



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Restricted – policy PB/S6/21/MINS/09

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 7 September 2021 at 12.00 pm MS Teams

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald*

Officials present:

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

Previous minutes

1. The minutes of 31 August 2021 were agreed.

Matters arising

2. The Presiding Officer reminded the Bureau that there would be a Strategic Planning Meeting on Wednesday 8 September at 6pm.

Business programme

3. The Bureau agreed a revised programme of business for the week commencing 6 September, and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 13 September and 20 September 2021.
4. Since the last Bureau meeting on 31 August, the Bureau agreed by correspondence that Members Business on Tuesday 7 September would be S6M-00834 Alasdair Allan: Reserved Board Seats for Islanders.
5. The Bureau agreed that Members Business on Tuesday 14 September would be S6M-00946: Karen Adam: 2020 Tokyo Paralympics; on Wednesday 15 September, would be S6M-01071: Maggie Chapman: A Just Transition for Torry; and on Thursday 16 September, would be S6M-00013: Edward Mountain: Caithness Roads Recovery.

Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to Parliament that consideration of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 26 November 2021.

Proposal for a Member's Bill

7. The Bureau agreed to refer the draft proposal on the Right to Food (Scotland) Bill to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee.

Approval of SSIs

8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved:

- the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 27) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/238) .
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 28) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/242) .
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 29) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/252) .
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 30) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/255) .
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 31) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/262) .
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 32) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/263) .
 - the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/277).
9. The Bureau noted that the deadline for approving the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/237), due to be considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on Thursday 9 September 2021, is Friday 10 September 2021. The Bureau noted that the following motion would be lodged:
- That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No.13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/237) be approved.

Business in the Chamber

10. The Bureau agreed to update the allocation of non-Government business to nine half sitting days for the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, six half sitting days for Scottish Labour, and one half sitting day for the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Membership and substitutions on committees

11. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament changes to Green committee membership and the appointment of Scottish National Party committee substitutes and Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party committee substitutes.

Request for Committee advisers

12. The Bureau agreed to a request from the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee to appoint up to four committee advisers.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
7 September 2021