



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 7 November
2023 at 12:00 pm

Present:

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

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Mark Brough
- Jen Griffin
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Connor Duffy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 31 October.

Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a programme of business for the weeks commencing 13 and 20 November 2023.

3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 14 November would be Motion S6M-11114: Stuart McMillan: Children's Grief Awareness Week 2023; on Wednesday 15 November Motion S6M-10584: Willie Coffey: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month and on Thursday 16 November S6M-10827: Paul O'Kane: Dying in the Margins.

4. Alexander Burnett and Martin Whitfield reserved their parties' position on the programme of business.

Referral of Bills at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament—

- to designate the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee as lead committee for consideration of the Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.
- to designate the Social Justice and Social Security Committee as lead committee for consideration of the Social Security (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Timetabling of Bills at Stage 1

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that—

- Stage 1 consideration of the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 3 May 2024.
- Stage 1 consideration of the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill be completed by Friday 23 February 2024

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau noted that a motion would be lodged to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSI be approved—

- Disability Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2023

Office of the Clerk

8. The Bureau agreed to propose to the Parliament that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 December 2023.

Committee Membership

9. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing changes to SNP Committee Membership.

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
7 November 2023