



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 15 March 2022 at 12.00 pm Q1.03 and MS Teams

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- Jennifer Bell*
- Mark Brough
- Polly Davidson*
- Catherine Fergusson*
- Gary Cocker
- Irene Fleming*
- Gail Grant*
- Matthew Linden*
- David McGill
- Rebecca Carradice
- Connor Duffy*
- Jason Nairn*
- Callum Thomson*
- Tracey White

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 8 March 2022 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 14 March 2022, and programmes of business for the weeks commencing 21 March and 28 March 2022.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 22 March would be S6M-02970: Evelyn Tweed: Scottish Tourism Month 2022, on Wednesday 23 March would be S6M-03609: Ross Greer: Industrial Relations in the College Sector, and on Thursday 24 March would be S6M-02874: Miles Briggs: World Tuberculosis Day 2022.
4. The Minister confirmed that Scottish Labour's requested Ministerial Statement on ferries would be scheduled for before recess, and that previously requested Ministerial Statements on long hospital stays and maternity services in Moray would also be scheduled soon.
5. Stephen Kerr requested ministerial statements on the following issues:
 - drugs deaths
 - the Covid vaccine certification scheme
 - the Climate Change report
 - pothole repairs
 - The European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Scotland) Bill.
6. Stephen Kerr confirmed he would send these requests in writing to the Minister for consideration and a response.

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following SSIs would be taken in the Chamber on Wednesday 16 March:
 - Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/46)
 - National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/draft)
 - Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/draft)

- Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/draft)
- 8. The Bureau noted that the Covid-19 Recovery Committee would consider the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No.3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/53) at its meeting on Thursday 17 March. Subject to the Committee recommending approval and due to the timescales for the Regulations, the Bureau noted that a motion to approve that SSI would be taken in the Chamber on Thursday 17 March.

LCM Referral

- 9. The Bureau agreed to recommend designating the Education, Children and Young People Committee as the lead committee to consider and report on the LCM on the British Sign Language Bill (UK Legislation).

Removal of motions

- 10. The Bureau agreed that all motions lodged on or before 25 January 2022 be removed from the Business Bulletin, other than the following:
 - S6M-02299: Fergus Ewing: Scotland's Fair Share, the Potential of Solar Energy in Scotland
 - S6M-01794: Meghan Gallacher: Better Protection for Scotland's War Memorials
 - S6M-02795: Jeremy Balfour: Welcoming the Down Syndrome Bill
 - S6M-02882: Richard Leonard: Changes to ScotRail Ticket Office Hours
 - S6M-02902: Katy Clark: Keeping CalMac Public and Publicly-owned Ferry Services
 - S6M-02910: Paul O'Kane: ENABLE Scotland's My Own Front Door Campaign
 - S6M-01845: Monica Lennon: Scotland's Rail Unions Launch A Vision for Scotland's Railways

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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