



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S6/21/MINS/04

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 8 June 2021 at 12.00 pm (MS Teams)

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- George Adam
- Stephen Kerr*
- Neil Bibby
- Patrick Harvie

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay*

Apologies

- Liam McArthur

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Neil Stewart
- Lewis McNaughton*
- Polly Davidson*
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Lloyd*
- Joanne McNaughton
- Jennifer Bell*
- Steven Bell*
- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming

Future business programme

1. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 7 June 2021 and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 14 and 21 June 2021.
2. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 15 June 2021 would be S6M-251: Douglas Ross: The Campaign to Restore the Consultant-led Maternity Unit at Dr Gray's, Elgin, and on Wednesday 16 June 2021 would be S6M-138: Monica Lennon: Historical Forced Adoption.
3. Stephen Kerr and Neil Bibby expressed concerns in relation to announcements in relation to Covid-19 being made outwith the Parliament. The Presiding Officer noted that it is her expectation that all substantial announcements are made to the Parliament. George Adam agreed to feed this back within Government.

Approval of SSIs

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/179)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/180)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/181)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/186)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/191)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/193)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/202)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/204)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/208)
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/209).

be considered by the Parliament, with an accompanying suspension of Standing Orders to remove any requirement for scrutiny by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee which has yet to be established for Session 6.

5. The Bureau noted that further SSIs may require to be approved prior to the establishment of a Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and, therefore, that it may be required to recommend that the rule be suspended for further SSIs to be considered by the Parliament in future weeks.

Establishment of Committees

6. The Bureau considered a paper from the Scottish Government containing proposals in relation to the establishment of committees, and further proposals from Stephen Kerr. Business Managers discussed a range of options for the structure and remits of committees. After discussion the Bureau agreed to a proposed structure and remits, but agreed to consider numbers and membership in more detail at a future meeting.

Publication scheme

7. It was agreed that all papers considered at the meeting should be published.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
8 June 2021