



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 91, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 28 March 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Rt Revd Dr Iain Greenshields, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Selection of the First Minister:** The following Members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Alex Cole-Hamilton
Douglas Ross
Anas Sarwar
Humza Yousaf

The result of voting was—

Alex Cole-Hamilton	4
Douglas Ross	31
Anas Sarwar	22
Humza Yousaf	71

Humza Yousaf was duly selected as the Parliament's nominee for appointment as First Minister.

4. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08434—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 April 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: Scottish Government Priorities

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Cost of Living and Child Poverty

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 19 April 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Finances and the Wellbeing Economy

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 20 April 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 Debate: Climate Change and the Just Transition

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 25 April 2023

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 26 April 2023

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture; Justice and Veterans

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 27 April 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: Education and Skills

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 17 April 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.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08435—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08436—That the Parliament agrees that the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08437—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-08438—That the Parliament agrees that the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-08439—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as lead committee in consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. 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 3.30 pm. The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

12. St Andrew's Children's Society: The Parliament debated S6M-07711 in the name of Christine Grahame— That the Parliament congratulates St Andrew's Children's Society on marking its centenary in 2022; understands that St Andrew's Children's Society is the oldest adoption and fostering agency still in existence in Scotland; recognises what it sees as the valuable work that the Society does connecting vulnerable children to safe and loving homes, including in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency; understands that it is the only agency in Scotland to offer the SafeBase parenting programme, which is a therapeutic programme for parents of adopted and fostered children who have attachment difficulties; notes that over £20,000 has been raised during the centenary and that a number of events have been held, including a Family February FUNdraising challenge, a fundraising concert by Cadenza and a parliamentary reception in the Scottish Parliament, and that a special commemorative booklet was also written by Maureen McEvoy MBE; pays credit to all of the staff and volunteers who have supported the Society over the last 100 years, with particular credit to the adopted and foster parents who have provided safe and loving homes to their adopted and foster children, and extends its best wishes to all who are involved in adoption and fostering.

The meeting closed at 4.03 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
28 March 2023

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2023 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Consequential Modifications, Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 53(3) of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 24 March 2023 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Town and Country Planning (Play Sufficiency Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/97)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/101)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Designation of Events and Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/98)
laid under section 56 of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022

Laid Only Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 March 2023 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 12 and Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/100 (C. 11))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2023 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/99 (C.10))

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

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Amendment Order 2023 (SSI 2023/109)
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 24 March 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

The Environment Strategy for Scotland: Second Progress Report to the Parliament (SG/2023/79) laid under Section 47 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Animal Health Act 1981: Expenditure and Prosecutions – 2022 (SG/2023/39) laid under Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

Environmental Standards Scotland air quality investigation - Scottish Government improvement plan (SG/2023/75) laid under Section 30 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2023 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Building families through surrogacy: a new law - Volume I: Core Report (SG/2023/76) laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Building families through surrogacy: a new law - Volume II: Full Report (SG/2023/77) laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Building families through surrogacy: a new law - Volume III: Draft Surrogacy Bill (SG/2023/78) laid under Section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Consumer Scotland Work Programme 2023-2024 (CS/2023/01) laid under the Consumer Scotland Act 2020, subsection (4) section 14

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 (SLCC/2023/01) laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

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