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Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 5 October 2021 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 / MS Teams

#### Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- George Adam
- Stephen Kerr
- Gillian Mackay
- Neil Bibby\*

#### Also attended:

Gordon MacDonald

### Officials present:

- David McGill
- Catherine Fergusson
- Gary Cocker
- Polly Davidson\*
- Rebecca Carradice
- Mark Brough
- Jennifer Bell\*
- Gail Grant\*
- Callum Thomson\*
- Irene Fleming\*

### **Previous minutes**

1. The minutes of 28 September 2021 were agreed.

## Matters arising

 The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion nominating Liam McArthur as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute for the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee and Alex Cole-Hamilton as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute for the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

## **Business Programme**

- 3. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 4 October, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 25 October and 1 November 2021.
- 4. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 26 October would be Motion S6M-00917: Clare Adamson: UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2021, Malnutrition in Older People; on Wednesday 27 October, would be S6M-01137: Jamie Halcro Johnston: Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services; and on Thursday 28 October, would be S6M-00522: Mercedes Villalba: The Need for an Offshore Training Passport.

## Approval of SSIs

- 5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved:
- Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland)
   Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- The National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland)
   Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- the Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- the Orkney Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- the Shetland Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- o the North Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- 6. The Bureau noted that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee had unanimously decided to not agree the following two SSIs:

- the Argyll and Bute (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- the Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/draft)
- 7. As these two SSIs can only be withdrawn with the permission of Parliament, the Bureau agreed to schedule an item on Thursday through which the Parliament can have an opportunity to agree that these two instruments be withdrawn.

# Referral of a Legislative Consent Memorandum

8. The Bureau agreed to refer the LCM on the Elections Bill to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee to consider and report on it.

#### Removal of motions

- 9. In relation to motions for Members' Business during Session 6, the Bureau agreed that all motions should be removed from the Bulletin after six weeks (excluding recess time) but that the Bureau will consider the following in removing or retaining motions—
  - (a) the motion has the support of at least 30 other Members and these supporters came from more than three political parties (note that in cases where the number of supporters exceeds 30, the topicality of the motion and the extent of the recent support have also been taken into account when making these recommendations); or
  - (b) the motion remains highly topical; or
  - (c) the motion has been selected for a Members' Business debate.
- 10. The Bureau also agreed that all standard motions be automatically removed from the list published in the Business Bulletin when they become six weeks old.
- 11. The Bureau agreed to remove the following motions for Members' Business:

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title	Total	Date Last
				support	Supported
S6M-00013	Mountain,	14/05/2021	Caithness	22	02/06/2021
	Edward		Roads		
			Recovery		
S6M-00014	Robison,	14/05/2021	Rotary Club of	13	01/07/2021
	Shona		Dundee		

			Celebrates a		
			Century		
S6M-00048	Grahame, Christine	18/05/2021	Penicuik Tackling the Climate Crisis	1	03/06/2021
S6M-00057	Johnson, Daniel	19/05/2021	Supporting Recovery in the Retail Sector	14	07/06/2021
S6M-00075	Wells, Annie	21/05/2021	Right to Recovery	22	06/07/2021
S6M-00108	Smyth, Colin	25/05/2021	The Proposed Closure of the Savings Bank Museum in Ruthwell by the TSB	10	28/05/2021
S6M-00110	Dornan, James	25/05/2021	Ending the Illegal Occupation of Palestine	15	14/06/2021
S6M-00127	Adam, Karen	26/05/2021	Maternity Services at Dr Gray's Hospital in Moray	16	10/06/2021
S6M-00155	Stewart, Alexander	27/05/2021	The Queen's Jubilee	23	03/06/2021
<u>S6M-00176</u>	Leonard, Richard	01/06/2021	Pay Justice and Equality for ScotRail Workers	16	25/06/2021
S6M-00225	Adamson, Clare	02/06/2021	Child Safety Week 2021	31	06/09/2021
S6M-00276	Smyth, Colin	08/06/2021	BHF's 60th Year	29	23/06/2021
<u>S6M-00279</u>	Whitham, Elena	08/06/2021	Gypsy, Roma Traveller History Month	24	06/09/2021
S6M-00329	Grahame, Christine	09/06/2021	Penicuik Ambassadors, Volunteer	25	06/07/2021

			Team of the		
			Year		
S6M-00388	Rowley, Alex	16/06/2021	Post Office	29	28/06/2021
			Closures		
S6M-00451	McNeill,	22/06/2021	Glasgow	3	23/06/2021
	Pauline		Recovery		
			Plan		
S6M-00472	Marra, Michael	23/06/2021	Reform of	9	20/08/2021
			Scotland's		
			Education		
			Institutions		
S6M-00488	Clark, Katy	24/06/2021	Drill Ships at	7	13/07/2021
			Hunterston		
			and Public		
			Ownership of		
			Ports		

Catherine Fergusson Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau 5 October 2021