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## **Foreword**

The Journal is the central, long-term, authoritative record of what the Parliament has done. The *Minutes of Proceedings*, which are produced for each meeting of the Parliament, do that in an immediate way, while the Journal presents essentially the same material but has the benefit of hindsight to allow any errors and infelicities of presentation to be corrected. Unlike the *Official Report*, which primarily records what is said, the *Minutes of Proceedings*, and in the longer term the Journal, provide the authoritative record of what was done.

The Journal is required under Rule 16.3 of Standing Orders and contains, in addition to the *Minutes of Proceedings* themselves, notice of any Bill introduced\*, notice of any instrument or draft instrument or any other document laid before the Parliament; notice of any report of a committee, and any other matter that the Parliament, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, considers should be included.

(\* The requirement to include notice of Bills introduced was only added to Rule 16.3 in January 2003. However, such notices have in practice been recorded in the Annex to the *Minutes of Proceedings* from the outset.)

Note: (DT), which appears throughout the Journal, signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

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## Minutes of Proceedings of the Parliament

### No. 1, Thursday 13 May and Friday 14 May 2021

The meeting opened at 9.00 am on Thursday 13 May 2021.

**1. Oaths and Affirmations:** The following members took the oath of allegiance or made their solemn affirmation before the Clerk—

#### Oath

Douglas Ross  
Anas Sarwar  
Willie Rennie  
George Adam  
Clare Adamson  
Alasdair James Allan  
Jackie Baillie  
Jeremy Ross Balfour  
Colin Beattie  
Miles Edward Frank Briggs  
Alexander James Amherst Burnett of Leys  
Donald Cameron  
Jackson Carlaw  
Willie Coffey  
Angela Constance  
Ashten Regan-Denham  
Bob Doris  
Finlay Hamilton Carson  
Sharon Lesley Dowey  
Annabelle Ewing  
Fergus Stewart Ewing  
Russell Findlay  
Kate Forbes  
Murdo MacKenzie Fraser  
Meghan Gallacher  
Maurice Charles Golden  
Pam Gosal  
Rhoda Grant  
Jamie Gillan Greene  
Ross John Greer  
Mark Griffin  
Jamie Halcro Johnston  
Rachael Hamilton  
Clare Haughey  
Craig William Hoy  
Dr Sandesh Gulhane  
Liam Kerr  
Stephen Kerr  
Monica Lennon  
Richard Leonard  
Dean Lockhart  
Douglas Aaron Lumsden

#### Affirmation

Nicola Ferguson Sturgeon  
Patrick Harvie  
Lorna Jane Slater  
Karen Adam  
Tom Arthur  
Claire Baker  
Neil James Bibby  
Keith James Brown  
Siobhian Brown  
Ariane Burgess  
Stephanie Callaghan  
Maggie Chapman  
Katy Clark  
Alex Cole-Hamilton  
Graeme James Dey  
Natalie Don  
James Dornan  
Jackie Edith Elizabeth Dunbar  
Pam Duncan-Glancy  
James McGregor Fairlie  
Joe Martin FitzPatrick  
Kenneth James Gibson  
Jennifer Madeleine Gilruth  
Mairi Gougeon  
Christine Grahame  
Neil Charles Gray  
Emma Harper  
James Douglas Hepburn  
Fiona Jane Hyslop  
Daniel Johnson  
Alison Johnstone  
Bill Kidd  
Richard Lochhead  
Gordon MacDonald  
Gillian Audrey Mackay  
Rona Mackay  
Ben Macpherson  
Gillian Anne Martin  
John Mason  
Ivan McKee  
Christina McKelvie  
Stuart McMillan

Fulton James MacGregor	Jenni Minto
Ruth Maguire	Sarah Herriot Boyack
Michael James Marra	Carol Ann Mochan
Michael Stephen Matheson	Angus Robertson
Màiri McAllan	Shona Robison
Liam Scott McArthur	Emma Roddick
Paul Stewart McLennan	Mark Ruskell
Marie Alexandra McNair	Graham Simpson
Pauline Mary McNeill	Shirley-Anne Somerville
Edward Brian Stanford Mountain	Collette Stevenson
Oliver Gordon Watson Mundell	Kaukab Stewart
Audrey Elizabeth Nicoll	Michelle Thomson
Paul Francis O'Kane	Maree Todd
Alex Rowley	Evelyn Tweed
Elizabeth Jane Smith	Mercedes Villalba
Colin Smyth	Martin David Whitfield
Alexander Stewart	Elena Whitham
Kevin Morrice Stewart	Beatrice Wishart
Paul John Sweeney	Foyso Choudhury
John Ramsay Swinney	
David Torrance	
Sue Webber	
Annie Wells	
Tess White	
Brian Whittle	
Humza Yousaf	

**2. Election of Presiding Officer:** Alison Johnstone was nominated as a candidate for appointment as Presiding Officer.

The result of voting was—

Yes	97
No	28
Abstentions	2
Spoilt papers	1

Alison Johnstone was duly elected as Presiding Officer.

**3. Election of Deputy Presiding Officers:** The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Deputy Presiding Officer—

Clare Adamson  
Claire Baker  
Jeremy Balfour  
James Dornan  
Annabelle Ewing  
Rhoda Grant  
Bill Kidd  
Liam McArthur  
Stuart McMillan  
Edward Mountain

The result of the first round of voting was—

Clare Adamson	9
Claire Baker	13
Jeremy Balfour	10
James Dornan	7
Annabelle Ewing	35
Rhoda Grant	12
Bill Kidd	4
Liam McArthur	16
Stuart McMillan	5
Edward Mountain	13
Abstentions	1
Spoilt papers	1

Accordingly, Bill Kidd was eliminated and a second round of voting was held. The result of the second round of voting was—

Clare Adamson	5
Claire Baker	8
Jeremy Balfour	9
James Dornan	6
Annabelle Ewing	44
Rhoda Grant	11
Liam McArthur	22
Stuart McMillan	6
Edward Mountain	15
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Clare Adamson was eliminated. James Dornan and Stuart McMillan withdrew. A third round of voting was held, the result of which was—

Claire Baker	9
Jeremy Balfour	6
Annabelle Ewing	58
Rhoda Grant	14
Liam McArthur	26
Edward Mountain	13
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Jeremy Balfour was eliminated. Claire Baker and Edward Mountain withdrew. A fourth round of voting was held, the result of which was—

Annabelle Ewing	64
Rhoda Grant	16
Liam McArthur	44
Abstentions	1
Spoilt papers	0

Annabelle Ewing was duly elected as Deputy Presiding Officer.

After Bill Kidd withdrew, the candidates for appointment as the second Deputy Presiding Officer were—

Clare Adamson  
Claire Baker  
Jeremy Balfour  
James Dornan  
Rhoda Grant  
Liam McArthur  
Stuart McMillan  
Edward Mountain

The result of the first round of voting for the second Deputy Presiding Officer was—

Clare Adamson	10
Claire Baker	13
Jeremy Balfour	5
James Dornan	9
Rhoda Grant	10
Liam McArthur	45
Stuart McMillan	20
Edward Mountain	12
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Accordingly, Jeremy Balfour was eliminated. Edward Mountain withdrew. A second round of voting was held for the second Deputy Presiding Officer, the result of which was—

Clare Adamson	7
Claire Baker	9
James Dornan	5
Rhoda Grant	9
Liam McArthur	74
Stuart McMillan	19
Abstentions	0
Spoilt papers	0

Liam McArthur was duly elected as Deputy Presiding Officer.

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with the UK Government, and with Police Scotland, regarding the community response to attempted immigration enforcement action in Kenmure Street in Glasgow on 13 May, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf).

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported growing and widespread concern over the 2021 SQA examination, assessment and awards process, which has been described as an “unfolding debacle” by the author of the review into the 2020 SQA exam diet, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney).

**6. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the COVID-19 situation in Moray and what additional support will be made available to residents and businesses, was answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

The meeting closed at 4.47 pm on Friday 14 May 2021.



## No. 2, Tuesday 18 May 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Selection of the First Minister:** The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

Willie Rennie  
Douglas Ross  
Nicola Sturgeon

The result of voting was—

Willie Rennie	4
Douglas Ross	31
Nicola Sturgeon	64
Abstentions	28

Nicola Sturgeon was duly selected as the Parliament's nominee for appointment as First Minister.

**2. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what engagement it has had with Police Scotland and Rangers FC regarding the reported COVID-19 regulation breaches, incidences of vandalism, violence and anti-Catholic bigotry in Glasgow city centre and at Ibrox Stadium on 15 May, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf).

**3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on rising COVID-19 cases in Glasgow and parts of the Greater Glasgow area, was answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government, further to Greensill Capital entering administration, what action it is taking to mitigate the risks to jobs, vital industries and public finances in Scotland, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture (Fiona Hyslop).

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-00045— That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 20 May 2021—

insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Ministers

followed by Election of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

3.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 3.46 pm.

### No. 3, Thursday 20 May 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-00062—That the Parliament agrees that Angus Robertson, Keith Brown, Mairi Gougeon and Shona Robison be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00062.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00062 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (First Minister's Appointment of Scottish Ministers), leave out "Angus Robertson,".

After debate, the amendment was not agreed to (by division: For 4, Against 70, Abstentions 51).

The motion was then agreed to.

**2. First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-00063—That the Parliament agrees that George Adam, Tom Arthur and Màiri McAllan be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will comment on the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland's report "Authority to discharge", showing unlawful transfers of adults with incapacity from hospitals to care homes during the early stages of the pandemic, was answered by the Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart).

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what plans it has to protect private tenants from eviction while the COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, was answered by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney).

**5. Election of Members to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body:** The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body—

Claire Baker  
Jackson Carlaw  
Maggie Chapman  
Christine Grahame

The Parliament voted to elect the four members for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 113, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00064—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 26 May 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Topical Questions

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: Scottish Government Priorities

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

3.15 pm Decision Time

Thursday 27 May 2021 (Hybrid)

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 June 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Topical Questions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 2 June 2021 (Hybrid)

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 3 June 2021 (Hybrid)

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 3.14 pm.

## No. 4, Wednesday 26 May 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00123—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 26 May 2021—

after

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required);

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136) Rules 10.1.3(a) and 10.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(c) that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136) be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Priorities.

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on the publication of the appeals process for 2021 National Qualifications, in light of the SQA missing publication deadlines, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00124—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 June 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* First Ministers Statement: COVID-19 Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Health Recovery

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 2 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Economic Recovery

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 3 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Education

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 June 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

*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 10 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care

*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 7 June, 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. Parliamentary Recess Dates:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00125—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 26 June to 29 August 2021 (inclusive), 9 to 24 October 2021 (inclusive), 24 December 2021 to 9 January 2022 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Office of the Clerk:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00126—That the Parliament agrees that, between 1 June 2021 and 31 January 2022, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 17 September, 26 November, 24 December (pm), 27 and 28 December 2021, and 3 and 4 January 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00128—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/136) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 3.31 pm.



**No. 5, Thursday 27 May 2021**

The meeting opened at 12.00 pm.

1. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
2. **COVID-19:** The Parliament debated COVID-19.
3. **Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.
4. **Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.53 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 4.53 pm.

## No. 6, Tuesday 1 June 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Canon David Richards, Rector, St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.

**2. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**3. Health Recovery:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-00144—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government commitment to produce an NHS Recovery plan within 100 days, reflecting that the necessary actions of the NHS to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted on waiting times for care and treatment; recognises that this impact will mean that many people are waiting longer for treatment and that this will be a source of worry for them and their families; notes that the aim of the recovery plan will be to increase inpatient, day case and outpatient activity by 10%, and that urgent care such as cancer will continue to be prioritised and action taken to reduce the longest waits; believes that the recovery plan should address both mental and physical health as all aspects of wellbeing have been affected by the pandemic; further believes that a women's health plan should also be brought forward within 100 days in order to better shape the services that are needed by women of all ages but that have too often fallen short in the past; commends the health and care staff for the remarkable efforts that they have made to provide the best care and treatment possible during the pandemic, and recognises that fundamental to the recovery of the NHS is a recognition of their care and support needs so that they can best meet the needs of patients, and supports the establishment of a National Care Service to ensure that care services are founded on fairness, equality and human rights, and are placed on the same level of esteem as the National Health Service.

Annie Wells moved amendment S6M-00144.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00144 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Health Recovery), leave out from “, and supports the establishment” to end and insert “; welcomes the Feeley Review and aims to work with families and the sector to design reforms focused on putting Scotland's social care system on a sustainable footing; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the promised increase in inpatient, day case and outpatient activity will not adversely affect the time consultants get to spend with a single patient; recognises the unacceptably high levels of drug deaths in Scotland and believes everyone should have a right, enshrined in law, to the necessary alcohol and/or drug treatment option that they seek, and awaits the early publication and progress of a bill on restitution for victims of the Mesh scandal.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 68, Abstentions 22).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-00144.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00144 in the name of Humza Yousaf (Health Recovery), insert at end “; recognises that patients were experiencing

unacceptably long waits before the pandemic and significant health inequalities persisted across Scotland; notes the acute need to find missing cancer diagnoses and establish a catch-up initiative in screening programmes; considers that tackling the mental health crisis must be an urgent priority with an end to rejected referrals, putting mental health professionals in general practice and a new suicide prevention strategy; believes that the social care workforce has been undervalued for too long, and calls on the Scottish Government to address poverty pay in the sector by funding an immediate pay rise to at least £12 per hour for social care workers, rising to £15 per hour in the current parliamentary session.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

**4. Urgent Question:** An urgent question to ask the Scottish Government for its response to the Scottish Law Commission’s Discussion Paper on the Mental Element in Homicide and the wider implications it has in ending the so-called rough sex defence, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Keith Brown).

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00196—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business on Wednesday 2 June 2021—

delete

2.00 pm Scottish Government Debate: Economic Recovery

and insert

2.00 pm Ministerial statement: National Qualifications 2021

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Economic Recovery

(b) that, for the purposes of consideration of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/158), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/166) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/168), rules 10.1.3(a) and 10.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(c) that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/158), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/166) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/168) be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.16 pm.

## No. 7, Wednesday 2 June 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education (Shirley Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on National Qualifications 2021.

**2. Economic Recovery:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-00165—That the Parliament recognises the significant and ongoing impact of COVID-19 restrictions on the Scottish economy; acknowledges the economic and financial hardship faced by businesses, communities and individuals due to efforts to suppress the virus; agrees on the urgent need to create the conditions for a sustainable economic recovery that delivers fairer and greater prosperity in Scotland across all regions and sectors; recognises that a thriving economy, with secure and meaningful employment opportunities, has an impact on long-term health and social outcomes; agrees that economic recovery must be a national endeavour supported by the collective action of public, private and third sectors, and calls for cross-party collaboration to achieve this.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-00165.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00165 in the name of Kate Forbes (Economic Recovery), leave out from "and calls for" to end and insert "; recognises the importance of Scotland's energy sector, including the oil and gas industries to the Scottish economy and the over 100,000 jobs that it supports; calls for the Scottish Government to be a partner in the £16 billion North Sea Transition Deal, and further calls for all of Scotland's parties and both the Scottish and UK governments to work together to make rebuilding the Scottish economy the number one priority in the immediate aftermath of the COVID-19 health pandemic."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 6, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-00165.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00165 in the name of Kate Forbes (Economic Recovery), leave out from "recognises that a thriving economy" to end and insert "urges the Scottish Government to review and learn lessons from its economic response to the pandemic to date, which has seen delayed allocation of Barnett consequentials and underspend in key business support funds; emphasises the need for ongoing support and the requirement for a further stimulus, in particular to the hospitality, tourism and retail sectors, in order to restart the economy; recognises the impact that a thriving economy has on wider health and social outcomes; considers that long-term economic recovery must be measured in jobs, wage growth, reduced income inequality, investment and productivity; acknowledges that, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, efforts by the Scottish Government had failed to address low productivity and stagnant growth in wages and jobs in comparison to other areas of the UK, and affirms that recovery must address and tackle these broad measures and that the recovery effort will likely last the duration of the current parliamentary session and require the constant

focus of the Scottish Government, working with trade unions and organisations in the public, private and third sectors."

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

Lorna Slater moved amendment S6M-00165.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00165 in the name of Kate Forbes (Economic Recovery), after "social outcomes;" insert "believes that Scotland's economic recovery must lay the groundwork for a just transition to a net-zero economy; understands the significant opportunities for creating jobs in green sectors such as renewable energy, public transport, energy efficiency and the natural environment; recognises the need for a major increase in public investment in Scotland and across the UK in these sectors to secure a green economic recovery;".

