



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 80, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 1 March 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and then on Justice and Veterans were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

**2. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft]:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-08007— That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 4, Abstentions 30).

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.

**4. Dementia Strategy:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved S6M-08053—That the Parliament welcomes the holding of a National Conversation to inform a New Dementia Strategy for Scotland in late 2022; recognises the key themes that have emerged from this National Conversation, including the need to change how dementia is talked about; supports the Scottish Government's commitment to challenge stigma and promote and protect the rights of people with dementia as valued citizens of Scotland, to value the importance of grassroots community projects to individuals, families and local communities, and to build on Scotland's world-leading commitment to post-diagnostic support to ensure that all

people with dementia have the opportunity to benefit from it; supports the need for a long-term vision and set of priorities to improve the experiences and quality of support and services for people living with dementia and those who provide them with care and support; recognises the value of established lived experience groups, and welcomes action by the Scottish Government to build on this and work with the National Dementia Lived Experience Panel and other key stakeholders to develop a new Dementia Strategy for Scotland.

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-08053.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08053 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Dementia Strategy), insert at end “; recognises that improvements in social care, primary care and delayed discharge would make a huge improvement to the quality of life of people with dementia, and calls on the Scottish Government to make these improvements at pace.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Paul O’Kane moved amendment S6M-08053.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08053 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Dementia Strategy), insert at end “; regrets that the current NHS workforce challenges are impacting on dementia care, with timely access to diagnosis and post-diagnostic support becoming a postcode lottery, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish a plan for ending the high level of delayed discharge among dementia patients, and to improve support for people with dementia by removing non-residential social care charges and increasing the availability of care packages, supported by efforts to grow the social care workforce by delivering an immediate increase in pay to at least £12 per hour, and a plan to increase pay to £15 per hour by the end of the current parliamentary session.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 93, Abstentions 3).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Appointment of Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland:** Maggie Chapman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-08037—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Helen Donaldson and Anne-Marie O’Hara as Members of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08064—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Finance and the Economy

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: International Women's Day 2023 - Embrace Equity

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Reforming the Criminal Law to Address Misogyny

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 March 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Role of Local Government and its Cross-sectoral Partners in Financing and Delivering a Net-zero Scotland

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 March 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands; Health and Social Care

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 March 2023

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 March 2023, in rule 13.7.3, after the word "except" the words "to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or" are inserted.

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-08064.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-08064 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from "*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport" to "5.00 pm Decision Time"

and insert—

*“followed by* Ministerial Statement: National Treatment Centres

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Tayside

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women and Girls' Safety on Public Transport

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08065—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08066—That the Parliament agrees that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Scotland's Hospitality and Brewing Sector:** The Parliament debated S6M-07499 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported current pressures facing Scotland's pubs, bars, breweries and wider hospitality sector, including in the South Scotland region; understands that the sector was amongst the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, and that ongoing current inflationary pressures and impacts on customer spending power makes trading exceptionally difficult; believes that Scottish hospitality businesses will not receive the 75% business rates relief that businesses in England and Wales will receive in 2023-24; notes the calls for the Scottish Government to reconsider the support on offer to the sector, and further notes with concern the number of policies being introduced or consulted on that it believes will put additional pressure on the sector, including the Deposit Return Scheme and restrictions to alcohol advertising and sponsorship.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
1 March 2023

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

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Affirmative Instruments**

The following affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 1 March 2023—

Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 [draft]  
laid under section 12(5)(a) of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022

**Laid Only Instruments**

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

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Court Sitings) 2023 (SSI 2023/57)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

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