leave out from "being" to end and insert "Scottish and UK Labour administrations."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-12004.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-12004 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland's Place in the European Union), leave out from "notes" to end and insert "believes that close UK-European cooperation is a benefit to Scotland and the whole of the UK; notes that work must be done to rebuild the UK's relationship with the EU and the trust and partnerships that have been badly damaged by the UK Conservative administration; believes that a comprehensive step-by-step plan is required to rebuild those ties with the UK's nearest neighbours, removing barriers and forging a new partnership built on cooperation, and that these essential steps on the road to EU membership will help restore the economy, prosperity and opportunities; considers that, while this work is ongoing, there are choices that can be taken right now by the Scottish Government to ensure that people in Scotland can still access the many benefits of a close relationship with the EU, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to fulfil its commitment to create a full replacement Erasmus scheme, following the example of the Welsh Government and its Taith scheme."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 6, Against 109, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 1).

4. Committee Announcement: Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Net Zero Energy and Transport Committee, made an announcement on People's Panel on Scottish Government effectiveness in consulting and engaging the public on its net zero targets.

5. Motion Without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.47 pm.

The motion was agreed.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

7. Recognising the Contribution of Michael (Mick) McGahey: The Parliament debated S6M-11389 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament notes that 30 January 2024 marks the 25th anniversary of the death of Michael "Mick" McGahey, miner, intellectual, activist, agitator, President of the National Union of

Mineworkers Scottish Area (NUMSA) from 1967 to 1987 and Vice-President of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) from 1972 to 1987; recognises what it sees as his contribution, based on unerring principles, to advancing the interests and welfare of the working class; notes his steadfast support for the establishment of the Scottish Parliament, including moving a motion in support of its establishment at the Scottish Trades Union Conference in 1968; believes that he was, as he described himself, “a product of his class and his movement”, and notes the belief that the Parliament should mark this anniversary by engaging with NUM to erect a bust of Michael McGahey within the Scottish Parliament.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
30 January 2024

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 26 January 2024—

Scottish Commission for Public Audit, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Audit Scotland Budget Proposal for 2024-25 (SP Paper 513)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 1st Report, 2024 (Session 6): Report on the Bus Services Improvement Partnerships (Objections) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [Draft] (SP Paper 514)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 515)

The following reports were published on 30 January 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Instruments considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee during the second quarter of the Parliamentary Year 2023-24 (SP Paper 518)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: delegated powers relevant to Scotland in the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill (SP Paper 519)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2024 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2024 [draft]

laid under sections 150(2), 150A(2) and 190(1)(a) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2024 [draft]

laid under section 165(5) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 29 January 2024 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/24)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/25)

laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

Firefighters' Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/26)

laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947 and section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 January 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report pursuant to Section 42 of the Agriculture Act 2020: Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (SG/2024/15) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SG/2024/12) laid under Section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Scottish Government: Devolved Social Security Assistance, Up-rating for Inflation in 2024-25 - A report in fulfilment of section 86A in the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 : Duty to consider effects of inflation (SG/2024/11) laid under Section 86A(1)(c) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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