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

The motion as amended was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament recognises the significant and ongoing impact of COVID-19 restrictions on the Scottish economy; acknowledges the economic and financial hardship faced by businesses, communities and individuals due to efforts to suppress the virus; agrees on the urgent need to create the conditions for a sustainable economic recovery that delivers fairer and greater prosperity in Scotland across all regions and sectors; recognises that a thriving economy, with secure and meaningful employment opportunities, has an impact on long-term health and social outcomes; believes that Scotland's economic recovery must lay the groundwork for a just transition to a net-zero economy; understands the significant opportunities for creating jobs in green sectors such as renewable energy, public transport, energy efficiency and the natural environment; recognises the need for a major increase in public investment in Scotland and across the UK in these sectors to secure a green economic recovery; agrees that economic recovery must be a national endeavour supported by the collective action of public, private and third sectors; recognises the importance of Scotland's energy sector, including the oil and gas industries to the Scottish economy and the over 100,000 jobs that it supports; calls for the Scottish Government to be a partner in the £16 billion North Sea Transition Deal, and further calls for all of Scotland's parties and both the Scottish and UK governments to work together to make rebuilding the Scottish economy the number one priority in the immediate aftermath of the COVID-19 health pandemic.

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00199—That the Parliament agrees:

(a) the following programme of business –

Tuesday 8 June 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: Tackling Poverty

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Addressing the Climate Emergency

*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 10 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 June 2021

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 16 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*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 17 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice

*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 14 June, 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.

**4. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/158):** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-00208—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/158) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/166):** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-00209—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/166) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/168):** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-



00207—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/168) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

## No. 8, Thursday 3 June 2021

The meeting opened at 12.00 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Education:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-00204—That the Parliament recognises the difficult circumstances that children, young people, students and parents have faced over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic; commends the extraordinary work done by university, college, school and childcare staff over the last year to maintain education and childcare; recognises that the pandemic has nevertheless had an impact on the health, wellbeing and education of many children and young people across Scotland, particularly the most disadvantaged; agrees that work to address these impacts, and remove the barriers to learning that too many still face, should be at the heart of Scotland's COVID-19 recovery efforts, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to implement ambitious plans to support the education system during its first 100 days.

Oliver Mundell moved amendment S6M-00204.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00204 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Education), leave out from “and parents have faced” to end and insert “, parents, families and carers have faced over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic; commends the extraordinary work done by university, college, school, nursery and childcare staff over the last year to maintain education and childcare; notes, by way of contrast, the absence of meaningful and timely support from the Scottish Government and its education agencies and the pressure and anxiety that this has caused; recognises that there were significant challenges in Scottish education before the pandemic as a result of the First Minister's broken promise to make education the number one priority, and calls on the Scottish Government to act with more urgency to reverse damaging cuts to teacher numbers, to bring all classrooms up to an acceptable standard and reduce class sizes, to put in place catch-up plans, including a tutoring scheme to make up for lost learning, to address the shortfall in college funding and to set out plans to enable in-person, small group learning at universities in order to prevent a generation of young people being lost to COVID-19.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 64, Abstentions 28).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-00204.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00204 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Education), leave out from “, and welcomes” to end and insert “; recognises the need for an ambitious plan of National Recovery in the education system; calls on the Scottish Government to establish a National Tutoring scheme and a ‘resit’ guarantee, which offers young people impacted by the cancellation of exams in 2020 and 2021 the opportunity of a funded college place to take their qualifications again, and further calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a

‘no detriment’ policy for further and higher education access and institute an urgent review of the SQA.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 61, Abstentions 7).

Ross Greer moved amendment S6M-00204.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00204 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Education), leave out from “and welcomes” to end and insert “but regrets the additional stress and anxiety felt by students, teachers, parents and carers as a result of the 2021 Alternative Certification Model; believes that this could have largely been avoided had the SQA taken on board the conclusions of the Priestley review into the 2020 Alternative Certification Model, and more effectively prepared for the impact of COVID-19 in 2020-21; further believes that the 2021 appeals process should adopt a no-detriment policy and that provision should be made for appeals based on exceptional individual circumstances; notes with regret the repeated underperformance of the SQA, and expresses its lack of confidence in the body’s ability to fulfil its duties.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 32, Abstentions 20).

**3. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.24 pm.

**No. 9, Tuesday 8 June 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Anna Rodwell, Minister, Kelso North and Ednam Parish Church, Scottish Borders, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**4. Tackling Poverty and Building a Fairer Country:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-00263— That the Parliament agrees that tackling child poverty and building a fairer, more equal country should be a national mission for the Scottish Government, the Scottish Parliament and society; acknowledges that action is required across all the drivers of poverty reduction, including delivering fair flexible work, affordable, accessible childcare, sustainable transport options, affordable housing, and reductions in the costs of living; commits to tackling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on poverty and inequality; recognises the impact of UK Government welfare cuts and policies that exacerbate poverty, including the two-child cap, which could remove £500 million from the incomes of families in Scotland; recognises the positive action of the Scottish Child Payment and notes the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland's assessment that removal of the £20 uplift to universal credit will effectively "knock out the benefits that the Scottish Child Payment brings into families", undermining the work and mission of the Scottish Parliament to eradicate child poverty; urges the UK Government to devolve all employment and social security powers to the Scottish Parliament, in order that it may take the further steps needed to make workplaces fairer, including through payment of the real Living Wage, and to establish a Minimum Income Guarantee, so that everyone has enough income to live a dignified life, and calls on the UK Government to match the ambition of the Scottish Parliament to eradicate child poverty.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-00263.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00263 in the name of Shona Robison (Tackling Poverty and Building a Fairer Country), leave out from "recognises the impact of" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish Ministers have been responsible for introducing the 11 new benefit payments devolved by the UK Government through the Scotland Act 2016; further notes that the Scottish Ministers promised to set up those benefits by 2021 but have failed to deliver on this promise; recognises the concerns that the economic impact of lockdown could push more people in Scotland into homelessness, with over 5,000 adults sleeping rough at least once per year and the number of children living in temporary accommodation in Scotland reaching its highest level since records began; calls on the Scottish Government to act now to establish a national Housing First programme across all local authorities, to get people into safe and stable housing as quickly as possible, and further calls on the Ministers to improve the support available to individuals and families in Scotland who have lost loved ones and for them to reform Carer's Allowance and extend payments for up to six months after bereavement."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 71, Abstentions 22).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-00263.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00263 in the name of Shona Robison (Tackling Poverty and Building a Fairer Country), leave out from the second "the impact of" to end and insert "that it is the responsibility of both the Scottish and UK governments to work for the eradication of poverty in Scotland and to implement social security policies that support this goal; believes that further steps are required to make workplaces fairer, including through payment of the Scottish Living Wage; commits to using all the powers available in Scotland to reform carers benefits, move from the 'safe and secure' transition of disability benefits to addressing their eligibility and adequacy as soon as possible, to increase incomes and lift people in Scotland out of poverty, and calls on the Scottish Government to double the Scottish Child Payment to £20 a week at the earliest opportunity and introduce a supplement for families with a disabled person in them".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

Maggie Chapman moved amendment S6M-00263.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00263 in the name of Shona Robison (Tackling Poverty and Building a Fairer Country), after "eradicate child poverty;" insert "welcomes the pandemic relief payment scheme, which will provide an essential additional income for families this year; calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a permanent doubling of the Scottish Child Payment at the earliest possible opportunity; notes that a Universal Basic Income would have helped many through the COVID-19 pandemic and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to work together to bring forward pilots at the earliest possible opportunity; commits to exploring funding options to end the benefit cap;".

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00263.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00263 in the name of Shona Robison (Tackling Poverty and Building a Fairer Country), leave out from "urges the UK Government" to end and insert "notes the risk that Scotland's 2024 interim child poverty reduction target, unanimously agreed by the Parliament, could be missed and agrees therefore that families cannot afford for any delay on the part of either the Scottish or UK governments for additional action, backed by stronger fair work principles and a social security system that operates on a human rights basis; believes that poor mental health, the poverty-related attainment gap, and insecure and substandard housing are among the factors that prevent people from achieving their potential and getting on in life, and calls for urgent interventions to therefore include an immediate end to the scandal of

thousands of children and adults waiting over a year for mental health treatment as the first step towards meeting the 18-week targets for the first time ever, the extension of funded early learning and childcare, Pupil Equity Funding and in-class support for children and young people, and the building of at least 40,000 new homes for social rent during the current parliamentary session as part of a plan to end homelessness and raise the standard of housing in Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament agrees that tackling child poverty and building a fairer, more equal country should be a national mission for the Scottish Government, the Scottish Parliament and society; acknowledges that action is required across all the drivers of poverty reduction, including delivering fair flexible work, affordable, accessible childcare, sustainable transport options, affordable housing, and reductions in the costs of living; commits to tackling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on poverty and inequality; recognises the impact of UK Government welfare cuts and policies that exacerbate poverty, including the two-child cap, which could remove £500 million from the incomes of families in Scotland; recognises the positive action of the Scottish Child Payment and notes the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland's assessment that removal of the £20 uplift to universal credit will effectively "knock out the benefits that the Scottish Child Payment brings into families", undermining the work and mission of the Scottish Parliament to eradicate child poverty; welcomes the pandemic relief payment scheme, which will provide an essential additional income for families this year; calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a permanent doubling of the Scottish Child Payment at the earliest possible opportunity; notes that a Universal Basic Income would have helped many through the COVID-19 pandemic and calls on the UK and Scottish governments to work together to bring forward pilots at the earliest possible opportunity; commits to exploring funding options to end the benefit cap; urges the UK Government to devolve all employment and social security powers to the Scottish Parliament, in order that it may take the further steps needed to make workplaces fairer, including through payment of the real Living Wage, and to establish a Minimum Income Guarantee, so that everyone has enough income to live a dignified life, and calls on the UK Government to match the ambition of the Scottish Parliament to eradicate child poverty.

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

**6. Impact on Scottish Agriculture of Tariff-free Trade Deals:** The Parliament debated S6M-00058 in the name of Jim Fairlie—That the Parliament recognises that agriculture is a vital part of Scotland's economy, including in the Perthshire South and Kinross-shire constituency; believes that it underpins the food and drink sector and has a huge role to play in achieving the country's climate change targets; considers that there might be potential for hugely-damaging consequences to the most remote rural communities from any tariff-free trade with major agricultural producer nations, and notes the view that, in its pursuit of trade deals, the UK Government must take due cognisance of the vulnerability of Scotland's agriculture sectors.

**7. Motion Without Notice:** Jim Fairlie MSP 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 6.33 pm.

## No. 10, Wednesday 9 June 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Net Zero, Energy and Transport, and then Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Seventh Report on the Coronavirus Acts.
- 3. Addressing the Climate Emergency:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00278—That the Parliament agrees that addressing the twin climate and biodiversity crises remains a critical priority; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to deliver action to support a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring a just transition to net zero and a climate-resilient Scotland; agrees that this must be a shared and national endeavour by all sectors of the economy and society as a whole, and commits to working together, as Scotland prepares to welcome the world to Glasgow for COP26 and beyond, to restore nature and become a net zero nation.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-00278.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; recognises the importance of Scotland’s energy sector in delivering the transition; welcomes the UK Government’s North Sea Transition Deal, and calls on the Scottish Government to work collaboratively and constructively with the sector to support businesses through the transition.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S6M-00278.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; agrees that progressing a Circular Economy Bill must be an urgent priority; commends children and young people in Scotland who have raised awareness about these twin crises and campaigned positively for the shift to net zero, and supports their calls for the embedment of climate justice education throughout the curriculum as part of learners’ entitlement to Learning for Sustainability.”

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

Mark Ruskell moved amendment S6M-00278.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; notes the 166 recommendations made by four parliament committees to improve the Climate Change Plan, including necessary changes to land use, transport, energy and housing policy; recognises the need for urgent and transformational change in



these sectors to deliver on Scotland's climate commitments, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a revised Climate Change Plan early in the current parliamentary session, demonstrating a credible pathway to achieving the 2030 target."

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

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00278.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00278 in the name of Michael Matheson (Addressing the Climate Emergency), insert at end “; recognises that rapidly reducing emissions in the transport sector will be critical to Scotland meeting its 2030 and 2045 targets; considers that achieving sustainability will require the acceleration of work, including the opening of new railway lines and stations, establishing a network of well-maintained rapid chargers for electric vehicles and additional support to rapidly increase active travel, and believes that, as an indication of its commitment to sustainability, the Scottish Government should immediately withdraw from its written agreement with Heathrow Airport to support the building of a third runway, which is incompatible with the climate emergency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 89, Abstentions 21).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 113, Against 1, Abstentions 6).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that addressing the twin climate and biodiversity crises remains a critical priority; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to deliver action to support a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring a just transition to net zero and a climate-resilient Scotland; agrees that this must be a shared and national endeavour by all sectors of the economy and society as a whole; commits to working together, as Scotland prepares to welcome the world to Glasgow for COP26 and beyond, to restore nature and become a net zero nation; recognises the importance of Scotland's energy sector in delivering the transition; welcomes the UK Government's North Sea Transition Deal; calls on the Scottish Government to work collaboratively and constructively with the sector to support businesses through the transition; agrees that progressing a Circular Economy Bill must be an urgent priority; commends children and young people in Scotland who have raised awareness about these twin crises and campaigned positively for the shift to net zero; supports their calls for the embedment of climate justice education throughout the curriculum as part of learners' entitlement to Learning for Sustainability; notes the 166 recommendations made by four parliament committees to improve the Climate Change Plan, including necessary changes to land use, transport, energy and housing policy; recognises the need for urgent and transformational change in these sectors to deliver on Scotland's climate commitments, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a revised Climate Change Plan early in the current parliamentary session, demonstrating a credible pathway to achieving the 2030 target.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00295—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 June 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* First Ministers Statement: COVID-19 Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Women's Health

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing & Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs & Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Mitigating, Tackling and Responding to the Skills Impact of Brexit

*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 17 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Drug Related Deaths

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 June 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* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 2 Debate: Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill

*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 24 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 June, 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.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 87, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

##### **5. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland)**

**Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/191):** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00298—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/191) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/181):** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00299—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.)

(Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/181) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/186):** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00300—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/186) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/180):** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00301—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/180) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/179):** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00302—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/179) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/209):** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00303—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/209) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/208):** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00304—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/208) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/204):** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00305—That the

Parliament agrees that Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/204) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/202):** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00306—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/202) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/193):** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00307—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/193) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as noted above.

**16. Social Justice and Fairness Commission Report:** The Parliament debated S6M-00164 in the name of Neil Gray—That the Parliament notes the publication of the Social Justice and Fairness Commission report, *A route map to a fair and independent Scotland*; considers the report advances the debate about how to make Scotland a fairer nation as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, both under the devolved powers available to the Parliament and in looking towards an independent Scotland, and notes the calls for people in the Airdrie and Shotts constituency and across Scotland to engage with the issues raised constructively.

The meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

## No. 11, Thursday 10 June 2021

The meeting opened at 12.00 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**3. Justice: Recover, Renew, Transform:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Keith Brown) moved S6M-00294—That the Parliament commends the commitment, dedication and innovation of justice partners, staff and key stakeholders in ensuring that the justice system can recover, renew and transform as Scotland emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, while looking towards reform that delivers a faster, fairer and more effective system; acknowledges key challenges and the ongoing need for measures to both continue to protect public health and to support the recovery of the justice system as it emerges from this most challenging period; recognises the investment of additional resources in helping to address the impact and encourages continued collaboration to ensure that the interests of victims and those who rely on the justice system remain at the heart of necessary reforms; recognises the inventive solutions that have been adopted, including the use of cinemas as remote jury centres, moving civil business online and enabling prisoners to maintain family contact through virtual visits, but, as in other jurisdictions worldwide, recognises the impact of the pandemic on the delivery of justice in Scotland on victims, witnesses and those accused of criminal offences, including those on remand, indicating the need for a clear focus on addressing the backlogs in court business and ensuring cases are progressed within a reasonable time period, all in order to deliver a modern justice system fit for future challenges.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-00294.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00294 in the name of Keith Brown (Justice: Recover, Renew, Transform), insert at end “; calls for victims to be put at the heart of Scotland's justice system through the introduction of a Victims Law that will deliver restorative justice and implement measures to protect the rights of victims, including the introduction of Suzanne's Law and Michelle's Law; further calls for victims services to be properly funded; calls for sentences to be doubled for attacks on Scotland's emergency workers; further calls for an end to the presumption against short prison sentences and the introduction of whole life sentences for the worst offenders, and calls for the not proven verdict in Scots Law to be abolished.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-00294.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00294 in the name of Keith Brown (Justice: Recover, Renew, Transform), insert at end “; recognises the role that Police Scotland has taken on during the pandemic and agrees there is a need to promote the strong connections between the force and local communities; further recognises that overcrowding in prisons and high levels of remand were chronic challenges prior to COVID-19, the causes of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic;

considers that the continued prevalence of violence against women in Scotland to be abhorrent and believes it must be taken seriously by the justice system; acknowledges that the COVID-19 restrictions have increased the risk for victims of domestic violence and hindered their ability to access justice, and calls on the Scottish Government to roll out domestic abuse courts across the country and establish a specialist sexual offences court.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 60, Abstentions 7).

