

Parliamentary Bureau – Committee request to meet at the same time as the parliament

Introduction

1. The Parliamentary Bureau is invited to consider a request from the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee to meet at the same time as plenary proceedings on Thursday 28 March after Portfolio Questions. The purpose of this is to enable the Committee to consider its approach to a report from the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

Background to Request

2. The Committee is currently considering the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill and has evidence panels arranged for its normal meeting time on 28 March. In order for its evidence-taking to continue, and to consider its approach to the report, the Committee is seeking agreement to meet, if necessary, at the same time as the Chamber in the afternoon of that day.

Timings proposed for meeting

3. In terms of Chamber business, the timings above would mean that the Committee is seeking approval to meet during the Scottish Government debate on The Future of Public Transport - The Fair Fares Review. The Committee would ensure that Members are available at Decision Time.

Decision

4. The Bureau is invited to consider the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee's request and to recommend to the Parliament that the Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber after Portfolio Questions on Thursday 28 March.

Parliamentary Business Team
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