



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 1 June 2023

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).

3. Increasing the Participation of Women and Girls in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths: The Parliament debated S6M-08947 in the name of Audrey Nicoll—That the Parliament believes that Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) make an important contribution to driving economic growth and delivering new approaches to the climate emergency; notes the so-called leaky pipeline, whereby women and girls account for only 25% of the STEM sector, despite maths and science subjects being equally popular among girls and boys within school age education; recognises the work underway in schools and further and higher education institutions, including Robert Gordon University, located in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency, as well as in businesses and energy-related industries, to address the under-representation of women and girls in the STEM sector; welcomes the Scottish Government's STEM strategy and the work of Equate Scotland, which aim to change cultures in organisations and academia; commends Aberdeen City Council and its partners for what it sees as their innovative work to align the school curriculum to future skills demands in offshore energy production and other growth sectors, and notes the view that all stakeholders should continue to work together to increase opportunities for girls and young women in STEM.

4. Motion Without Notice: Audrey Nicoll moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. Trustworthy, Ethical and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence - Seizing Opportunities for Scotland's People and Businesses: The Parliament debated Trustworthy, Ethical and Inclusive Artificial Intelligence - Seizing Opportunities for Scotland's People and Businesses.

7. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
1 June 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 1 June 2023—

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Annual Report of the Finance and Public Administration Committee 2022-23
(SP Paper 388)

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2023
(Session 6): The Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland)
Act 2011 (Application to Civil Partnerships and Consequential Provision)
Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 389)

Criminal Justice Committee, 9th Report, 2023 (Session 6): The International
Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023
[draft] (SP Paper 391)

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 5th Report, 2023
(Session 6): Annual Report of the Local Government, Housing and Planning
Committee for 2022-23 (SP Paper 392)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 1 June 2023—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social
Care: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Online Safety
Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-18a)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 June 2023 and is
subject to the affirmative procedure—

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Amendment of Expiry Date)
Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 7(5) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act
2022

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 1 June 2023 and are
subject to the negative procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court and Sheriff Court) (Taxation of Judicial Expenses Rules) (Amendment) 2023 (SSI 2023/165)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Feed Additives (Form of Provisional Authorisations) (Cobalt(II) Compounds) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/170)

laid under Article 18A(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1831/2003

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 June 2023 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2023 (SSI 2023/166)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 June 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

2nd proposed extension of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 - Statement of Reasons (SG/2023/100) laid under section 7(6) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

Report into the Effectiveness of Governance Arrangements, as required by section 41 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2023/90) laid under Section 41 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

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