



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 2, No. 40, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 8 November 2022

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Dr Maureen Sier, Director, Interfaith Scotland, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Future Agriculture Support and Food Security in Scotland.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on National Planning Framework 4.
- 5. Remembrance Commemorations and Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-06637—That the Parliament recognises the enduring importance of the Remembrance period to families and communities across Scotland and pays tribute to the sacrifices of those individuals from across Scotland and the UK, the Commonwealth and Allied Nations, which ensured the peace and freedoms that people enjoy today; recognises the Armed Forces' and others' efforts in peace-keeping and peace-making across the world as ways of preventing war and the consequences of war; acknowledges the importance of Scotland's veterans and Armed Forces community and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make

to Scotland; supports the Scottish Government's veterans strategy action plan, which has a clear vision to ensure the best possible outcomes for veterans and their families; notes the Scottish Government's progress thus far in delivering the commitments it has made in the action plan, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors, and with the UK Government and other devolved administrations, to ensure that the veterans and Armed Forces community receives the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the latest statistics showing that only 63.1% of patients are being seen within four hours in A&E, which is reportedly the lowest ever recorded, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

8. A Potato With More Vitamin C Than a Lemon: The Parliament debated S6M-05292 in the name of Stephen Kerr—That the Parliament believes that gene-editing technology is game-changing for food production; understands that there is a big difference between gene-modification and gene-editing; further understands that gene-editing makes small, specific changes to existing DNA, or removes a section altogether, speeding up a process that could occur through natural breeding; recognises that scientists at the James Hutton Institute in Dundee have reportedly predicted that gene-editing technology could result in potatoes with more vitamin C than lemons being grown, and considers that Scotland could be left behind England in food production due to Scottish legislation prohibiting the use of gene-editing in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
8 November 2022

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 8 November 2022—

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 10th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Pre-budget 2023-24 (SP Paper 252)

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 11th Report, 2022 (Session 6):
Subordinate legislation considered by the Net Zero, Energy and
Transport Committee on 1 November 2022 (SP Paper 254)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 8 November 2022—

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and
Culture: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Retained EU Law
(Revocation and Reform) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-29)

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 4
November 2022—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment Regulations 2023 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022

Negative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 8 November 2022 and is
subject to the negative procedure—

Scottish Child Payment (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/326)
laid under section 96(4) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 4 November 2022 and
are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March
2022 – Resource Accounts (RS/2022/01)** laid under the Revenue Scotland and
Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 – Devolved Taxes Account (RS/2022/02) laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2022-23 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2022/237) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

The following document was withdrawn on 4 November 2022—

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2022-23 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2023 (SG/2022/225)

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 7 November 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts For the year ending 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/145) laid under Section 8 of the Industrial Training Act 1982

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/238) laid under Paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and Article 6(2)(b) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Non-profit-making Companies) Order 2009

Social Security Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 (SG/2022/72) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 8 November 2022 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Government: National Planning Framework 4, Revised Draft - Laid before the Scottish Parliament on 8 November 2022 (SG/2022/208) laid under section 3CA(3)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Scottish Government: National Planning Framework 4, Explanatory Report: November 2022 (SG/2022/209) laid under section 3CA(2)(b) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

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