Maggie Chapman moved amendment S6M-00294.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00294 in the name of Keith Brown (Justice: Recover, Renew, Transform), insert at end “; considers that the transformation of the justice system must take a human rights and equalities approach to address the disproportionate impact of punitive procedures on BAME communities and other marginalised people and the re-traumatising of victims and survivors; acknowledges the urgent need to identify and increase enforcement action against corporate and environmental crime; recognises that an holistic approach to crime reduction and restorative justice that addresses the underlying causes of crime and focuses on rehabilitation, rather than punishment, reduces reoffending and delivers better outcomes for individuals and communities and tackles unacceptable levels of institutional violence, self-harm and suicide, and calls on the Scottish Government to explore opportunities to implement such approaches, including directing more resources towards prevention and reforming policing and prisons.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 2, Abstentions 26).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S6M-00294.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00294 in the name of Keith Brown (Justice: Recover, Renew, Transform), insert at end “; considers that the system of fatal accident inquiries (FAIs) continues to fail families and prevents lessons that could save lives being learned; and believes that reform is necessary, and calls for this to be informed by an independent expert review with a remit to include considering the options for removing FAIs from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service's responsibilities altogether.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 58, Abstentions 6).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the commitment, dedication and innovation of justice partners, staff and key stakeholders in ensuring that the justice system can recover, renew and transform as Scotland emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, while looking towards reform that delivers a faster, fairer and more effective system; acknowledges key challenges and the ongoing need for measures to both continue to protect public health and to support the recovery of the justice system as it emerges from this most challenging period; recognises the investment of additional resources in helping to address the impact and encourages continued collaboration to

ensure that the interests of victims and those who rely on the justice system remain at the heart of necessary reforms; recognises the inventive solutions that have been adopted, including the use of cinemas as remote jury centres, moving civil business online and enabling prisoners to maintain family contact through virtual visits; but, as in other jurisdictions worldwide, recognises the impact of the pandemic on the delivery of justice in Scotland on victims, witnesses and those accused of criminal offences, including those on remand, indicating the need for a clear focus on addressing the backlogs in court business and ensuring cases are progressed within a reasonable time period, all in order to deliver a modern justice system fit for future challenges; considers that the transformation of the justice system must take a human rights and equalities approach to address the disproportionate impact of punitive procedures on BAME communities and other marginalised people and the re-traumatising of victims and survivors; acknowledges the urgent need to identify and increase enforcement action against corporate and environmental crime; recognises that an holistic approach to crime reduction and restorative justice that addresses the underlying causes of crime and focuses on rehabilitation, rather than punishment, reduces reoffending and delivers better outcomes for individuals and communities and tackles unacceptable levels of institutional violence, self-harm and suicide, and calls on the Scottish Government to explore opportunities to implement such approaches, including directing more resources towards prevention and reforming policing and prisons.

**4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00347—That the Parliament agrees the following revisions to the programme of business on—

(a) Tuesday 15 June 2021—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics (2019)

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision time

(b) Wednesday 16 June 2021—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) Scotland Act 2021 Update

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time



and insert  
5.30 pm Decision time

(c) Thursday 17 June 2021—

delete  
2:30 pm Parliamentary Business Motions  
2:30 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice

and insert  
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
2:00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice

after  
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Justice

insert  
*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2020-21

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00350—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of the establishment of committees following the general election, in Rule 6.1.6(a) of Standing Orders the number “21” be suspended and replaced with “30”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.19 pm.

## No.12, Tuesday 15 June 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Andy Philip, Chaplain, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 4. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Statistics (2019).
- 5. Women's Health:** The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-00369—That the Parliament welcomes that the Scottish Government will publish a Women's Health Plan within the first 100 days of the current parliamentary session; notes that the plan will seek to improve support and services for the health and wellbeing needs of women and girls at every stage of their lives; believes that it is vital that health and care services for menopause, endometriosis and heart healthcare need to substantially improve; recognises that the causes of many healthcare issues facing women and girls are rooted in health and income inequalities, and that actions to address these are needed alongside the enhancement of services, and believes that, if a broad consensus on women's health can be realised, Scotland has the opportunity to become a global leader in this field.

Annie Wells moved amendment S6M-00369.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00369 in the name of Maree Todd (Women's Health), insert at end “; notes that women face significant barriers to good mental and physical health, including unreasonably long waiting times for a diagnosis of conditions such as endometriosis, where the average waiting time is eight and a half years in Scotland; believes that women from the most deprived areas of Scotland are less likely to attend breast screening appointments, and, with breast cancer referrals declining during the COVID-19 pandemic, calls on the Scottish Government to bring treatment times under control by having a separate, clinician-led fund to tackle the NHS backlog.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Carol Mochan moved amendment S6M-00369.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00369 in the name of Maree Todd (Women's Health), insert at end “; acknowledges that, historically, the health concerns of women have been too easily ignored or dismissed; deeply regrets the life-changing damage to women as the result of transvaginal mesh surgery; commends the Scottish Mesh Survivors group, which has determinedly fought to raise awareness of the dangers of mesh and prevent further women being injured by its use, and

supports the asks of its Charter for Mesh Care, which is calling for funding to be immediately made available to cover the costs of mesh removal for women having to undergo private surgery.”

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

The motion, as amended was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes that the Scottish Government will publish a Women's Health Plan within the first 100 days of the current parliamentary session; notes that the plan will seek to improve support and services for the health and wellbeing needs of women and girls at every stage of their lives; believes that it is vital that health and care services for menopause, endometriosis and heart healthcare need to substantially improve; recognises that the causes of many healthcare issues facing women and girls are rooted in health and income inequalities, and that actions to address these are needed alongside the enhancement of services, and believes that, if a broad consensus on women's health can be realised, Scotland has the opportunity to become a global leader in this field; acknowledges that, historically, the health concerns of women have been too easily ignored or dismissed; deeply regrets the life-changing damage to women as the result of transvaginal mesh surgery; commends the Scottish Mesh Survivors group, which has determinedly fought to raise awareness of the dangers of mesh and prevent further women being injured by its use, and supports the asks of its Charter for Mesh Care, which is calling for funding to be immediately made available to cover the costs of mesh removal for women having to undergo private surgery.

**6. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00395—That the Parliament agrees that—

(a) for the purposes of consideration of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/211) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/212) rules 10.1.3(a) and 10.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended;

(b) the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/211) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/212) be considered by the Parliament; and

(c) for the purposes of consideration of the Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/161), the Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 206/2021), UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Championship Period and Transitory Provision etc.) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/207), the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/210), the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/214), the Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/220), the Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/221), the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) (Modification and Revocation) (Coronavirus) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/222), Act of Sederunt

(Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2021 (SSI 2021/225), the Scottish Parliament Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/155), the Specified Diseases (Notification and Slaughter) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/160) and the Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/165), Rule 10.3.2 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Standing Orders Temporary Rule Change:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00392— That the Parliament agrees, with effect from 15 June 2021, the following temporary rule under rule 17.1A—

#### **Temporary Rule 4: Change to Mandatory Committee Remit and Name**

1. This rule applies to the committee mentioned in Rule 6.8. It ceases to apply when the Parliament has taken a decision to amend rule 6.8 in accordance with Rule 17.1 or on 31 December 2021, whichever is the earlier.
2. Where provisions contained in this temporary rule are in conflict with other standing order provisions, those in the temporary rule have precedence.

#### **Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee**

3. There shall be a committee, the remit of which is to consider and report on the following (and any additional matter added under Rule 6.1.5A)—

- (a) the Scottish Government's EU and external affairs policy;
- (b) policy in relation to the UK's exit from the EU;
- (c) the international activities of the Scottish Administration, including international development; and
- (d) any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture and any matter relating to inter-governmental relations within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Establishment of Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00393—That the Parliament shall establish committees of the Parliament as follows—

#### **Name of Committee: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.4

Number of members:5

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Finance Committee**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.6

Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party.

**Name of Committee: Public Audit Committee**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.7

Number of members: 5

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee**

Remit: Set out in Temporary Rule 4

Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Equalities and Human Rights Committee**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.9

Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Green Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Public Petitions Committee**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.10

Number of members: 5

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.11

Number of members: 5

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: COVID-19 Recovery Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to COVID-19 falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for COVID Recovery and other Scottish Ministers where relevant, including—

- (a) Cross government coordination of COVID-19 recovery policies and strategic review;
- (b) the operation of powers under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, the Coronavirus Act and any other legislation in relation to the response to COVID-19;
- (c) any secondary legislation arising from the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act; and
- (d) and any other legislation or policy in relation to the response to COVID-19.

Number of members: 6

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

### **Name of Committee: Health, Social Care and Sport Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and matters relating to drugs policy

Number of members: 10

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

### **Name of Committee: Education, Children and Young People Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills and matters relating to the Historical Abuse Inquiry within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister

Number of members: 10

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

### **Name of Committee: Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport

Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

### **Name of Committee: Criminal Justice Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland

Number of members: 8

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Social Justice and Social Security Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, excluding matters relating to local government, housing and planning.

Number of members: 8

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to local government, housing and planning falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and matters relating to the Local Government Boundary Commission and local governance review and democratic renewal within the responsibility of the Deputy First Minister.

Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Green Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands.

Number of members: 9

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament

**Name of Committee: Economy and Fair Work Committee**

Remit: To consider and report on matters relating to the economy falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy

Number of members: 9

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Names and Remits of Mandatory Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00394— That the Parliament agrees, under Rule 6.1, that the names and remits of the following mandatory committees be amended—

Name of Committee: Finance Committee

New name: Finance and Public Administration Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.6 shall be added—

Matters relating to public service reform and the National Performance Framework within the responsibilities of the Deputy First Minister and public administration

Name of Committee: Equalities and Human Rights Committee

New name: Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.9 shall be added—

Matters relating to civil justice within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Name of Committee: Public Petitions Committee

New name: Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.10 shall be added—

To consider and report on public policy or undertake post-legislative scrutiny through the use of deliberative democracy, Citizen's Assemblies or other forms of participative engagement

Name of Committee: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Remit: To the remit set out in Rule 6.4 shall be added—

Matters relating to local government elections, Scottish general elections, implementation of the Referendums (Scotland Act) 2020 and Freedom of Information and open government falling within the responsibility of the Minister for Parliamentary Business

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. The Campaign to Restore the Consultant-led Maternity Unit at Dr Gray's, Elgin:** The Parliament debated S6M-00251 in the name of Douglas Ross—That the Parliament understands with concern that, following a decision in July 2018 to downgrade the consultant-led maternity unit at Dr Gray's in Elgin, many local expectant mums have to travel out of Moray to give birth; praises the efforts of midwives and all the staff who provide an outstanding service for those who can give birth there, but believes that too many women are made to travel outwith Moray to give birth; understands that the Scottish Government has commissioned an independent review of maternity services at Dr Gray's to consider how best to restore the consultant-led service; commends the Keep MUM group and the local campaigners who are fighting hard to have the service restored;



understands that the community was originally told that the downgrade would be temporary for up to a year, but notes that, almost three years on, the service has still not been restored, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government and NHS Grampian to urgently seek a resolution to this issue and to provide families in Moray with the locally-based maternity services that they deserve.

The meeting closed at 6:31 pm.

## No. 13, Wednesday 16 June 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) Scotland Act 2021 Update.
- 3. Mitigating, Tackling and Responding to the Skills Impact of Brexit:** The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-00382—That the Parliament agrees that a skilled and productive workforce is vital to addressing labour market inequalities, creating fairer workplaces and delivering an inclusive, green recovery; recognises that employers in sectors disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are now reporting skills shortages as a result of the ending of free movement, and that colleges and universities share concern over the impact of Brexit on staff and student mobility; agrees that delivering a skilled and sustainable workforce will require action and collaboration from both the Scottish and UK governments, along with employers and key partners, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s continued commitment to upskilling and retraining, including through the extension of the National Transition Training Fund to 2021-22 and commitment to invest an additional £500 million over the current parliamentary session to support new jobs and reskill people for the future.

Oliver Mundell moved amendment S6M-00382.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00382 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Mitigating, Tackling and Responding to the Skills Impact of Brexit), leave out from “that employers in sectors” to end and insert “the changing labour market and the potential skills shortages created and highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic and calls on the Scottish Government to take further action to mitigate these shortages, including creating more apprenticeships, reversing the trend of decreasing college student numbers that has occurred under the current SNP administration, setting out plans for a return to in-person small group learning in higher and further education and introducing Individual Learning Accounts as called for by CBI Scotland; notes the need to work constructively with the UK Government to maximise the opportunities for Scotland outside of the EU, and calls on the Scottish Government to avoid needless disruption to the labour market by abandoning its plans to hold a divisive independence referendum while Scotland is recovering from a global pandemic.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 73, Abstentions 21).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-00382.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00382 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Mitigating, Tackling and Responding to the Skills Impact of Brexit), insert at end “; notes the disappointingly low uptake of the National Transition Training Fund to

date and believes that upskilling and reskilling Scotland will require more ambitious interventions; acknowledges that the Scottish Government must do more to enhance the standard of living in Scotland, work with the UK Government to support flexible visa schemes and build on previous initiatives, such as ‘Fresh Talent’, in order to effectively address the skills shortages within key sectors of the economy and make Scotland an attractive location to live, work, study and do business; recognises the need for an effective industrial strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop such a strategy to prevent the loss of skilled jobs, promote upskilling in the workplace and promote the extension of trade union recognition to prevent exploitation of migrant labour and secure future fiscal sustainability.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 29, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that a skilled and productive workforce is vital to addressing labour market inequalities, creating fairer workplaces and delivering an inclusive, green recovery; recognises that employers in sectors disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are now reporting skills shortages as a result of the ending of free movement, and that colleges and universities share concern over the impact of Brexit on staff and student mobility; agrees that delivering a skilled and sustainable workforce will require action and collaboration from both the Scottish and UK governments, along with employers and key partners; welcomes the Scottish Government’s continued commitment to upskilling and retraining, including through the extension of the National Transition Training Fund to 2021-22 and commitment to invest an additional £500 million over the current parliamentary session to support new jobs and reskill people for the future; notes the disappointingly low uptake of the National Transition Training Fund to date and believes that upskilling and reskilling Scotland will require more ambitious interventions; acknowledges that the Scottish Government must do more to enhance the standard of living in Scotland, work with the UK Government to support flexible visa schemes and build on previous initiatives, such as ‘Fresh Talent’, in order to effectively address the skills shortages within key sectors of the economy and make Scotland an attractive location to live, work, study and do business; recognises the need for an effective industrial strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop such a strategy to prevent the loss of skilled jobs, promote upskilling in the workplace and promote the extension of trade union recognition to prevent exploitation of migrant labour and secure future fiscal sustainability.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00396—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 June 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* Ministerial Statement: OECD Report on Curriculum for Excellence

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (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 23 June 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Finance and Economy; Education and Skills

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Progress Report

*followed by* Stage 2 Debate: Coronavirus Extension and Expiry (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

6.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 June 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 31 August 2021

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 1 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*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 2 September 2021

12.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 30 August, 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.

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00411—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 17 June 2021—

after

followed by Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2020-21

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Appointment of Law Officers

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/212):** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-00398—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/212) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/211):** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-00399—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and

Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/211) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. Historical Forced Adoption:** The Parliament debated S6M-00138 in the name of Monica Lennon—That the Parliament condemns the historical practice of forced adoption, where up to 250,000 mothers were unfairly coerced, resulting in their newborn babies being taken away from unmarried mothers; notes that, in the UK, it is estimated 60,000 of the women resided in Scotland; acknowledges that the babies were taken away against their mother's will and placed for adoption; understands that lawyers examining the birth mothers' cases have focused on the period between 1945 and 1975, before a change in the UK adoption law, when around 500,000 babies were adopted, mostly from mothers who were under 24, denying them the right to care for their children; notes the view that the UK and Scottish governments should follow the lead of the Australian Government in 2013, by taking responsibility for the policies and practices that forced the separation of mothers from their babies, and further notes calls for the Scottish Government to initiate an inquiry regarding the practice in Scotland, acknowledge to the public through a formal apology that there had been wrongdoings and ensure that support is available to women and families in Central Scotland and across the country who have had to live with the consequences of the actions of government in the past.

The meeting closed at 6.41 pm.

## No. 14, Thursday 17 June 2021

The meeting opened at 12.00 pm.

1. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
2. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Provisional Outturn 2020-21.
4. **Appointment of Law Officers:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-00406—That the Parliament agrees that it be recommended to Her Majesty that Dorothy Bain QC be appointed as the Lord Advocate and that Ruth Charteris QC be appointed as Solicitor General for Scotland.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

5. **Tackling Drug Related Deaths:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved S6M-00400—That the Parliament supports the national mission to tackle drug-related deaths and harms; welcomes proposals for the introduction of guidance to increase the accessibility of residential rehabilitation programmes; notes that increased funding is supporting enhancements to ensure that resources reach frontline treatment, rehabilitation and recovery services in areas of acute demand; believes that the new Medication-Assisted Treatment Standards are fundamental to ensuring that everyone who requires support can get access to the drug treatment or support option that they seek; further believes that actions on the standards, such as the implementation of same-day prescribing and increasing the range of treatment options available across the country, will help save lives, and supports calls for an urgent four-nations summit to consider reform of the 50-year-old Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to fully align the law with a public health response, so that all options for tackling the harm caused by drugs can be deployed, if supported by the Scottish Parliament.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-00400.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00400 in the name of Angela Constance (Tackling Drug Related Deaths), leave out from “reform of the” to end and insert “how to work constructively across the UK to tackle drug-related deaths, and calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a Right to Recovery to enshrine in law that everyone has access to the necessary addiction treatment.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 72, Abstentions 22).

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-00400.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00400 in the name of Angela Constance (Tackling Drug Related Deaths), insert at end “; considers that the resources of the police and justice system should be focused on supporting lifesaving, public



health interventions and believes that all options within the existing legal framework should be explored to support the delivery of safe consumption facilities; notes that delivering the new Medication-Assisted Treatment Standards will require significant service reform; believes that, given the scale of the drugs deaths crisis in Scotland, there must be public accountability and scrutiny over implementation of the standards, and calls on the Scottish Government to report on a six-monthly basis to the Parliament on the progress of implementation and service improvement.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Gillian Mackay moved amendment S6M-00400.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00400 in the name of Angela Constance (Tackling Drug Related Deaths), insert at end “; considers that safe consumption rooms are an important public health measure that could reduce drug deaths and deliver wider benefits to communities, as they have done elsewhere; condemns the UK Government's refusal to support trials in Scotland and urges it to reconsider, and calls on the Scottish Government to investigate, as a matter of urgency, what options it has to establish legal and safe consumption rooms within the existing legal framework.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00400.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00400 in the name of Angela Constance (Tackling Drug Related Deaths), insert at end “; notes the recommendation made by Sir Harry Burns to routinely record adverse childhood experiences, and believes that all aspects of recovery and treatment should be trauma-informed; understands that guidance has previously been issued by the Lord Advocate to police officers relating to the use of recorded police warnings in certain cases of minor offending; would support a new Lord Advocate reviewing this guidance and examining how it can be strengthened, in light of the resolution of the Parliament on motion S5M-24396 on 18 March 2021 and the support expressed for working towards diverting people caught in possession of drugs for personal use into treatment, and believes that a parliamentary statement after the summer recess from the new Lord Advocate on the principles and practicalities of diversion would be beneficial in informing public debate and the response of authorities to Scotland's drugs deaths crisis.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the national mission to tackle drug-related deaths and harms; welcomes proposals for the introduction of guidance to increase the accessibility of residential rehabilitation programmes; notes that

increased funding is supporting enhancements to ensure that resources reach frontline treatment, rehabilitation and recovery services in areas of acute demand; believes that the new Medication-Assisted Treatment Standards are fundamental to ensuring that everyone who requires support can get access to the drug treatment or support option that they seek; further believes that actions on the standards, such as the implementation of same-day prescribing and increasing the range of treatment options available across the country, will help save lives; supports calls for an urgent four-nations summit to consider reform of the 50-year-old Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to fully align the law with a public health response, so that all options for tackling the harm caused by drugs can be deployed, if supported by the Scottish Parliament; considers that the resources of the police and justice system should be focused on supporting lifesaving, public health interventions and believes that all options within the existing legal framework should be explored to support the delivery of safe consumption facilities; notes that delivering the new Medication-Assisted Treatment Standards will require significant service reform; believes that, given the scale of the drugs deaths crisis in Scotland, there must be public accountability and scrutiny over implementation of the standards; calls on the Scottish Government to report on a six-monthly basis to the Parliament on the progress of implementation and service improvement; considers that safe consumption rooms are an important public health measure that could reduce drug deaths and deliver wider benefits to communities, as they have done elsewhere; condemns the UK Government's refusal to support trials in Scotland and urges it to reconsider; calls on the Scottish Government to investigate, as a matter of urgency, what options it has to establish legal and safe consumption rooms within the existing legal framework; notes the recommendation made by Sir Harry Burns to routinely record adverse childhood experiences, and believes that all aspects of recovery and treatment should be trauma-informed; understands that guidance has previously been issued by the Lord Advocate to police officers relating to the use of recorded police warnings in certain cases of minor offending; would support a new Lord Advocate reviewing this guidance and examining how it can be strengthened, in light of the resolution of the Parliament on motion S5M-24396 on 18 March 2021 and the support expressed for working towards diverting people caught in possession of drugs for personal use into treatment, and believes that a parliamentary statement after the summer recess from the new Lord Advocate on the principles and practicalities of diversion would be beneficial in informing public debate and the response of authorities to Scotland's drugs deaths crisis.

**6. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00429—That the Parliament agrees the membership of committees of the Parliament as follows:

COVID-19 Recovery Committee

Membership: Siobhan Brown, John Mason, Jim Fairlie, Alex Rowley, Murdo Fraser, Brian Whittle.

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Membership: David Torrance, Bill Kidd, Paul Sweeney, Jackson Carlaw, Tess White.

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Membership: Clare Adamson, Jenni Minto, Alasdair Allan, Patrick Harvie, Sarah Boyack, Donald Cameron, Sue Webber.

### Criminal Justice Committee

Membership: Audrey Nicol, Rona Mackay, Collette Stevenson, Fulton MacGregor, Pauline McNeill, Katy Clark, Jamie Greene, Russell Findlay.

### Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Membership: Stuart McMillan, Bill Kidd, Paul Sweeney, Graham Simpson, Craig Hoy.

### Economy and Fair Work Committee

Membership: Colin Beattie, Gordon Macdonald, Michelle Thomson, Fiona Hyslop, Lorna Slater, Claire Baker, Colin Smyth, Jamie Halcro Johnston, Alexander Burnett.

### Education, Children and Young People Committee

Membership: Kaukab Stewart, Bob Doris, James Dornan, Fergus Ewing, Stephanie Callaghan, Ross Greer, Michael Marra, Beatrice Wishart, Oliver Mundell, Stephen Kerr. Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, Karen Adam, Fulton MacGregor, Maggie Chapman, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Alexander Stewart, Pam Gosal.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

Membership: Kenneth Gibson, Michelle Thomson, John Mason, Patrick Harvie, Daniel Johnson, Liz Smith, Douglas Lumsden.

### Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Membership: Gillian Martin, Emma Harper, Stephanie Callaghan, David Torrance, Evelyn Tweed, Gillian Mackay, Carol Mochan, Paul O'Kane, Annie Wells, Sandesh Gulhane.

### Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Membership: Elena Whitham, Paul McLennan, Willie Coffey, Ariane Burgess, Mark Griffin, Miles Briggs, Meghan Gallacher.

### Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Membership: Fiona Hyslop, Natalie Don, Jackie Dunbar, Mark Ruskell, Monica Lennon, Liam Kerr, Dean Lockhart.

### Public Audit Committee

Membership: Willie Coffey, Colin Beattie, Richard Leonard, Sharon Dowey, Craig Hoy.

### Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Membership: Jenni Minto, Jim Fairlie, Alasdair Allan, Karen Adam, Ariane Burgess, Mercedes Villalba, Liam McArthur, Rachael Hamilton, Finlay Carson.

Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Membership: Neil Gray, Natalie Don, Emma Roddick, Marie McNair, Pam Duncan-Glancy, Foyso Choudhury, Miles Briggs, Jeremy Balfour.

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Membership: Bob Doris, Paul McLennan, Martin Whitfield, Alexander Stewart, Edward Mountain.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

## No. 15, Tuesday 22 June 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Jenny Wright, Convenor, Church in Society Committee, Scottish Episcopal Church and Associate Priest, Christ Church, Morningside, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00447—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 87, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

**3. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill: Timetable and Procedures for Consideration:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00397—That, subject to the Parliament's agreement that the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill, the Parliament agrees to consider the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill as follows—

Stage 1 on Tuesday 22 June;  
Stage 2 on Wednesday 23 June; and  
Stage 3 on Thursday 24 June.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 85, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

**4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**5. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on OECD Report on Curriculum for Excellence.

**7. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00446—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 7.00 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-00443— That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (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).

**10. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00465— That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 24 June—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Cervical Screening

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

(b) that for the purposes of consideration of the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230), rules 10.1.3(a) and 10.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(c) that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224), the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230) be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 9 as noted above.

**12. MND Scotland 40th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S6M-00070 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament notes the 40th anniversary of MND Scotland, which was founded by John MacLeod in 1981 following his MND diagnosis; congratulates MND Scotland on its campaigning achievements and legislative changes agreed in the

Parliament that have improved the lives of people with MND, including the late Gordon Aikman's campaign to double the number of MND specialist nurses, the statutory provision of augmentative and alternative communication for people who have lost their voice, and, most recently, the effective fast-tracking of terminally ill people for Scottish social security benefits; notes the belief that there is still more to do in the Parliament, including the establishment of a national care service and the prioritisation of accessible housing, and further notes the view that Members should work together to continue this progress and help find a cure for this devastating terminal illness.

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm.

## No. 16, Wednesday 23 June 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance and Economy, and then on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Tackling Child Poverty Progress Report.

**3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the formal notification by RCN Scotland that it is in trade dispute with it over pay, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00473—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 August 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2021-22

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22

*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 2 September 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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: National Care Service

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 September 2021

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 8 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*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 9 September 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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 September, 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.

**5. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00474—That the Parliament agrees that, with effect from 30 June 2021, Temporary Standing Orders Rule 3 be amended—

(a) in paragraph 1 to delete “from the date of dissolution until either such time as the newly elected Parliamentary corporation has taken a decision on public access to the Parliament, Holyrood or 30 June 2021, whichever is the earlier” and insert “until 9 October 2021”

(b) in paragraph 2 to delete “those timescales” and insert “9 October 2021”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230):** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-00476—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224):** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00477—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227):** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00478—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No.26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. National Gaelic Language Plan 2023-28:** The Parliament debated S6M-00166 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Bòrd na Gàidhlig’s consultation events on the next National Gaelic Language Plan; understands that these plans provide strategic direction for the development of the Gaelic language; recognises what it believes is the precarious position that the language faces in the remaining vernacular communities in the Western Isles and elsewhere in Scotland; notes the publication in July 2020 of a comprehensive sociolinguistic study into the use of Gaelic in the vernacular-island communities; understands that this study, *The Gaelic Crisis in the Vernacular Communities*, concluded that the social use and transmission of Gaelic is at the point of collapse; notes the view that public policy could and should do more to support and protect the language; believes that developments over the next few years will be vital for its future, and notes the hopes that have been expressed calling for Members to use the forthcoming Scottish Languages Bill and other opportunities to play their part in supporting the Gaelic language.

The Member has provided the following translation

Gu bheil a’ Phàrlamaid a’ cur fàilte air toiseach tachartasan co-chomhairleachaidh Bhòrd na Gàidhlig air an ath Phlana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig; a’ tuigsinn gu bheil na planaichean seo a’ toirt stiùireadh ro-innleachdail do leasachadh na Gàidhlig; ag aithneachadh na tha i a’ creidsinn a bhith na shuidheachadh cugallach don chànan anns na coimhearsnachdan dùthchasach a tha air fhàgail anns na h-Eileanan an Iar agus ann an àiteachan eile ann an Alba; gu bheil i a’ toirt fa-near foillseachadh san Iuchar 2020 de làn sgrùdadh sòisio-chànanach air cleachdadh na Gàidhlig anns na coimhearsnachdan dùthchasach eileanach; gu bheil i a’ tuigsinn gun do cho-dhùin an sgrùdadh seo, *The Gaelic Crisis in the Vernacular Communities*, gu bheil cleachdadh sòisealta agus tar-chur na Gàidhlig an impis mòr-chrionadh; a’ toirt fa-near don bheachd gum b’ urrainn agus gum bu chòir do phoileasaidh poblach barrachd a dhèanamh gus taic agus dìon a thoirt don chànan; a’ creidsinn gum bi leasachaidhean thairis air na beagan bhliadhnaichean a tha romhainn deatamach don chànan san àm ri teachd, agus gu bheil i a’ toirt fa-near an dòchais a chaidh a chur an cèill gun cleachd Buill Bile Cànanan na h-Alba a tha ri thighinn agus cothroman eile gus am pàirt fhèin a ghabhail ann a bhith a’ toirt taic don Ghàidhlig.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.

**No. 16a, Wednesday 23 June 2021**

The meeting opened at 3.40 pm.

**1. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 2:** The Bill was considered at Stage 2 by a Committee of the Whole Parliament.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 13, 14 and 15.

Amendment 8 was agreed to (by division: For 62, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 54, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 33, Against 88, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 54, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 20 (For 55, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 22 (For 33, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 1, 4, 5, 17, 18, 25.

The following amendments were not moved: 6, 7, 9, 10, 16, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1 and 3 the schedule, sections 5, 6, 7 and the long title.

Section 2 was agreed to as amended.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm.

## No. 17, Thursday 24 June 2021

The meeting opened at 12.00 pm.

**1. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00503—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 24 June 2021—

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Cervical Screening.

**4. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17.

Amendment 14 was agreed to (by division: For 61, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

11 (For 30, Against 90, Abstentions 0)

12 (For 59, Against 61, Abstentions 0)

13 (For 59, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 5B and 7.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**5. Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00479—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

**6. Scottish Commission for Public Audit:** Maggie Chapman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-00505—That the Parliament agrees to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body's proposal to appoint Daniel Johnson, Colin Beattie, Sharon Dowey and Mark Ruskell to be members of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00492—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.13 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

**No. 18, Tuesday 13 July 2021 (Virtual)**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

The meeting closed at 4.06 pm.

**No. 19, Tuesday 3 August 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Actions being taken to reduce drug deaths in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.



## No. 20, Tuesday 31 August 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Morven Lyon, Trustee of the Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00963—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

(a) Tuesday 31 August 2021—

delete

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: Programme for Government 2021-22

and insert

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: Agreement with the Scottish Green Party

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Appointment of Junior Ministers

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: First 100 Days - Delivering for the People of Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 1 September 2021—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22

and insert

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Success in Food and Drink in Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 2 September 2021—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: National Care Service

and insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Supporting the people of Afghanistan

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Agreement with the Scottish Green Party.
5. **First Minister's Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-00987—That the Parliament agrees that Patrick Harvie and Lorna Slater be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 69, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

6. **First 100 Days, Delivering for the People of Scotland:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-00978—That the Parliament welcomes the delivery of 80 key actions within the first 100 days of the new administration that will have a positive impact on the people of Scotland by leading the COVID-19 recovery, supporting NHS and care services, tackling the climate crisis, backing economic recovery and creating jobs, supporting communities and helping children and families, and recognises these actions as the foundation of improved outcomes for Scotland's people that will continue to be delivered through the forthcoming Programme for Government, the COVID-19 recovery programme and the shared policy programme agreed between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party.

Douglas Ross moved amendment S6M-00978.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00978 in the name of John Swinney (First 100 Days, Delivering for the People of Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the failure of the Scottish Government to publish its Programme for Government in the week after recess, the first time that this has happened, outside of a pandemic, since 2014; further notes that this is not a new administration, but the same government that has been in power since 2007; notes the many failings of the Scottish Government since the election; believes that the Scottish Government's agreement with the Scottish Green Party will be a disaster for Scotland's economy, and calls on the Scottish Government to prioritise the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, not another independence referendum."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 73, Abstentions 0).

