



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 27 October 2021

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on OECD Education - Next Steps.
- 3. Global Ambitions for COP26:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-01769—That the Parliament welcomes the world to Glasgow for the COP26 summit and thanks all those who have contributed to enabling the summit to take place; considers this to be humanity's last opportunity to limit global warming and deliver on the ambitions set at the Paris Climate summit in 2015 and calls on world leaders gathering in Glasgow to make the necessary changes in their own countries to keep the target of 1.5 degrees alive and ensure it is achieved, and also deliver on the funding commitments made in Paris to support countries in the Global South in tackling climate change and its impacts; further calls on world leaders to take immediate and rapid action on emissions reduction and investment in low-emission and zero-carbon technology on a global scale, and to recognise the loss and damage already occurring as a result of climate change, recognising that those suffering most from these changes are those least responsible for it, and to support those countries already living with such loss; notes the commitments recently set out through the Programme for Government, the Cooperation Agreement between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party Parliamentary Group, and other

documents that build upon the updated Climate Change Plan and increase the steps being taken in Scotland to address the climate crisis; looks forward to the publication, starting from next year, of sectoral just transition plans, and welcomes the undertaking, in support of this, of further analysis of Scotland's North Sea oil and gas production to assess the compatibility of current and future field development with the Paris Agreement, and to Scotland's economy, security and wellbeing.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-01769.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01769 in the name of Michael Matheson (Global Ambitions for COP26), leave out from "the commitments" to end and insert "that the Scottish Government has missed its legal emissions target three times and that, according to the Climate Emergency Response Group, over two thirds of key climate policies are not on track; considers that the Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council have failed to properly prepare Glasgow and Scotland's national transport infrastructure for hosting this global event, and calls upon the Scottish Government to urgently step up its support for making homes more energy efficient, bring forward a Circular Economy Bill, accelerate the roll-out of Scotland's electric vehicle charging network, and invest as a full partner in the North Sea Transition Deal."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S6M-01769.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01769 in the name of Michael Matheson (Global Ambitions for COP26), insert at end "; notes that the Scottish Government has not met the annual target for emissions in 2017, 2018 and 2019; agrees that it is important for Scotland to provide leadership through action and delivery; understands that having better, regular, interconnected and affordable public transport run in the interest of passengers will be essential to achieving the modal shift from cars that will be necessary to meet Scotland's climate ambitions, and calls on the Scottish Government to use all the powers available to it to realise Scotland's full potential in the renewable energy sector, create local green jobs in communities across Scotland, implement a bold industrial strategy to invest in and grow domestic supply chains, and take all necessary steps to secure a just transition to net zero in Scotland, ensuring that no individual, family or community is left behind."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S6M-01769.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01769 in the name of Michael Matheson (Global Ambitions for COP26), insert at end "; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to develop an aviation strategy, and believes that, as part of this work, the Scottish Government should withdraw from its written agreement with Heathrow Airport to support the building of a third runway."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 85, Abstentions 22).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament welcomes the world to Glasgow for the COP26 summit and thanks all those who have contributed to enabling the summit to take place; considers this to be humanity's last opportunity to limit global warming and deliver on the ambitions set at the Paris Climate summit in 2015 and calls on world leaders gathering in Glasgow to make the necessary changes in their own countries to keep the target of 1.5 degrees alive and ensure it is achieved, and also deliver on the funding commitments made in Paris to support countries in the Global South in tackling climate change and its impacts; further calls on world leaders to take immediate and rapid action on emissions reduction and investment in low-emission and zero-carbon technology on a global scale, and to recognise the loss and damage already occurring as a result of climate change, recognising that those suffering most from these changes are those least responsible for it, and to support those countries already living with such loss; notes the commitments recently set out through the Programme for Government, the Cooperation Agreement between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party Parliamentary Group, and other documents that build upon the updated Climate Change Plan and increase the steps being taken in Scotland to address the climate crisis; looks forward to the publication, starting from next year, of sectoral just transition plans, and welcomes the undertaking, in support of this, of further analysis of Scotland's North Sea oil and gas production to assess the compatibility of current and future field development with the Paris Agreement, and to Scotland's economy, security and wellbeing; notes that the Scottish Government has not met the annual target for emissions in 2017, 2018 and 2019; agrees that it is important for Scotland to provide leadership through action and delivery; understands that having better, regular, interconnected and affordable public transport run in the interest of passengers will be essential to achieving the modal shift from cars that will be necessary to meet Scotland's climate ambitions, and calls on the Scottish Government to use all the powers available to it to realise Scotland's full potential in the renewable energy sector, create local green jobs in communities across Scotland, implement a bold industrial strategy to invest in and grow domestic supply chains, and take all necessary steps to secure a just transition to net zero in Scotland, ensuring that no individual, family or community is left behind.

4. Urgent Question: An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the statement that NHS Lothian's services are under extreme pressure and that patients should not attend the emergency department unless it is life threatening, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

5. Business Programme: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01797—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 November 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update

followed by Scottish Government Debate: A Progressive approach to Sustainable Procurement and Fair Work Practices

followed by Committee Announcements

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 November 2021

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 Debate: Early Learning and Childcare-1140 Hours and Beyond

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: UK Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Approval of SSIs

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 4 November 2021

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 Debate: Accessing Scottish Social Security Benefits

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 November 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update
followed by Scottish Government Debate
followed by Committee Announcements
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 November 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice and Veterans; Finance and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 November 2021

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: Education and Skills

followed by Scottish Government Debate

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 1 November 2021, 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.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of Code of Conduct for Councillors: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01798—That the Parliament agrees that the Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2021/229) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01799—That the Parliament agrees that the Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (SG/2021/230) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01800—That the Parliament agrees that the Forestry (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Designation of Lead Committee: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01801—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Recognising the Importance of Scotland's Ferry Services: The Parliament debated S6M-01137 in the name of Jamie Halcro Johnston—That the Parliament recognises the vital importance of lifeline ferry links to Scotland's island communities; acknowledges what it sees as the severe problems that have affected Clyde and Hebridean routes, particularly in the Highlands and Islands region, over the summer of 2021; notes the impact on residents, potential visitors, businesses and public services of a service that is unreliable; recalls the conclusions of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee in its inquiry into the construction and procurement of ferry vessels in Scotland, and notes the view that there is an urgent need for a Scotland-wide ferries strategy that ensures the resilience of the network into the future.

12. Motion without Notice: Jamie Halcro Johnston moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.42 pm.

David McGill
Clerk of the Parliament
27 October 2021

Appendix

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

New Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative Instruments

The following instrument was laid before Parliament on 27 October 2021 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Eggs (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]
laid under section 9(4) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data)
(Scotland) Act 2020

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 27 October 2021 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Report on proposals and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions following annual target for 2019 not being met (SG/2021/272) laid under section 36 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration 2020-21 Performance and Accounts Report (SG/2021/254) laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2020/21 (SG/2021/255) laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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