



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 24 January
2023 at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Rhoda Grant
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jo Hardy
- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Bell
- Callum Thomson*
- Irene Fleming *
- Gail Grant *
- Samantha Currie*

Apologies:

- Neil Bibby

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 17 January 2023 were agreed.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered and agreed to propose to the Parliament a revised programme of business for the week commencing 23 January. The Bureau also considered a programme of business for the weeks commencing 30 January and 6 February 2023.
3. Rhoda Grant noted that her view was that the Parliament should not meet on 1 February due to industrial action planned for that day. After discussion, the Bureau agreed to recommend a programme of business for the week commencing 30 January that included business on 1 February. Rhoda Grant reserved her position.
4. Clarification was sought about the circulation of the motion for one of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party debates on Wednesday 25 January, and the deadline for amendments to the motion. It was confirmed that the delay in circulation of the motion was due to consideration of sub judice issues and that an extended deadline would be allowed for amendments to be lodged.
5. The Minister for Parliamentary Business noted that information about the subject matter of the debate appeared to have been provided to stakeholders before other parties were made aware and questioned whether this was consistent with the requirements that apply to Scottish Government business.
6. The Bureau also agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Rule 15.2.1 of Standing Orders, which provides for access to the public galleries during meetings of the Parliament and committees, be suspended on 1 February 2023. This was in connection to industrial action planned for that day and the availability of staff to ensure the safety of building users. Rhoda Grant and Gillian Mackay reserved their positions.
7. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 31 January would be Motion S6M-07290: Siobhian Brown: Concern Regarding Youth Vaping, on Wednesday 01 February Motion S6M-07161: Paul McLennan: Heart Month and on Thursday 02 February Motion S6M-06112: Sue Webber: Scottish Government Commissioned Review of ME Services and Future Action.

Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee

and the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as secondary committee for the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill.

Approval of SSIs

9. The Bureau noted that motions to approve the following would be lodged—
 - Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/375)
 - Dentists, Dental Care Professionals, Nurses, Nursing Associates and Midwives (International Registrations) Order 2022 (SI 2022/Draft)
10. Alexander Burnett and Rhoda Grant reserved their positions on the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/375).

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland - Appointment of a New Commissioner

11. The Bureau agreed to a motion being laid to appoint a new Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland and that it would be debated on 26 January 2023.

Removal of Motions

12. The Bureau agreed that all motions lodged on or before 29 November 2022 be removed from the Business Bulletin, other than:

Reference	Member Name	Date Lodged	Title
<u>S6M-05233</u>	Clark, Katy	22/07/2022	Teachers' Pay
<u>S6M-05236</u>	Bibby, Neil	05/08/2022	Employment in the Low Carbon and Renewable Energy Economy
<u>S6M-05506</u>	Hoy, Craig	28/07/2022	Protecting the Future of Scotland's Historic Environment
<u>S6M-05762</u>	Grant, Rhoda	31/08/2022	Specialist Neurological Nursing Posts
<u>S6M-06140</u>	Greene, Jamie	30/09/2022	Reinstating the CalMac Season Travel Pass for Isle of Cumbrae Residents
<u>S6M-06274</u>	Lumsden, Douglas	11/10/2022	Channel 4's 40th Anniversary
<u>S6M-06425</u>	Katy Clark	03/11/2022	Investment in Further Education

<u>S6M-06478</u>	Halcro Johnston, Jamie	02/11/2022	Road Improvements and the Dualling of the A9
<u>S6M-06635</u>	Clark, Katy	08/11/2022	Apprenticeships Budget Freeze
<u>S6M-06825</u>	Kerr, Stephen	21/11/2022	The Children and Young People's Commissioner Annual Report

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
24 January 2023