Anas Sarwar moved amendment S6M-00978.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00978 in the name of John Swinney (First 100 Days, Delivering for the People of Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "considers that the actions set out in the document, First Steps, lack ambition; notes the failure to implement a meaningful youth jobs guarantee, despite 18,000 young people in Scotland still on furlough, and the inadequacy of the Scottish Government's NHS Recovery Plan to deal with the pressures that health services are currently facing; acknowledges that COVID-19 cases have risen to the highest levels on record, and believes that failure to bring the virus back under control will undermine Scotland's recovery from the pandemic."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00978.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00978 in the name of John Swinney (First 100 Days, Delivering for the People of Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "believes that events in the first 100 days of the new administration show that recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, protecting the NHS, reaching for the best education, valuing carers and those whom they care for, supporting businesses, protecting human rights and tackling the climate emergency must command the full focus of the Parliament; further believes that plans for the recovery of the NHS must include further details of how it will relieve the unsustainable pressure on staff and services experienced during the first 100 days, how the Scottish Government will meet the waiting times targets that were already being missed pre-pandemic and immediately establish a new coordinated and comprehensive action plan for long COVID; calls on the Scottish Government to increase the capacity of Test and Protect, in light of recent reports of fresh delays in contact tracing and the decision to scale back tracing activities, risking the spread of the virus, and commends the campaigning of teachers, which has helped secure new funding for permanent contracts, while urging the Scottish Government to reverse the casualisation of the profession and introduce a new teacher job guarantee because pupils need to get the full benefit of their talents."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

**7. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00994—That the Parliament agrees that—

Collette Stevenson be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee; and

Evelyn Tweed be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00995—That the Parliament agrees that—

Willie Rennie be appointed to replace Beatrice Wishart as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee; and

Beatrice Wishart be appointed to replace Liam McArthur as a member of the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Success of Great Borders River Clean:** The Parliament debated S6M-00131 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament recognises the success of the Great Borders River Clean, which returned on 15-16 May 2021; congratulates the 460 volunteers who took part and collected over 3,000kg of rubbish from the River Tweed, including shopping trolleys, mattresses, signposts and a sun dial; thanks GreenTweed Eco for organising the event; recognises the strength and spirit of Borders' towns and communities, who pulled together to tackle a common cause, and notes the importance of volunteer work ahead of Volunteers' Week 2021, which takes place from 1 to 7 June.

The meeting closed at 7.03 pm.

## No. 21, Wednesday 1 September 2021

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 First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 3. Supporting Success in Food and Drink in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-00990—That the Parliament, in advance of Food and Drink Fortnight, acknowledges the significant contribution that food and drink make to Scotland’s economy, society and reputation; notes the resilience shown by all of Scotland’s food producers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and thanks everyone involved in food and drink in Scotland for helping to keep food on the table through these challenging times; laments that the sub-standard Brexit deal, secured by the UK Government, is harming food and drink businesses, slowing and making exports harder, has raised their costs and bureaucracy, is causing problems for businesses in recruiting and retaining staff, and is now resulting in concerns about food supplies; welcomes the economic and environmental opportunities for low-carbon, sustainable and organic food production, which can be created by encouraging public kitchens to source more local food; recognises that the Scottish Government is consulting on a draft Local Food Strategy and encourages everyone to take part, and resolves to continue supporting the sector with legislation to grow as a Good Food Nation, where people take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food that they produce, buy, cook, serve and eat each day, and include a right to adequate food as part of wider work to give effect to international human rights law in Scots law.

Rachael Hamilton moved amendment S6M-00990.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00990 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Success in Food and Drink in Scotland), leave out from “laments” to end and insert “calls on the Scottish Government to launch a comprehensive ‘farm to fork’ review of Scotland’s food policy as a key part of Scotland’s economic recovery from COVID-19 to ensure a resilient UK-wide food supply chain; understands the importance of the UK internal market for Scottish food and drink, worth £4.5 billion; recognises that Scottish independence would irrevocably damage the food and drink industry; calls on the Scottish Government to implement a public procurement policy that increases the use of Scottish produce; urges the Scottish Government to publish, with urgency, the Farming and Food Production Future Policy Group’s findings and give clarity and direction on Scotland’s future farm policy, and asks the Scottish Government to recognise and support the calls in an open letter from Scotland’s food and drink sector to embed automation in Scottish Government funding programmes to support productivity and the development of higher quality jobs, and to work with the Scotland Food & Drink Partnership to continue to promote the industry as a career pathway through apprenticeships and other schemes.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-00990.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-00990 in the name of Mairi Gougeon (Supporting Success in Food and Drink in Scotland), insert at end “; condemns the unacceptable level of food poverty in Scotland and recognises that the ever-rising use of foodbanks in Scotland is morally unjustifiable in a country where fresh, quality food is plentiful; notes that the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated food insecurities and highlighted the urgency for a Good Food Nation Bill, and believes that enshrining the right to food in Scots law should be an early priority for the Scottish Government in the current parliamentary session.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-00999—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 September 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* First Minister’s Statement: Programme for Government 2021-22

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 8 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.25 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 9 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government;  
Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation - Setting Out a New Vision  
for Health and Social Care in Scotland

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 September 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions



5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 September 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.

**5. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01000—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Carer’s Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 24 September 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01001—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01002—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Environment Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**9. 100 Years of Insulin:** The Parliament debated S6M-00310 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament celebrates 100 years since the discovery of insulin; recognises that this is one of the greatest medical breakthroughs in history, which went on to save millions of lives around the world; further recognises that, following the discovery of insulin, Scotland played its part in developing the insulin pen, which has made it much easier for people to administer the lifesaving drug, and that Professor Sheila Reith, a type 1 diabetic, doctor and mother, led this work in Scotland; notes the further advances in the treatment and management of diabetes, including through digital technology; understands that there are more than 312,000 people living with diabetes in Scotland; further notes that the inequalities attached to diabetes are stark, with rates of type 2 diabetes 80% higher in the most deprived communities, and that people living in poverty are more than twice as likely to develop life-changing complications; understands that there is work to do to support further advancements in diabetes care and treatment, and supports Diabetes Scotland’s vision of a world where diabetes can do no harm.

The meeting closed at 7.04 pm.



## No. 22, Thursday 2 September 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.

2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Our Factory, Our Future, the Fight to Save McVitie's at Tollcross, Glasgow:**

The Parliament debated S6M-00275 in the name of Paul Sweeney—That the Parliament condemns the proposals from Pladis to close the McVitie's Victoria Biscuit Works in Tollcross, in the east end of Glasgow; understands that the proposed closure would put some 500 jobs in the area at risk of redundancy; recognises what it sees as the critical impact that closing the factory would have on workers as well as the community in the east end, which it has served since 1925; recognises the cultural significance of McVitie's which is an iconic Scottish brand dating back to 1830; notes the view that there are viable options to avert complete closure, including the re-fitting or re-location of the site, and that these could be given careful consideration in order to maintain and grow production and associated jobs in Scotland; commends the efforts of McVitie's workers and their trade unions, GMB Scotland and Unite, which have organised to oppose the closure proposals, including the creation of a petition, which, it understands has garnered the support of 50,000 people from the area, and notes the call for decisive action to be taken prevent absolute closure in line with the demands of the Save The Jobs campaign.

4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

5. **Supporting the People of Afghanistan:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-01003—That the Parliament records its alarm at the humanitarian and human rights crisis in Afghanistan following the return of the Taliban; further records its deep concern about the threat to life, liberty, equality, and human rights to all in Afghanistan and, in particular, for women and girls and minority communities; commends the Armed Forces, service personnel, and humanitarian agencies involved in supporting people during the evacuation; notes the UK's long history of involvement with, and intervention in, Afghanistan, and, in consequence, the obligation that the UK has to assist and support all those who are at risk of persecution or mistreatment as a result of the current crisis; recognises the lead role internationally that the UK Government must play in ensuring that aid continues to reach those who need it most and condemns the reduction in international aid by the UK Government from 0.7% of Gross National Income to 0.5%; urges the UK Government to ensure that those Afghans who have worked to provide critical aid assistance, uphold democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Afghanistan, can be allowed to settle in the UK alongside those who are at risk of violence and persecution as outlined in the UN Refugee Convention, and recognises that Scotland has a duty to play a full role in assisting the resettlement and relocation of Afghans at risk and providing humanitarian assistance, and that anyone settling in Scotland will be welcome members of the community.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-01003.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01003 in the name of Angus Robertson (Supporting the People of Afghanistan), leave out from “, in consequence” to “UN Refugee Convention” and insert “acknowledges the significant effort and sacrifices made by the UK armed forces, including the 457 personnel who lost their lives and the 2,200 personnel who were injured, and the Afghan people, in ensuring relative stability in Afghanistan over the course of the last 20 years; welcomes the announcement of Operation Warm Welcome by the UK Government, which seeks to ensure that those arriving from Afghanistan to the UK have the opportunity to rebuild their lives, find work, seek education and become part of their local communities; acknowledges that the UK Government has committed £200 million to meet the cost of the first year of the Afghanistan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme, which aims to welcome up to 20,000 Afghans; understands that the UK Government has also committed £2.7 million to additional mental health support for veterans as part of Operation Courage; calls on the UK Government to reinstate its long-term financial commitment to international aid at 0.7% of Gross National Income as soon as is practicably possible”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-01003.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01003 in the name of Angus Robertson (Supporting the People of Afghanistan), insert at end “, and recognises the importance of Scottish local authorities, community organisations and individual citizens in helping ensure a successful transition for every refugee.”

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

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-01003.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01003 in the name of Angus Robertson (Supporting the People of Afghanistan), insert at end “; urges the UK Government to expand urgently its plans for the resettlement of 20,000 Afghan refugees, with a new plan to provide immediate sanctuary to people fleeing persecution, oppression and terror, instead of spreading assistance over five years; believes that the resettlement of 20,000 people should be the starting point instead of the final target, and urges the Scottish Government, in light of the immediate human need, to share proactively evidence of the number that it can resettle and provide effective support and services to, including the capacity to provide physical and mental healthcare, housing, guardians, translators and education, providing guarantees that the Scottish Government and public authorities across Scotland are ready to assist, in order to help persuade the UK Government to lift the overall cap and enable Scotland to provide sanctuary to thousands.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament records its alarm at the humanitarian and human rights crisis in Afghanistan following the return of the Taliban; further records its deep concern about the threat to life, liberty, equality, and human rights to all in Afghanistan and, in particular, for women and girls and minority communities; commends the Armed Forces, service personnel, and humanitarian agencies involved in supporting people during the evacuation; notes the UK's long history of involvement with, and intervention in, Afghanistan, and, in consequence, the obligation that the UK has to assist and support all those who are at risk of persecution or mistreatment as a result of the current crisis; recognises the lead role internationally that the UK Government must play in ensuring that aid continues to reach those who need it most and condemns the reduction in international aid by the UK Government from 0.7% of Gross National Income to 0.5%; urges the UK Government to ensure that those Afghans who have worked to provide critical aid assistance, uphold democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Afghanistan, can be allowed to settle in the UK alongside those who are at risk of violence and persecution as outlined in the UN Refugee Convention; recognises that Scotland has a duty to play a full role in assisting the resettlement and relocation of Afghans at risk and providing humanitarian assistance, and that anyone settling in Scotland will be welcome members of the community; recognises the importance of Scottish local authorities, community organisations and individual citizens in helping ensure a successful transition for every refugee; urges the UK Government to expand urgently its plans for the resettlement of 20,000 Afghan refugees, with a new plan to provide immediate sanctuary to people fleeing persecution, oppression and terror, instead of spreading assistance over five years; believes that the resettlement of 20,000 people should be the starting point instead of the final target, and urges the Scottish Government, in light of the immediate human need, to share proactively evidence of the number that it can resettle and provide effective support and services to, including the capacity to provide physical and mental healthcare, housing, guardians, translators and education, providing guarantees that the Scottish Government and public authorities across Scotland are ready to assist, in order to help persuade the UK Government to lift the overall cap and enable Scotland to provide sanctuary to thousands.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.12 pm.

## No. 23, Tuesday 7 September 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** The Rev Hayley Cohen, Minister of Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement on Programme for Government 2021-22.
- 4. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22:** The Parliament debated Programme for Government 2021-22.
- 5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what immediate action it will take in light of the record high waiting times in A&E departments during the last four weeks, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).
- 6. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01102—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 September 2021—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation - Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland

and insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19 Vaccine Certification Scheme

The motion was agreed to.

- 7. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.
- 8. Reserved Board Seats for Islanders:** The Parliament debated S6M-00834 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the important role that Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd and CalMac Ferries Ltd play in everyday life in the Western Isles and other island communities in the west of Scotland; understands with regret that, at present, the board of neither organisation contains members who are resident on islands within the CalMac network; notes the view that there should be reserved board seats in both organisations dedicated for members who are resident on islands within the CalMac network, and believes that such a measure would promote more community input into decision-making processes.
- 9. Motion Without Notice:** Alasdair Allan MSP 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 6.08 pm.

**N0. 24, Wednesday 8 September 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**3. Scottish Government Debate: Programme for Government 2021-22:** The Parliament debated Programme for Government 2021-22.

**4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01143—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 September 2021—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Deaths of John Yuill and Lamara Bell

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01111—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 September 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 Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Cervical Screening

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 September 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Land of Opportunity - Supporting a Fairer and More Equal Society

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 September 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 September 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 20 September 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. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01112—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 26 November 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01113—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 29) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/252) 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-01114—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 30) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/255) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01115—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 31) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/262) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01117—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 32) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/263) be approved.

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-01118—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/277) 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-01119—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 27) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/238) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01120—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 28) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/242) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 25, Abstentions 24).

**14. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01121—That the Parliament agrees that—

Maggie Chapman be appointed to replace Lorna Slater as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Ross Greer be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as a member of the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Mark Ruskell be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01122—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jenni Minto be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Kaukab Stewart be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Alasdair Allan be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Marie McNair be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Emma Roddick be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Marie McNair be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Jackie Dunbar be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

John Mason be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Natalie Don be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Emma Harper be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee;

Fergus Ewing be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

James Dornan be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee;

Bill Kidd be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Rona Mackay be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Tess White be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Jeremy Balfour be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Murdo Fraser be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Sue Webber be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Brian Whittle be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Sharon Dowey be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Meghan Gallacher be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Donald Cameron be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

Edward Mountain be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee;

Liz Smith be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Alexander Burnett be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Graham Simpson be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Rachael Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Dr Sandesh Gulhane be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 as noted above.

**17. Team GB Success:** The Parliament debated S6M-00838 in the name of Brian Whittle—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the incredible achievements of Team GB at the Tokyo Olympic Games in winning a total of 65 medals, the same number that Team GB won in the home Olympics at London 2012; recognises the Team GB administration and coaching staff who help to make the athletes' experience the best it can be; considers that, behind every performance, there is the hard work of personal coaches, medical support, administrators and other support staff, many of whom are volunteers; believes that these performances would not be possible without the support of the National Lottery, UK Sport, sportscotland, national governing bodies, local authority facilities and many local clubs and volunteers, including in the South Scotland region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work towards greater opportunity for all to participate in sport, irrespective of background or personal circumstance, with a recognition that sport can be such a force for good.

The meeting closed at 6.19 pm.



## No. 25, Thursday 9 September 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Mineworkers' Pension Scheme:** The Parliament debated S6M-00430 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament notes the recent report by the UK Parliament's Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Select Committee into the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme; understands that the scheme, established in 1994, meant a 50/50 split in surplus sharing between the miners and the UK Government and that, to date, the UK Government has received £4.4 billion, with at least a further £1.9 billion due and the UK Government paying nothing into the fund; further understands, however, that many beneficiaries are struggling to make ends meet, including those in the Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale constituency; notes that the committee therefore recommended amending the 50/50 surplus sharing arrangements in the miners' favour, and immediately giving the £1.2 billion currently held in the Investment Reserve to former miners; understands that the Welsh Government has registered support for these recommendations, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to do likewise.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and then on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on The Deaths of John Yuill and Lamara Bell.

**6. COVID Vaccine Certification Scheme:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-01123—That the Parliament commends the extraordinary effort of vaccination teams throughout Scotland, which means that, as of 6 September 2021, 84% of eligible over 18-year-olds were double-vaccinated against COVID-19; recognises that case numbers remain stubbornly high and that action is needed from all sectors to ensure that baseline COVID measures are rigorously implemented; acknowledges that a number of other countries have introduced COVID certification schemes and that the UK Government has plans to introduce a vaccine certification scheme in England; believes that, in line with the Scottish Government's strategic intent, a COVID Vaccine Certification scheme can provide a targeted means to maximise Scotland's ability to keep certain higher risk settings open, while reducing the impact of transmission and encouraging the remaining sections of the population to get vaccinated; supports the implementation of a COVID Vaccine Certification scheme; agrees that the scheme will apply to nightclubs, sexual entertainment venues, indoor unseated live events with 500 or more attendees, outdoor unseated live events with 4,000 or more attendees and all events with 10,000 or more attendees; notes that measures are being taken to ensure digital inclusivity and to ensure that disabled people are not disproportionately impacted, and agrees that this scheme will be kept under regular review.



