



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy

PB/S6/21/MINS/05

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 15 June 2021 at 12.00 pm Committee Room 2 / (MS Teams)

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

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

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 8 June 2021 were agreed.

Matters Arising

2. The Bureau noted that, at an additional meeting on 10 June 2021, it had agreed to vary Rule 6.1.6(a) of Standing Orders in relation to the establishment of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee and the Finance Committee. The variation was agreed by the Parliament at Decision Time on 10 June 2021.
3. Following additional Bureau meetings on 10 and 14 June 2021, the Bureau considered a further paper from the Minister in relation to the establishment of committees. After discussion the Bureau agreed to numbers and membership of committees. The Bureau therefore agreed to lodge motions on—
 - Temporary rule changes in respect of the remit and name of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;
 - The establishment of committees;
 - the names and remits of mandatory committees.

Future business programme

4. The Bureau agreed a programme of business for the weeks commencing 21 June and 30 August 2021.
5. Neil Bibby asked what arrangements would be made for Covid-19 related announcements to the Parliament during summer recess. The Bureau agreed to consider this matter at a future meeting.
6. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 22 June 2021 would be S6M-70: Bob Doris: MND Scotland 40th Anniversary, and on Wednesday 23 June 2021 would be S6M-166: Alasdair Allan: National Gaelic Language Plan 2023-28.

Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill: emergency bill procedure

7. The Bureau noted that the Scottish Government expected to introduce the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill on Friday 18 June 2021, and that the Government would propose that it be considered as an emergency bill.
8. After discussion, the Bureau agreed to propose by motion that, if the Parliament decides to treat the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill as an emergency bill, that Stages 1, 2 and 3 be taken on Tuesday 22, Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 June respectively.

Approval of SSIs

9. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—

- the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/211)
- the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/212)

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.

10. 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.

11. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Rule 10.3.2 of Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of removing the requirement for the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee to consider of the following instruments—

- the Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/161)
- Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 206/2021)
- UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Championship Period and Transitory Provision etc.) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/207)
- Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/210)
- Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/214)
- Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/220)
- Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/221)
- Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) (Modification and Revocation) (Coronavirus) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/222)
- Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2021 (SSI 2021/225)
- Scottish Parliament Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/155)
- Specified Diseases (Notification and Slaughter) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/160)
- Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/165).

Publication scheme

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

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
15 June 2021