



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 52, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 28 November 2023

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Martin Mansell (Glasgow Quaker Meeting), led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) made a statement and answered questions on Heat in Buildings Consultation.
- 4. Female Participation in Sport and Physical Activity:** Clare Haughey, on behalf of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, moved S6M-11455—That the Parliament notes the recommendations contained in the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's 7th Report, 2023 (Session 6), Female participation in sport and physical activity (SP Paper 445).

The motion was agreed (DT).

- 5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.
- 6. World AIDS Day 2023:** The Parliament debated S6M-11334 in the name of Clare Haughey—That the Parliament recognises World AIDS Day, which falls on 1 December 2023; recognises that millions of people around the world live with HIV, which continues to have a profound impact on the health and wellbeing of people globally; believes that, thanks to scientific developments, if on the right treatment, a

person living with HIV in Scotland today can live a long, happy and healthy life and cannot pass the virus on to others; notes what it sees as the impact that inequalities in accessing treatment, and stigma surrounding HIV, continue to have across Scotland, including in the Rutherglen constituency; commends the recent Terrence Higgins Trust advertising campaign that aired on STV, which aims to tackle the stigma of HIV; understands that this is the UK's first major public health campaign regarding HIV/AIDS in four decades; welcomes the Scottish Government's goal of ending HIV transmission in Scotland by 2030; further welcomes the Scottish Government's ongoing work to realise this goal, including the development of a pilot online HIV prevention service, to make it easier for people to get pills to prevent infection; considers that Scotland has been a recognised leader in real-world implementation of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) since the introduction of its NHS-delivered programme in 2017; welcomes what it sees as the continued progress being made in the decline of HIV diagnoses in Scotland; further welcomes increases in the uptake of PrEP, with the latest statistics reportedly showing the highest number of people accessing PrEP in any six-month period since the implementation of the programme in July 2017, and notes the belief that, while welcome progress is being made, substantial work remains to be done to meet the ambition to end HIV transmission in Scotland, and to tackle the inequalities that it considers are holding back progress.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
28 November 2023

Appendix

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 27 November 2023—

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 19th Report, 2023 (Session 6):
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee report on The Vehicle Emission
Trading Schemes Order 2023 [draft] (SP Paper 479)

The following report was published on 28 November 2023—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 71st Report, 2023 (Session
6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law
Reform Committee on 28 November 2023 (SP Paper 482)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 28 November 2023 and is
not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2022-23 (SG/2023/281) laid
under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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