Douglas Ross moved amendment S6M-01123.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01123 in the name of John Swinney (COVID Vaccine Certification Scheme), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish Government has rushed out its proposals for COVID-19 vaccine certification without proper consultation or the infrastructure in place to deliver them; notes that the Deputy First Minister described the introduction of a certification scheme as the 'wrong way to go'; recognises that the affected businesses have not been able to prepare for the introduction of a certification scheme, and believes that, for these reasons, this COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme should not be introduced."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-01123.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01123 in the name of John Swinney (COVID Vaccine Certification Scheme), leave out from "rigorously implemented" to end and insert "effective at containing the spread; notes suggestions that vaccine certification could increase vaccine hesitancy; believes that the approach to improving uptake should be based on persuasion and that, to support the vaccination of young people and harder to reach groups, the government must improve the accessibility of vaccination, with greater use of mobile vaccination clinics and particularly in schools, at events and in areas of low coverage; acknowledges that individuals may still be able to pass on the virus even if fully vaccinated, especially with the transmissibility of the Delta variant, and so considers that proof of a negative test should be more important than vaccination for entry to higher risk locations; notes with concern the declining ability of Test and Protect to carry out effective contact tracing, and calls on the government to prioritise investment in the service so that it has the resources required to contain the virus."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-01123.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01123 in the name of John Swinney (COVID Vaccine Certification Scheme), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "believes that vaccinations are the way through the pandemic, but that vaccine passports are not; recognises that the Scottish Government's proposal to introduce a vaccine certification scheme would mean that people in Scotland will, for the first time, be required to share personal medical information in order to access freedoms in society; notes with concern the precedent that this would create and the scope for expansion and the lack of any end date in the Scottish Government's proposals; further notes practical concerns regarding the IT capabilities required, and the ability of COVID ID cards to recognise vaccines received outwith Scotland; recognises that there is no clear evidence that the introduction of COVID ID cards will materially impact on case numbers or vaccination rates; further recognises that there is concern that their introduction may lead to a false sense of security, in light of the fact that vaccines cannot stop

people catching COVID-19 or passing it on; understands that case numbers reached record highs in recent weeks, due in part to unaddressed pressure on contact tracing services; notes that, as a result of this pressure, Test and Protect has been required to limit contact tracing scripts and that cases have been closed before contact has been established; believes that concentrating Scottish Government resources on establishing an effective contact tracing system would result in more beneficial outcomes, and confirms its opposition to the introduction of COVID ID cards."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 68, Abstentions 22).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01163—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/237) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

**No. 26, Tuesday 14 September 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Linda Britton, Celebrant, Humanist Society Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** Stephen Kerr MSP, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01227—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be considered by the Parliament;

(b) the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 14 September 2021—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Caring Nation - Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland

insert

*followed by* Approval of SSIs

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body for what reason it applied for designated status for the Scottish Parliament under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, and whether it will publish the background paper upon which this decision was based, was answered by Clare Baker MSP.

**6. A Caring Nation – Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-01190—That the Parliament thanks Scotland's NHS and social care staff for their heroic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that the pandemic has been the biggest shock that the NHS and social care services have ever faced; notes that the NHS is currently under intense pressure due to the pandemic and that primary care, ambulance and hospital staff are working around the clock to deliver care to patients; recognises that well in excess of £1 billion has already been provided this year to address COVID-19 pressures in health and social care and that further funding will be allocated to support service pressures; welcomes the £1 billion NHS Recovery Plan that will significantly increase NHS inpatient, outpatient and diagnostic capacity; notes that this increase includes recruiting an additional 1,500 staff to work in the network of National Treatment Centres; recognises that the Plan puts particular focus on early cancer diagnostics and referral pathways as well as child and adult

mental health services; agrees that the mental health and wellbeing of health and social care staff is a key priority and central focus of the Plan; supports the commitment to create a National Care Service; recognises that ethical commissioning, and setting terms and conditions that meet the Fair Work principles, could greatly improve how social care is delivered, and believes that the voices of lived experience, including those who access support and care, the workforce and unpaid carers must be central to the ongoing consultation on the service.

Craig Hoy moved amendment S6M-01190.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01190 in the name of Humza Yousaf (A Caring Nation - Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland), leave out from second "recognises" to end and insert "believes that concrete plans should be set out on tackling the immediate crisis in the NHS, such as the record A&E waiting times; recognises the publication of the consultation for a National Care Service; notes that the proposed scope of the National Care Service is a significant expansion of the recommendations contained in the Feeley Review and that the health and social care system is already under immense strain due to the pandemic and previous Scottish Government failures; considers that such a significant service reorganisation could be hugely damaging at this time, and believes that local delivery is key in delivering services."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 66, Abstentions 21).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-01190.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01190 in the name of Humza Yousaf (A Caring Nation - Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland), leave out from "thanks" to end and insert "appreciates all health and social care staff for their hard work both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises that the pressure they are currently facing is compounded by the historic workforce planning failures of the Scottish Government; regrets that the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic on the NHS has been exacerbated by 14 years of Scottish Government mismanagement, which left NHS services struggling to keep up with demand long before the pandemic, with patients waiting too long to access medical treatment, and hardworking staff facing burnout and stress, and feeling undervalued; considers that the NHS is currently in crisis, with the average wait for an ambulance now at an alarming six hours, and recent statistics showing A&E under significant pressure as only 81.5% of patients were admitted, transferred or discharged within the four-hour target in July 2021, which is the lowest monthly percentage for at least 14 years; acknowledges that, despite there being over 600,000 people on NHS waiting lists for treatment, diagnosis or outpatient appointments in Scotland, the NHS Recovery Plan published by the Scottish Government does not include proposals on how to increase activity to address this backlog until next year; agrees with the BMA that the commitments within the plan are 'unrealistic' and that it has a number of 'worrying gaps', especially on how to address staff shortages; believes that tackling the mental health crisis facing Scotland should be an immediate priority for the Scottish Government, with new statistics showing that the number of children and young

people waiting for appointments is at a record high, with almost 12,000 young people waiting to be seen at the end of June 2021; strongly believes that the Scottish Government urgently needs to get the pandemic under control by improving the Test and Protect system, which is currently failing to meet the World Health Organization's standards on contact tracing, as only 60.5% of contact tracing in the week ending 29 August 2021 was completed within 72 hours; notes the Scottish Government's commitment to create a National Care Service, but urges the Scottish Government to also address immediate issues in social care by restarting respite services, ending non-residential care charges and addressing poverty pay in the sector by supporting a pay rise for social care staff to at least £15 per hour."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-01190.4—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01190 in the name of Humza Yousaf (A Caring Nation - Recovering, Remobilising and Renewing Health and Social Care in Scotland), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes that the NHS is under intense pressure because ministerial mistakes in workforce planning since 2007 contributed to the failure to meet key waiting times targets for years pre-pandemic; believes that the NHS Recovery Plan should be strengthened with a trajectory for meeting those targets to give new hope to overworked staff and patients waiting; further believes that there should be new national entitlements to guarantee quality of care for service users, with the funding to match, and new national fair work standards for staff to improve pay, conditions and career progression; believes, however, that Scottish Government proposals for a centralised ministerial takeover of social care will distract and detract from those ambitions; recalls the mistakes of previous centralisations conducted by the Scottish Government, and calls for the additional proposals contained in the Scottish Government consultation to use centralisation to seize control of other services, including children and young people, community justice and social work, described as an attack on local government, to also be withdrawn."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 32, Abstentions 21).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01219—That the Parliament recommends that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

**9. 2020 Tokyo Paralympics:** The Parliament debated S6M-00946 in the name of Karen Adam— That the Parliament recognises the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, held from

24 August to 5 September 2021, for bringing people together from around the world and raising awareness of disabilities; congratulates the staff and volunteers whose tireless work makes this event possible; wishes good luck to the 33 Scots who are competing, and thanks them for the positive impact their inspiring endeavours have on society in the Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency, Scotland and beyond.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

**No. 27, Wednesday 15 September 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport (Maree Todd) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Cervical Screening.

**3. Future of North Sea Oil and Gas:** Liam Kerr moved S6M-01193—That the Parliament supports new oil and gas projects, including Cambo, because a strong North Sea sector supporting tens of thousands of Scottish jobs is preferable to increasing energy imports during the transition to net zero.

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S6M-01193.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01193 in the name of Liam Kerr (Future of North Sea Oil and Gas), leave out from “supports” to end and insert “recognises how important the oil and gas industry, infrastructure, highly-skilled workforce and supply chain are to Scotland; agrees that countries around the world cannot continue to maximise recovery of hydrocarbons if the aims of the Paris Agreement are to be met; believes that Scotland and the UK cannot ignore the concern that unlimited extraction of fossil fuels is simply incompatible with protecting the planet; understands that the Scottish Government will undertake analysis to understand Scotland's energy requirements as the country transitions to net-zero in line with the aims of the Paris Agreement; recognises the role that hydrogen, carbon capture, utilisation and storage can play in a just transition, so long as they are not used to justify unsustainable levels of fossil fuel extraction; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to working with communities and those most impacted across Scotland, including the highly-skilled oil and gas workforce, to co-design the Transition Plan for Energy, and to taking forward a 10-year £500 million Just Transition Fund for the North East and Moray, and calls on the UK Government to match this investment, as well as reassess all existing licences for undeveloped fossil fuel extraction in light of the climate emergency.”

Monica Lennon moved amendment S6M-01193.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01217 in the name of Liam Kerr (Future of North Sea Oil and Gas), leave out from “supports” to end and insert “believes that the development of the Cambo oil field would be at odds with Scotland's aim of being net zero by 2045 and should not go ahead; considers that it is crucial that the transition to green sources of energy is jobs- and worker-led to retain and increase skilled jobs in Scotland; notes that the number of people directly employed in the low-carbon economy in Scotland is currently at its lowest level since 2014, at only 21,400, according to the latest available figures, and calls on the Scottish Government to use its powers over procurement, offshore windfarm licence approval and the Scottish National Investment Bank to secure and grow domestic supply chains for renewables, creating high-skilled, well-paying jobs across Scotland.”

Liam McArthur moved amendment S6M-01193.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01193 in the name of Liam Kerr (Future of North Sea Oil and Gas), leave out from “supports” to end and insert “believes that, in the current circumstances, the licence for Cambo should not proceed; recognises that decisions taken over the next 10 years will either make the planet or break it; believes that every aspect of how people live needs to be sense checked in light of the climate emergency, and that this includes the oil and gas sector; notes the evidence that people in the industry would embrace new opportunities, but that both the Scottish and UK governments have failed to provide workers with the promised opportunities for green jobs, which are critical to their skills being redeployed as part of a just transition; notes the impact that this has had on communities connected to the oil and gas sector; recalls that the licence for Cambo was first considered in 2001, when the basic facts of global warming were still being regularly disputed, and believes that the climate checkpoint must be applied, given the understanding that now exists around the climate emergency and that the extraction of oil and gas cannot continue unabated.”

After debate, amendment S6M-01193.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 55, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendments S6M-01193.1 and S6M-01193.2 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament recognises how important the oil and gas industry, infrastructure, highly-skilled workforce and supply chain are to Scotland; agrees that countries around the world cannot continue to maximise recovery of hydrocarbons if the aims of the Paris Agreement are to be met; believes that Scotland and the UK cannot ignore the concern that unlimited extraction of fossil fuels is simply incompatible with protecting the planet; understands that the Scottish Government will undertake analysis to understand Scotland’s energy requirements as the country transitions to net-zero in line with the aims of the Paris Agreement; recognises the role that hydrogen, carbon capture, utilisation and storage can play in a just transition, so long as they are not used to justify unsustainable levels of fossil fuel extraction; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to working with communities and those most impacted across Scotland, including the highly-skilled oil and gas workforce, to co-design the Transition Plan for Energy, and to taking forward a 10-year £500 million Just Transition Fund for the North East and Moray, and calls on the UK Government to match this investment, as well as reassess all existing licences for undeveloped fossil fuel extraction in light of the climate emergency.

**4. Return to Normal GP Services:** Annie Wells moved S6M-01217—That the Parliament recognises that patients have a right to treatment by GPs, and calls on the Scottish Government to set a target date for a return to normal activity in practices, including face-to-face consultations.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-01217.2—



As an amendment to motion S6M-01217 in the name of Annie Wells (Return to Normal GP Services), leave out from “, and calls” to end and insert “and other appropriate primary care health professionals, such as dentists, nurses, optometrists and pharmacists; appreciates that GPs and primary care staff were asked to change the way that they worked in response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; thanks GPs and primary care staff for keeping practices open and their hard work during the pandemic; recognises that, for many patients, the choice of using ehealth and telehealth solutions to initially contact their GP has been convenient, but that it is not a solution that is appropriate for all; believes that face-to-face consultations will continue to be necessary and that they should be taken forward in line with clinical guidance and in a manner that is as safe as possible as quickly as possible, and welcomes the Scottish Government commitment to work with the Royal College of General Practitioners, British Medical Association, Royal College of Nursing and other stakeholders to deliver this.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-01217.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01217 in the name of Annie Wells (Return to Normal GP Services), insert at end “; recognises the important contribution that GPs have made throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including stepping up to support colleagues in acute care and administering vaccinations across the country, and regrets the Scottish Government’s failure to remedy the alarming shortage of GPs and staff in the wider primary care team, with the current workforce feeling overworked and undervalued, all of which will severely undermine a sustainable future for primary care in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament recognises that patients have a right to treatment by GPs, and other appropriate primary care health professionals, such as dentists, nurses, optometrists and pharmacists; appreciates that GPs and primary care staff were asked to change the way that they worked in response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; thanks GPs and primary care staff for keeping practices open and their hard work during the pandemic; recognises that, for many patients, the choice of using ehealth and telehealth solutions to initially contact their GP has been convenient, but that it is not a solution that is appropriate for all; believes that face-to-face consultations will continue to be necessary and that they should be taken forward in line with clinical guidance and in a manner that is as safe as possible as quickly as possible, and welcomes the Scottish Government commitment to work with the Royal College of General Practitioners, British Medical Association, Royal College of Nursing and other stakeholders to deliver this.

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01258—That the

Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 September 2021—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Land of Opportunity - Supporting a Fairer and More Equal Society

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01231—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 September 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 Net Zero Nation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 September 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Diversion from Prosecution

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 September 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Decarbonising Scotland's Transport

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Carers Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 September 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 Business

*followed by* Environmental Standards Scotland: Appointment of the Chief Executive

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 29 September 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 30 September 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 Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 28 September 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.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01232—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/254) 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-01233—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/256) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01234—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/261) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01235—That the Parliament agrees

that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/264) be approved.

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-01236—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/265) 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-01237—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/275) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01238—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/278) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01239—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/290) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Recess Dates:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01240—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 12 to 20 February 2022 (inclusive), 2 to 17 April 2022 (inclusive), 2 July to 4 September 2022 (inclusive), 8 to 23 October 2022 (inclusive), 24 December 2022 to 8 January 2023 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01242—That, subject to the Parliament's agreement to the general principles of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill, the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of further consideration of the Bill, that:

(a) Rules 9.5.3A and 9.5.3B be suspended;

(b) Rule 9.7.8A be varied to replace the word "fourth" with "third", so that the deadline for lodging revised or supplementary Explanatory Notes will be the third sitting day before the day on which Stage 3 is due to start;

(c) in Rule 9.7.8B, the words “whichever is the earlier of” be suspended;

(d) Rule 9.7.8B(a) be varied to replace the word “tenth” with “second”, so that the deadline for lodging a revised Financial Memorandum will be the second sitting day after the day on which Stage 2 ends;

(e) in Rule 9.7.9(a), the words “whichever is the earlier of” be suspended;

(f) Rule 9.7.9(a)(i) be varied to replace the word “tenth” with “second”, so that the deadline for lodging a revised or supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum will be the second sitting day after the day on which Stage 2 ends;

(g) Rule 9.10.2 be varied, in so far as it applies to an amendment at Stage 2, to replace the word “fourth”, in both places it occurs, with “third”, so that the deadline for lodging a Stage 2 amendment will be the third sitting day in advance of proceedings; and

(h) Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word “fifth” with “third”, so that the deadline for lodging a Stage 3 amendment will be the third sitting day in advance of proceedings.”

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 as noted above.

**18. A Just Transition for Torry:** The Parliament debated S6M-01071 in the name of Maggie Chapman—That the Parliament notes the reported proposals to re-zone St Fittick’s Park in Torry, Aberdeen, currently designated urban green space, and Doonies Rare Breeds Farm, currently part of the green belt, to facilitate port expansion as part of a larger industrialisation plan to create an energy transition zone; recognises what it sees as the importance of transitioning away from fossil fuels, but also what it considers the negative impacts that over-industrialisation can have on resident communities, such as poor air quality, loss of greenspace and various forms of pollution, including noise; believes that community green spaces are positive for mental wellbeing and people’s right to a healthy environment; appreciates the value of having an award-winning, biodiverse area of woodland, wetland and recreational grassland in these areas, which it understands experience multiple social deprivation; acknowledges the reported opposition to the re-zoning by the community in Torry, including the Friends of St Fittick’s Park campaign, on environmental justice and community wellbeing grounds; notes the view that these sites are valuable to the people and worthy of protection, and further notes the belief that their re-zoning is inappropriate.

The meeting closed at 6.44 pm.

