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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 22 June 2023

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Humza Yousaf).
- 3. Deconcentrating Land Ownership:** The Parliament debated S6M-09174 in the name of Mercedes Villalba—That the Parliament understands that, in 2013, just 432 landowners owned 50% of all Scotland's privately-owned rural land; notes that feudal tenure in Scotland was only formally abolished through the Abolition of Feudal Tenure (Scotland) Act 2000; supports the expansion to community rights to buy under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; understands that continuing concentration of ownership remains a significant barrier to communities exercising their rights; considers that land represents a huge reserve of unearned wealth in Scotland, including in the North East Scotland region; notes the view that there is a need for stronger action to disrupt the concentration of land ownership in Scotland; further notes the view that a clearly defined, legally enforced, public interest test is needed to ensure that land holdings work for the benefit of the people of Scotland, and notes the calls for Scotland's land to be owned by, and managed for the benefit of, Scotland's communities.
- 4. Presiding Officer's Statement:** The Presiding Officer made a statement expressing condolences on the death of Winnie Ewing, former MSP.

5. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Social Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Education Reform.

7. Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise (Natalie Don) moved S6M-09610—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise (Natalie Don) moved S6M-09158—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Children (Care and Justice) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 0, Abstentions 28).

9. Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-09599—That the Parliament agrees that the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
22 June 2023

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 22 June 2023—

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 5th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Electronic Trade Documents Bill (SP Paper 410)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Delegated powers provisions in the Bankruptcy and Diligence (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 416)

The following reports will be published on 23 June 2023—

Criminal Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 413)

Criminal Justice Committee, 13th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 414)

Criminal Justice Committee, 14th Report, 2023 (Session 6): Report on the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 415)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 June 2023 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Teachers' Superannuation and Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 (SSI 2023/190)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 22 June 2023 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Redress Scotland - Corporate Plan 2023-2026 (SG/2023/131) laid under paragraph 15(9)(b) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

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