



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 22 June 2022

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Suspension of Standing Orders: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05171—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Revision to Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05166 —That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 22 June 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill - UK Legislation

delete

6.10 pm Decision Time

insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 23 June 2022—

delete

7.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and Veterans and then on Finance and the Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Deaths in Custody.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) made a statement and answered questions on Retained EU Law.

6. Cost of Living Support : Mark Griffin moved S6M-05106—That the Parliament notes that, under the UK Government's Energy Bills Support Scheme, second home owners across Scotland will receive a double payment of the £400 credit for their energy bills; considers that this funding would be better used to support low-income households struggling with the cost of living crisis, and calls on the Scottish Government to allow local authorities to recover this money through a one-off increase to the council tax levied on second homes in order to support local cost of living responses.

The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved amendment S6M-05106.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05106 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living Support), leave out from “calls on” to end and insert “agrees that the Scottish Government, in consultation with COSLA, should examine all options to recover this money through a council tax levy on second homes and long-term empty homes in order to support local cost-of-living responses on a fair and equitable basis.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-05106.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05106 in the name of Mark Griffin (Cost of Living Support), leave out from “second home” to end and insert “every household in Scotland will receive £400 off their energy bills, with additional funding being provided to those on benefits, people with disabilities and pensioners; further notes that raising the National Insurance threshold and cutting the Universal Credit taper rate will allow people to keep more of the money they make; agrees that cutting fuel duty will help tackle this crisis by lowering fuel costs; notes that the £243 billion that the UK Government spends on welfare will support some of the most vulnerable families in Scotland; believes that the huge £251 million cut to Scottish local authorities has resulted in higher council tax rates across the country, and supports increasing the single person discount on council tax from 25% to 35%.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes that, under the UK Government’s Energy Bills Support Scheme, second home owners across Scotland will receive a double payment of the £400 credit for their energy bills; considers that this funding would be better used to support low-income households struggling with the cost of living crisis, and agrees that the Scottish Government, in consultation with COSLA, should examine all options to recover this money through a council tax levy on second homes and long-term empty homes in order to support local cost-of-living responses on a fair and equitable basis.

7. Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges: Jackie Baillie moved S6M-05111—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should end all non-residential social care charges in the current financial year given the growing pressure that the cost of living crisis is putting on the most vulnerable in society, and the level of reserves sitting with health and social care partnerships.

The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S6M-05111.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05111 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges), leave out from “financial year” to end and insert “parliamentary session; welcomes the recent introduction of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, in line with the Bute House Agreement, and supports the creation of this new service, which will end the postcode lottery in adult social care in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government’s welfare cuts, and retention of 85% of spending on social security benefits, including low-income benefits, and employment powers, including the minimum wage remaining with the UK Government, is letting down the most vulnerable in society by failing to properly

address the cost of living crisis and its causes; notes that the Scottish Government has increased eight Scottish social security benefits at double the rate that the UK Government uprated benefits within its control; understands that the overall budget available in Scotland is largely determined by the spending decisions of the UK Government, and considers that the Scottish Government is already investing in mitigating the impact of UK Government control, tackling the cost of living, and tackling poverty.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-05111.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05111 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Delivering the Immediate Removal of Non-residential Social Care Charges), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “calls on the Scottish Government to properly fund local authorities so that they have more freedom when it comes to non-residential social care charges; regrets that the Scottish Government’s proposals for a National Care Service could cost up to £1.3 billion to deliver, and that much of this will be spent on establishing structures and administration when what the care sector needs right now is stability to get back on its feet; understands that the Scottish Government’s proposals will leech funding away from the frontline; regrets that the National Care Service represents a direct attack on the competence of local authorities, and calls on the Scottish Government to scrap these plans and introduce a local care guarantee that would ensure that care is delivered as close as possible to those who need it.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government should end all non-residential social care charges in the current parliamentary session; welcomes the recent introduction of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill, in line with the Bute House Agreement, and supports the creation of this new service, which will end the postcode lottery in adult social care in Scotland; regrets that the UK Government’s welfare cuts, and retention of 85% of spending on social security benefits, including low-income benefits, and employment powers, including the minimum wage remaining with the UK Government, is letting down the most vulnerable in society by failing to properly address the cost of living crisis and its causes; notes that the Scottish Government has increased eight Scottish social security benefits at double the rate that the UK Government uprated benefits within its control; understands that the overall budget available in Scotland is largely determined by the spending decisions of the UK Government, and considers that the Scottish Government is already investing in mitigating the impact of UK Government control, tackling the cost of living, and tackling poverty.

8. Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-05155— That the Parliament agrees that the provisions of the Social Security (Additional Payments) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 15 June 2022, so far as they relate to matters that fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

9. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05144—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 June 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Independence Referendum

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

7.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan - Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill

followed by Stage 3 Debate: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.15 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 June 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Tuesday 6 September 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 September 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 September 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

followed by Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 June 2022, in rule 13.7.3, after the word “except” the words “to the extent to which the Presiding Officer considers that the questions are on the same or similar subject matter or” are inserted.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-05144.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-05144 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out from “followed by Ministerial Statement: Independence Referendum” to “followed by Scottish Government Debate: Northern Ireland Protocol Bill” and insert—

“followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 29 June 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

followed by Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan – Fourth Year Progress Report (2021-22)

followed by Ministerial Statement: Project Neptune

followed by Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services Update

followed by Ministerial Statement: National Care Service (Scotland) Bill Introduction".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 28, Against 63, Abstentions 20).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 48, Abstain 1).

10. Stage 1 Timetable: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05145—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 October 2022.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

11. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05146—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

12. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05147—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Information and Access, etc.) Miscellaneous Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

13. Substitution on Committees: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-05148—That the Parliament agrees that Stephen Kerr be appointed to replace Sue Webber as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to ((DT)).

14. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7,9 , 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

15. Save Loch Lomond: The Parliament debated S6M-04950 in the name of Ross Greer—That the Parliament notes the reported application lodged by the Yorkshire-based theme park operator, Flamingo Land, for the development of a so-called "luxury resort" on the banks of Loch Lomond at Balloch; understands that this is Flamingo Land's second application for a development on the site, with the first application reportedly having been withdrawn following a record 60,000 objections being lodged with the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park authority; congratulates local residents and the Save Loch Lomond campaign for, it believes, having protected the ancient woodland at Drumkinnon Woods, which it understands is no longer the proposed location for dozens of guest lodges, but remains concerned about a number of reported issues with the current application, including its overall scale, public access to Drumkinnon Woods and the wider site, pressure on local roads and the principle of selling public land at one of Scotland's most famous locations to a private developer.

The meeting closed at 7.24 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 June 2022

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 22 June 2022—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th Report 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 June 2022 (SP Paper 207)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 June 2022 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Advice and Assistance (Summary Criminal Proceedings) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 June 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2022 SPSO/2022/06 laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: Best Start Foods, Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 SCoSS/2022/03 laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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