## No. 28, Thursday 16 September 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. SCVO Creates its 10,000th CJS Job in Scotland's Voluntary Sector:** The Parliament debated S6M-00768 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament recognises and celebrates what it sees as the continued success of the SCVO-run Community Jobs Scotland (CJS) employability programme as it creates its 10,000th job; understands that CJS provides paid jobs for young people, with targeted efforts to help those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable; believes that its model and approach has been incredibly effective in ensuring that young people who face particular challenges, such as having caring responsibilities, being care-experienced, holding criminal convictions, leaving the armed forces early or living with disability, are given the opportunity to take their first steps into employment; notes that CJS was established in 2011, when levels of youth unemployment were high; acknowledges that, over this time, phases 1 to 11 of the programme have created paid jobs for 10,049 young people, with an average of 54% being retained by their employer after their initial job had ended, and 64% recording positive outcomes into jobs, volunteering or education; welcomes CJS's adoption of a competitive application and interview process before a young person is offered a job and considers that this, alongside compliance with employer policies and procedures, is extremely important in terms of instilling a sense of belonging in a real work environment; understands that phase 11, which is currently underway, will support up to a further 560 opportunities for vulnerable young unemployed people aged up to 29 through a range of voluntary sector organisations across all 32 local authority areas; welcomes the recent announcement of the 10,000th CJS job, which will see a young person take on the role of Creative Assistant with Impact Arts (Projects) Limited for 40 weeks, and looks forward to further opportunities opening up with CJS, to help support vulnerable young people in the Edinburgh region and across Scotland who face significant barriers, but who deserve to play their full role in society.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. A Land of Opportunity - Supporting a Fairer and More Equal Society:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-01248—That the Parliament welcomes the ambitious programme of work laid out in the Programme for Government to create a fairer society; agrees that tackling child poverty is a national mission and recognises Scottish Government actions, including doubling the Scottish Child Payment as early as possible within the current parliamentary session, new bridging payments until the Payment is rolled out to under-16s, increasing access to advice services to maximise incomes, expansion of free school meals provision, new statutory guidance to reduce the costs of school uniforms, supporting working parents with a system of wraparound childcare for school-age children and an investment of £1 billion over the session to tackle the poverty-related attainment gap; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to expand

early learning and childcare to one- and two-year-olds, starting with those from low-income households; further welcomes the continuation of the ambitious social security programme, including the doubling of Carer's Allowance Supplement this year and the introduction of new disability benefits; recognises the ambitious programme of work to ensure that everyone has the right to a safe warm affordable home; welcomes the new deal for tenants; acknowledges the work needed to be done to embed and advance equality, inclusion and human rights across society, and commits to working together during Scotland's recovery from COVID-19 in order to build a fairer and more equal society.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-01248.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01248 in the name of Shona Robison (A Land of Opportunity- Supporting a Fairer and More Equal Society), leave out from first “welcomes” to “across society” and insert “agrees that tackling child poverty is a national mission; calls on the Scottish Government to double the Scottish Child Payment within the next financial year; notes with concern the recent figures that show that 5,000 families have been living in temporary accommodation for at least a year; further notes that an Audit Scotland report released in March 2021 exposed the lack of progress that has been made in closing the poverty-related attainment gap and calls on the Scottish Government to do more to prioritise young people's education; notes the recommendations of the Independent Care Review and calls on the Scottish Government to set out in more detail how it plans to implement The Promise Scotland; calls on the Scottish Government to implement a national minimum allowance for foster carers, as has been previously committed to; welcomes the doubling of the Carer's Allowance Supplement this year, but regrets that the Scottish Government will not take control of all devolved benefit powers until 2025”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 65, Abstentions 20).

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-01248.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01248 in the name of Shona Robison (A Land of Opportunity- Supporting a Fairer and More Equal Society), leave out from first “welcomes” to “affordable home; welcomes” and insert “notes the programme of work laid out in the Programme for Government to create a fairer society; agrees that tackling child poverty is a national mission and calls on the Scottish Government to immediately double the Scottish Child Payment and then double it again to £40 per week in 2022-23 for all children under 16 in order to meet the interim target of child poverty levels of 18% in 2023-24, as agreed by this Parliament; notes that the Programme for Government has committed to increasing access to advice services to maximise incomes, expanding free school meals provision, new statutory guidance to reduce the costs of school uniforms, supporting working parents with a system of wraparound childcare for school-age children and an investment of £1 billion over the current parliamentary session to tackle the poverty-related attainment gap; further notes the Scottish Government's commitment to expand early learning and childcare to one- and two-year-olds, starting with those from low-income households; recognises the continuation of the social security programme, including the doubling of Carer's Allowance Supplement this year and the introduction of new



disability benefits; acknowledges the programme of work that contributes to ensuring that everyone has the right to a safe warm affordable home; notes”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 30, Abstentions 20).

**6. Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01243—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 8 September 2021, relating to Industrial Death Benefit, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, or executive competence of Scottish Ministers should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

**No. 29, Tuesday 21 September 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Prof Sir Geoff Palmer, Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01312—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 September 2021—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Ambulance Service

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Ambulance Service.

**6. A Net Zero Nation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-01293—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Government must do everything in its power to tackle the escalating climate and nature emergencies and deliver a just transition for all; notes the recent UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report and the need for Scotland to advance determinedly to decarbonise homes, buildings, energy, industry and transport, and to restore, protect and enhance the natural environment and its assets; welcomes, therefore, the Scottish Government's commitments in this area, which include investing at least £1.8 billion in zero carbon buildings during the current parliamentary session, achieving a 20% reduction in car kilometres by 2030 and setting targets for species protection in a nature recovery bill; agrees that the transition to a low-carbon economy and a climate resilient Scotland requires urgent transformational action and must be done in a fair and just way that leaves no one, and no community, behind, and recognises that there

are also significant opportunities for Scotland to lead the way globally in finding solutions.

Liam Kerr moved amendment S6M-01293.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01293 in the name of Michael Matheson (A Net Zero Nation), leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert “expresses concern at the lack of detail and planning on how the Scottish Government will achieve its climate change targets, including delivering a net zero economy by 2045; notes the Scottish Government’s failure to achieve its own climate change targets for the last three years; calls upon the Scottish Government to increase investment in making homes more energy efficient, particularly in supporting homeowners through a Help to Renovate Fund; notes the failure to deliver green manufacturing jobs, and calls upon the Scottish Government to link the transition to increased opportunities for workers in Scotland; calls for the Scottish Government to introduce a Circular Economy Bill; further calls for the Scottish Government to focus on a transition that reduces emissions through rolling out electric and hydrogen vehicles rather than abandoning key road upgrades; calls upon the Scottish Government to introduce a Nature Bill to strengthen environmental protections for land and species, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the costs of the transition to net zero do not fall upon individuals, families and communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S6M-01293.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01293 in the name of Michael Matheson (A Net Zero Nation), insert at end “, and agrees that the Scottish Government should act with urgency to introduce plans for a publicly-owned, not-for-profit energy company, to provide direction and large-scale investment into Scotland’s low-carbon energy sector, which will help create high-skilled, green jobs for workers in Scotland, tackle fuel poverty and reduce costs for consumers in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

**8. Action on Brain Injury in Football:** The Parliament debated S6M-01042 in the name of Michael Marra—That the Parliament understands that an increasing number of ex-footballers in the North East Scotland region and across the country are making public a diagnosis regarding brain injury, and that a growing research base highlights the increased risk of such injury that professional players face; notes the view that the sport’s governing bodies must take swift action to support former players and protect those currently involved in the game; further notes calls for such conditions among footballers to be considered as an industrial injury; recognises the campaigning by PFA Scotland, the GMB and other organisations regarding this, and notes calls for a working

group to be established to consider these issues, which should also focus on the grassroots game.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm.

## No. 30, Wednesday 22 September 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Lord Advocate (Dorothy Bain) made a statement and answered questions on Diversion from Prosecution.

**3. ScotRail:** Neil Bibby moved S6M-01300—That the Parliament considers that decisions taken in the coming months will shape the future of Scotland’s railways for years to come; believes there should be no overall reduction in ScotRail services, compared with pre-pandemic levels, when new timetables are introduced in 2022; calls on Scottish ministers to reject overall service reductions; supports Scotland’s railway workers in their current industrial disputes with ScotRail; calls on Scottish ministers to intervene to help resolve these disputes with fair settlements for workers; notes that 22 September 2021 is World Car Free Day, a day to promote alternatives to car use; calls on Scottish ministers to commit to an affordable, clean, green, reliable and modern railway that is publicly owned and accountable, with representation for trade unions and passengers in governance of a new public sector operator, and believes that the Scottish Government should set out a vision for the future of Scotland’s railways based on service improvement, fair work and the decarbonisation of passenger rail services to help meet Scotland’s net zero ambitions.

The Minister for Transport (Graeme Dey) moved amendment S6M-01300.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01300 in the name of Neil Bibby (ScotRail), leave out from “considers” to end and insert “welcomes the opportunity for decisions to be taken in the coming months that will shape the future of Scotland’s railways; acknowledges the opportunity to create a national rail service that meets the country’s needs and travel patterns by building back to pre-pandemic levels but also provides for expected future demand; thanks Scotland’s railway workers and staff for their commitment to keeping services running during unprecedented circumstances; recognises the financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also believes that staff should be paid fairly and expects the employer to lead dialogue with trade unions to resolve current industrial disputes, with the aim of restoring rail services and re-establishing mutually acceptable industrial relations; welcomes that 22 September 2021 is World Car Free Day, a day to promote and undertake alternatives to car use; notes that Scottish ministers are committed to an affordable, clean, green, reliable and modern railway that is publicly owned and accountable, and founded on Fair Work First criteria, with representation for staff and passengers in the governance of a new public sector operator, and recognises that the Scottish Government will set out a vision for the future of Scotland’s railways based on service improvement, fair work, the decarbonisation of passenger rail services and an increase in rail freight, to help meet Scotland’s net zero ambitions.”

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-01300.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01300 in the name of Neil Bibby (ScotRail), leave out from “supports” to end and insert “notes the disruption that the RMT strikes have been having on passengers across the country and calls on the Scottish Government to work to deliver a resolution; further notes the Scottish Government’s intention to nationalise the service in March 2022 and therefore calls for the details and costs of its plans to be published urgently; believes that any operating model must put delivering a reliable and affordable service for passengers at the heart of its aim; notes the work of the Williams Rail Review and calls upon the Scottish Government to consider its recommendations carefully; further calls for the Scottish Government to undertake a review of disused tracks and stations with a view to reopening those that would support local growth and connectivity, and notes that, for many people across Scotland, particularly in rural areas, car travel is a necessity not a choice.”

After debate, amendment S6M-01300.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-01300.1 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity for decisions to be taken in the coming months that will shape the future of Scotland’s railways; acknowledges the opportunity to create a national rail service that meets the country’s needs and travel patterns by building back to pre-pandemic levels but also provides for expected future demand; thanks Scotland’s railway workers and staff for their commitment to keeping services running during unprecedented circumstances; recognises the financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but also believes that staff should be paid fairly and expects the employer to lead dialogue with trade unions to resolve current industrial disputes, with the aim of restoring rail services and re-establishing mutually acceptable industrial relations; welcomes that 22 September 2021 is World Car Free Day, a day to promote and undertake alternatives to car use; notes that Scottish ministers are committed to an affordable, clean, green, reliable and modern railway that is publicly owned and accountable, and founded on Fair Work First criteria, with representation for staff and passengers in the governance of a new public sector operator, and recognises that the Scottish Government will set out a vision for the future of Scotland’s railways based on service improvement, fair work, the decarbonisation of passenger rail services and an increase in rail freight, to help meet Scotland’s net zero ambitions.

**4. Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis:** Jackie Baillie moved S6M-01302—That the Parliament thanks the Scottish Ambulance Service paramedics, technicians, call handlers and other frontline workers who are under significant stress as they cope with the current pressures on the health service; regrets the failure of the Scottish Government to address the underlying and systematic problems facing both the ambulance service and the wider health and social care service that predate the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes the support of the British Army in helping alleviate the current pressures on NHS workers and patients; recommends that the Scottish Government adopt a 30-minute maximum turnaround time for ambulances from arrival at hospital, which will release paramedics to answer other calls, and protect staff welfare and wellbeing by reducing shift over-runs and guarding rest periods, and further calls on the Scottish Government to increase capacity in the health service ahead of winter by calling on recently retired staff to return temporarily and establishing

temporary wards and field hospitals to ease the pressure on Accident and Emergency departments and manage the clinical backlog.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-01302.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01302 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis), leave out from “regrets” to end and insert “recognises that excessively long waits for an ambulance can lead to worse outcomes for patients, and that the Scottish Government and Scottish Ambulance Service have apologised to people who have experienced long waits; notes that the Scottish Government has previously invested an additional £20 million to increase staff capacity in the ambulance service by almost 300; welcomes that an extra £20 million is now being invested to increase capacity further, including funding military personnel, recruiting additional Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officers, working with NHS boards to create Temporary Admission Wards and aiming to recruit 100 paramedic students to help alleviate the current pressures on ambulance staff, NHS workers and patients; further notes that the steps outlined by the health secretary will help alleviate pressure on the service in the immediate term and looking ahead to the winter; commends military personnel and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, which are providing driving support to the ambulance service in order to free up paramedic and technician time; supports the additional investment of £500,000 to improve ambulance service staff welfare, and the ongoing discussions between the board and trade unions to develop a rest break action plan and put it in place as quickly as possible.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-01302.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01302 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Taking Action on the NHS and Ambulance Crisis), insert at end “; recognises that A&E waiting times have reached record highs, and believes that the four-hour A&E treatment target should be followed regardless of the emergency care setting; calls for the publication of weekly ambulance response time data so that progress can be measured in every region, and further calls for this year’s planned efficiency savings for the Scottish Ambulance Service to be halted.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament thanks the Scottish Ambulance Service paramedics, technicians, call handlers and other frontline workers who are under significant stress as they cope with the current pressures on the health service; recognises that excessively long waits for an ambulance can lead to worse outcomes for patients, and that the Scottish Government and Scottish Ambulance Service have apologised to people who have experienced long waits; notes that the

Scottish Government has previously invested an additional £20 million to increase staff capacity in the ambulance service by almost 300; welcomes that an extra £20 million is now being invested to increase capacity further, including funding military personnel, recruiting additional Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officers, working with NHS boards to create Temporary Admission Wards and aiming to recruit 100 paramedic students to help alleviate the current pressures on ambulance staff, NHS workers and patients; further notes that the steps outlined by the health secretary will help alleviate pressure on the service in the immediate term and looking ahead to the winter; commends military personnel and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, which are providing driving support to the ambulance service in order to free up paramedic and technician time; supports the additional investment of £500,000 to improve ambulance service staff welfare, and the ongoing discussions between the board and trade unions to develop a rest break action plan and put it in place as quickly as possible.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01328—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 September 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: Keeping the Lifeline - A Call to Cancel the Cut to Universal Credit

*followed by* Environmental Standards Scotland: Appointment of the Chief Executive

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 29 September 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 30 September 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* Ministerial Statement: Autumn and Winter Vaccine Programme

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 October 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 October 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 October 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* Stage 3 Proceedings: Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 27 September 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.

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-01328.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01328 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), after "First Minister's Statement: COVID-19 Update" insert "followed by Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Vaccine Certification Scheme".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 53, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01329—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/299) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01330—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01332—That the Parliament agrees that—

Katy Clark be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Paul Sweeney be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Colin Smyth be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Claire Baker be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Paul O’Kane be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee;

Carol Mochan be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Rhoda Grant be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee;

Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Martin Whitfield be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Mercedes Villalba be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee;

Daniel Johnson be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Criminal Justice Committee;

Mark Griffin be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Sarah Boyack be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Jamie Halcro Johnston be appointed to replace Tess White as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee;

Russell Findlay be appointed to replace Sue Webber as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Maurice Golden as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Office of the Clerk:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01333—That the Parliament agrees that, between 1 February 2022 and 31 January 2023, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 15 April, 18 April, 2 May, 27 May, 2 June, 3 June, 16 September, 2 December, 23 December, 26 December and 27 December 2022, and 2 and 3 January 2023.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. National Eye Health Week 2021:** The Parliament debated S6M-00792 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes National Eye Health Week, which it considers does great work in promoting the importance of maintaining good eye health and, in 2021, runs from 20 to 26 September; believes that it continues to be vital for people in Scotland to book their free eye health check every two years in order to pick up changes to the eyes before they affect the vision; understands that 50% of sight loss is avoidable; notes the measures put in place in optometry practices across Scotland by healthcare professionals to make attending an eye health check safe during the COVID-19 pandemic; commends the work of Optometry Scotland and RNIB Scotland to encourage people to return to practices and check their eye health; emphasises what it considers the need to not forget eye health checks, and notes the

call for people in Greenock and Inverclyde, and across Scotland, to book their free eye health check if they have not attended an examination in the last two years.

