



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy PB/S6/21/MINS/14

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 26 October 2021 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 / MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (chair)
- Liam McArthur
- Annabelle Ewing*
- George Adam
- Tess White
- Gillian Mackay
- Neil Bibby

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Apologies:

- Stephen Kerr

Officials present:

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

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 5 October 2021 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 25 October, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 1 and 8 November 2021.
3. Neil Bibby noted that his request, by correspondence, for a Ministerial Statement on NHS Lanarkshire had been declined and reserved his party's position on the revised business programme, depending on the content of scheduled business relating to NHS Lanarkshire.
4. Tess White requested a Ministerial Statement on incinerators be included in the future business programme. Neil Bibby supported this request. The Minister agreed to consider the request and to confirm by correspondence whether it would be possible to accommodate the statement. Tess White reserved her party's position on the future business programme. Tess White also indicated that it would be helpful for as much advance notice as possible of ministerial statements to be provided.
5. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 2 November would be Motion S6M-01534: Collette Stevenson: Improving support and ending the stigma of the menopause and on Wednesday 3 November, would be S6M-01612: Elena Whitham: A Model for Scotland, the Campaign for Prostitution Law Reform in Scotland. Members Business on Thursday 4 November would be agreed by correspondence.

Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSI and laid documents be approved:
 - Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/322)
 - Code of Conduct for Councillors SG/2021/229
 - Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (SG/2021/230)
7. The Bureau noted that the deadline for approving the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/322), due to be considered by the Covid-19 Recovery Committee on 29 October 2021, is Friday 30 October 2021. The Bureau noted that, subject to the Committee recommending that the Regulations be approved, a motion to approve the SSI would be lodged and taken on Thursday 28 October.

Referral of Bill

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee be designated as the lead committee for the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Proposal for Member's Bill

9. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal on the Right to Addiction Recovery (Scotland) Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee.

Time for Reflection

10. The Bureau considered an approach to Time for Reflection for October-December 2021.
11. The Bureau agreed —
 - that Time for Reflection continue to be delivered remotely, to be reviewed in line with the continued gradual resumption of services at and public access to Holyrood;
 - To draw Members' attention to the opportunity to nominate potential future Time for Reflection contributors, with consideration given to gender balance and those from both faith and non-faith backgrounds;
 - that any adjustments to the October-December 2021 programme due to contributor availability be determined by the Presiding Officer; and
 - for the Presiding Officer to finalise the programme of contributors for the period October-December 2021.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
26 October 2021