The meeting closed at 6.53 pm.

## No. 31, Thursday 23 September 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. FASD Awareness Day-9 September:** The Parliament debated S6M-01089 in the name of Siobhian Brown—That the Parliament recognises International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day on 9 September, which was first recognised in 1999; notes that the day helps to raise awareness about the range of conditions that can result from alcohol consumption during pregnancy; understands that drinking heavily during pregnancy can risk affecting a child in a number of ways, and may cause learning disabilities, speech and language difficulties, behavioural issues, vision and hearing impairment, and problems with vital organs, among others; commends the excellent work being done by Oshay's FASD organisation, which is based in Ayr, and which offers advice, guidance and support to parents and carers of children who are affected by FASD, and wishes Oshay's FASD group success as it aims to raise awareness of this often undiagnosed condition.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Graeme Dey) made a statement and answered questions on Decarbonising Scotland's Transport.

**6. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01318—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01211—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Carer's Allowance Supplement (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).

**8. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01331—That the Parliament agrees —

Sue Webber be appointed to replace Annie Wells as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee;

Alexander Stewart be appointed to replace Tess White as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee;

Tess White be appointed to replace Alexander Stewart as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Maurice Golden be appointed to replace Sue Webber as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

## No. 32, Tuesday 28 September 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Elsie Macrae, Minister, St Andrew's Parish Church (linked with Kirkpatrick Juxta and Wamphray Parish Churches), Moffat, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 4. Keeping the Lifeline - A Call to Cancel the Cut to Universal Credit:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-01405—That the Parliament agrees, along with opposition parties in the UK Parliament, that the UK Government's planned reduction to universal credit should be reversed; recognises the cross-party efforts of opposition parties in the UK Parliament and the social security committees of each of the four nations' parliaments and assembly in this aim; notes Scottish Government analysis that the reduction of universal credit could reduce welfare expenditure in Scotland by £461 million a year by 2023-24 and push 60,000 people, including 20,000 children, into poverty; agrees that the inadequacy of the payment is just one of many issues with universal credit, alongside the two-child cap and the abhorrent so-called "rape clause", the five-week wait for a first payment, the benefit sanctions regime and the so-called "bedroom tax"; believes that this reflects the UK Government's uncompassionate approach to welfare, which has been challenged by opposition parties across the UK, and acknowledges Scotland's human rights-based approach to social security.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-01405.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01405 in the name of Shona Robison (Keeping the Lifeline - A Call to Cancel the Cut to Universal Credit), leave out from first "agrees" to end and insert "welcomes the support that universal credit has provided to half a million people in Scotland throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; further welcomes the decision to extend the temporary £20 per week uplift for six months during the height of the pandemic, as called for by parties across the Scottish Parliament; believes that, with the removal of most restrictions, this is the right time for the uplift to be reviewed; notes that the introduction of universal credit has been a key driver of employment and contributed to employment levels rising to record levels before the pandemic; further notes that the UK's unemployment rate has now fallen for six consecutive months; welcomes that the UK Government's Kickstart Scheme has already helped 63,000 young people into new positions; notes that UK Government spending during the pandemic has delivered an additional £14.5 billion for the Scottish Government, and calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government in the pursuit of a jobs-led recovery from the pandemic."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 28, Abstentions 0).



**5. Environmental Standards Scotland: Appointment of the Chief Executive:**

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-01397—That the Parliament welcomes the statutory vesting of Environmental Standards Scotland, the new environmental governance body for Scotland, which will ensure that high standards of environmental governance are maintained, and approves the Scottish Ministers' appointment of Brendan Callaghan as the first chief executive of Environmental Standards Scotland, as required by the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021, and as communicated to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee by correspondence on 6 September 2021 by the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01431—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 30 September 2021—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland in the World - Championing Progressive Values

and insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01432—That the Parliament agrees that the European Union and European Atomic Energy Community (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] 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-01433—That the Parliament agrees that the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Ambulance Services Across Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-01136 in the name of Jamie Halcro Johnston—That the Parliament commends the efforts of hard-working ambulance staff over the challenging period since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; recognises what it sees as the importance of an effective ambulance service to rural communities and, in particular, to those remote communities in the Highlands and Islands region; considers that issues exist around staffing and recruiting of staff across Scotland; believes that a number of performance indicators for

the Scottish Ambulance Service have been missed over this period, and acknowledges the view that there is a need for an effective strategic plan to support the Service to recover as Scotland emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

## No. 33, Wednesday 29 September 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care and then on Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Halting the COVID-19 Vaccine Certification Scheme:** Douglas Ross moved S6M-01415—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government not to proceed with its plans to introduce a COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved amendment S6M-01415.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01415 in the name of Douglas Ross (Halting the COVID-19 Vaccine Certification Scheme), leave out from “calls” to end and insert “commends the extraordinary effort of vaccination teams throughout Scotland, which means that, as of 24 September 2021, 86% of eligible over-18-year-olds were double-vaccinated against COVID-19; recognises that case numbers remain too high and that action is needed from all sectors to ensure that baseline COVID-19 measures are rigorously implemented; acknowledges that a number of other countries have introduced COVID-19 certification schemes, that the Welsh Government has plans to introduce a vaccine certification scheme in Wales, and that it is part of winter contingency planning by the UK Government for England; believes that, in line with the Scottish Government’s strategic intent, a COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme can provide a targeted means to maximise Scotland’s ability to keep certain higher-risk settings open, while reducing the impact of transmission and encouraging the remaining sections of the population, including those who may be vaccine hesitant, to get vaccinated; recognises that the Parliament has already endorsed a certification scheme; supports the implementation of a COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme; agrees that the scheme will apply to late night venues between the hours of 00:00 and 05:00 with music, alcohol and dancing, indoor unseated live events with 500 or more attendees, outdoor unseated live events with 4,000 or more attendees, and all events with 10,000 or more attendees; notes that measures are being taken to ensure digital inclusivity and to ensure that disabled people are not disproportionately impacted, and agrees that this scheme will be kept under review.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 52, Abstentions 1).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-01415.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01415 in the name of Douglas Ross (Halting the COVID-19 Vaccine Certification Scheme), insert at end “; recognises that the impact of certification on behaviours that reduce transmission is uncertain according to SAGE; notes that the scheme does not include proof of a negative test as an alternative to certification; raises concern about the inadequate consultation, published detail or lack of support for the sectors impacted by the introduction of vaccine certification; regrets that contact tracing in Scotland has

repeatedly missed the World Health Organization’s standard of tracing 80% of close contacts within 72 hours, and calls on the Scottish Government to focus on urgently resourcing Test and Protect and increasing vaccine uptake by improving access to vaccination clinics.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the extraordinary effort of vaccination teams throughout Scotland, which means that, as of 24 September 2021, 86% of eligible over-18-year-olds were double-vaccinated against COVID-19; recognises that case numbers remain too high and that action is needed from all sectors to ensure that baseline COVID-19 measures are rigorously implemented; acknowledges that a number of other countries have introduced COVID-19 certification schemes, that the Welsh Government has plans to introduce a vaccine certification scheme in Wales, and that it is part of winter contingency planning by the UK Government for England; believes that, in line with the Scottish Government’s strategic intent, a COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme can provide a targeted means to maximise Scotland’s ability to keep certain higher-risk settings open, while reducing the impact of transmission and encouraging the remaining sections of the population, including those who may be vaccine hesitant, to get vaccinated; recognises that the Parliament has already endorsed a certification scheme; supports the implementation of a COVID-19 vaccine certification scheme; agrees that the scheme will apply to late night venues between the hours of 00:00 and 05:00 with music, alcohol and dancing, indoor unseated live events with 500 or more attendees, outdoor unseated live events with 4,000 or more attendees, and all events with 10,000 or more attendees; notes that measures are being taken to ensure digital inclusivity and to ensure that disabled people are not disproportionately impacted, and agrees that this scheme will be kept under review.

**3. Legal Right to Recovery:** Sandesh Gulhane moved S6M-01416—That the Parliament believes that record drug deaths in Scotland are a humanitarian crisis; further believes that progress in the rehabilitation and treatment of addiction in Scotland has been too slow; calls for a legal right to recovery to tackle Scotland’s ongoing drug deaths crisis with the urgency that it deserves; notes that the possession of class A drugs is a serious offence and should not be dealt with through warnings that seek “not criminalising” offenders; believes that the content of the Lord Advocate’s recent Ministerial Statement deserves proper consultation, and calls for the Scottish Government to set aside time to debate this matter in full.

The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved amendment S6M-01416.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01416 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Legal Right to Recovery), leave out from “; further” to end and insert “and public health emergency; offers its condolences to the thousands of families across Scotland who are grieving the loss of loved ones to drugs; believes that the Scottish Parliament and the UK Parliament should consider any proposal that is based in evidence and that can play a part in saving lives, including the right to recovery and harm reduction approaches; recognises that addressing drugs

misuse must primarily be taken forward as a public health matter; supports that the £250 million investment to help address drugs deaths will support residential rehabilitation, community rehabilitation, Medication-Assisted Treatment standards, and a range of approaches to reduce harm; understands that prosecution policy is decided independently by the Lord Advocate and is not set by the Scottish Government or the Parliament; notes that experiences from other nations such as Portugal show that diversion from prosecution for drug possession towards support or treatment services can be an opportunity to ensure better outcomes for some of the most vulnerable people in society.”

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-01416.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01416 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Legal Right to Recovery), leave out from “calls for a legal right” to end and insert “welcomes the Lord Advocate’s recent Ministerial Statement regarding diversion from prosecution and the expansion of the use of Recorded Police Warnings; recognises the urgent need to ensure that individuals can access treatment and recovery services when they need them and will consider all proposals that reduce harm and support rights to access treatment; recommends that the Scottish Government urgently considers all options within the existing legal framework to support the delivery of safe consumption facilities, alongside expanded community resources that help people avoid substance misuse and improve access to residential rehabilitation and treatment, and seeks assurances that Police Scotland is trained and supported to respect the nationwide roll-out of the provision of naloxone.”

After debate, amendment S6M-01416.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 32, Abstentions 21). As a result, amendment S6M-01416.2 was pre-empted.

The motion as amended was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that record drug deaths in Scotland are a humanitarian crisis and public health emergency; offers its condolences to the thousands of families across Scotland who are grieving the loss of loved ones to drugs; believes that the Scottish Parliament and the UK Parliament should consider any proposal that is based in evidence and that can play a part in saving lives, including the right to recovery and harm reduction approaches; recognises that addressing drugs misuse must primarily be taken forward as a public health matter; supports that the £250 million investment to help address drugs deaths will support residential rehabilitation, community rehabilitation, Medication-Assisted Treatment standards, and a range of approaches to reduce harm; understands that prosecution policy is decided independently by the Lord Advocate and is not set by the Scottish Government or the Parliament; notes that experiences from other nations such as Portugal show that diversion from prosecution for drug possession towards support or treatment services can be an opportunity to ensure better outcomes for some of the most vulnerable people in society.

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01438—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 October 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* Ministerial Statement: Covid Recovery Strategy

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent to the Environment Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 6 October 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland in the World - Championing Progressive Values

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 7 October 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* Ministerial Statement: Heat in Buildings Strategy

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 October 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 October 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

Thursday 28 October 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*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 4 October 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.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 69, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01439—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/301) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01440—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/307) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01441—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/319) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).



**8. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01442—That the Parliament agrees that—

Colin Smyth be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9 Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Alleviating Poverty Associated with the Purchase of School Uniforms in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-01065 in the name of Fulton MacGregor— That the Parliament recognises and praises the continuing work of Cool School Uniforms, which is based in Coatbridge, in ensuring that many children across Coatbridge and Chryston are able to obtain warm, clean and comfortable school uniforms; notes that research by Dr Rachel Shanks at the University of Aberdeen has found that almost 20% of secondary schools in Scotland specify an exclusive supplier for their uniform, restricting parents and carers choices; understands that it has been suggested that regular reviews of exclusive supply arrangements of uniform items should take place in order to reduce costs; acknowledges the challenges that parents and carers face in ensuring that their children continue to be clothed appropriately for school, especially as uniforms become more expensive due to what it sees as exclusivity and rising prices and in the face of austerity; believes that the Scottish Government-Green Party cooperation deal has pledged to bring forward statutory guidance for schools to increase the use of generic items of uniform; welcomes this pledge, and notes the view that this and any other steps to alleviate poverty associated with the purchase of school uniforms should be brought forward as soon as practically possible.

The meeting closed at 6.22 pm.

## No. 34, Thursday 30 September 2021

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Community Wealth and the Emergence of “Green Lairds”:** The Parliament debated S6M-00875 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament notes emerging developments in the market for land, with what it sees as a growing emphasis on the purchase of land for climate-related reasons; notes recent commentary referring to new owners of such land as “green lairds”; understands that Scotland has a pattern of highly-concentrated, private land ownership by international standards; believes that the operation of the Scottish land market is largely unregulated and that the purchase of substantial areas of land serves wealthy, private buyers in particular; understands that ownership of land in Scotland provides access to substantial public funding and tax arrangements, which support the building of private wealth; regrets what it sees as the commodification and financialisation of the climate emergency through the market for land; notes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to community wealth building, to a just transition through the climate emergency, and to the progressive realisation of people's economic, social and cultural human rights; considers that securing more community ownership of land would be a key means to deliver greater community wealth, a more just transition through the climate emergency and progress toward the realisation of social, economic and cultural rights, including in the Highlands and Islands region, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to consider land-market regulation and public expenditure controls to achieve greater equity and benefit-sharing from public policy, and to make significantly greater ownership of land and built assets by local communities a strategic priority in building community wealth and empowering communities in responding to the climate emergency.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Autumn and Winter Vaccine Programme.

**6. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the publication of the *Sixth Case Study Findings* by the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry, in which the chair Lady Smith criticised the Scottish Government for a “woeful and wholly avoidable” delay in setting up an inquiry into accusations of historic child abuse in Scotland, was answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

**7. Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-01444—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government's chaotic hard Brexit policy is damaging recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; deplores the decision of the UK Government to ignore detailed evidence from the Scottish Government and others about the harm that would be caused by removing Scotland and the UK from the

European single market and customs union in the middle of the public health crisis; calls on the UK Government to immediately introduce a Temporary Worker Route, extended to 24 months, to alleviate some of the damage that it has caused, as part of a replacement immigration system that will both reduce the harm of Brexit and treat people with dignity and respect; recognises that the UK Government's failure to introduce such a scheme has led directly to serious levels of vacancies in hospitality, distribution, social care, construction, food production, agriculture and tourism, among other sectors; further recognises that this will only mitigate in part the negative consequence for Scotland of ending the benefits of EU membership, including freedom of movement; believes that the UK Government's actions and lack of action have led directly to serious petrol and diesel shortages on forecourts and to food supply shortages; further believes that these failures are felt across society and most acutely by the poorest, and agrees that, in a rich country like Scotland, the chaos of recent weeks and the deliberate targeting of the poorest in society make clear the heavy cost imposed on people in Scotland by a UK Government that they did not elect.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-01444.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01444 in the name of Angus Robertson (Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market), leave out from "believes that the UK Government's chaotic" to end and insert "recognises that the UK Government respected the result of the EU referendum and delivered a deal with the EU, which allows the UK to trade freely with other states to the benefit of Scottish goods and services; welcomes the UK Government's response to the Europe-wide shortage of HGV drivers by issuing 5,000 temporary visas for drivers to come to the UK; further welcomes the UK Government's positive engagement with the food and drink sector resulting in 5,500 temporary visas being issued to enable the poultry industry to prepare for Christmas, and believes that the Scottish Government should work constructively with the UK Government to ensure the success of the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-01444.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01444 in the name of Angus Robertson (Impact of Brexit on Scotland's Supply Chain and Labour Market), leave out "by a UK Government that they did not elect." and insert "; recognises that breaking up economic and political unions has deeply damaging consequences, and creating borders has costs; believes that people have been let down by a lack of planning and joint working by both the Scottish and UK governments, and calls on the Scottish and UK governments to act together to resolve the shortage of workers in key sectors of the economy and ensure that people have access to employment opportunities, training and financial support as Scotland comes through the COVID-19 pandemic and rebuilds its communities."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

## No. 35, Tuesday 5 October 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Ani Rinchen Khandro, Director of Kagyu Samye Dzong Edinburgh Meditation Centre and Honorary Buddhist Chaplain, University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Service, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01542—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 5 October 2021—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Covid Recovery Strategy

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Winter Planning for Health and Social Care

(b) Wednesday 6 October 2021—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supreme Court Judgement on European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** A question was answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Covid Recovery Strategy.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Winter Planning for Health and Social Care.

**7. Legislative Consent to the Environment Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved S6M-01512—That the Parliament notes the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the UK Environment Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 9 July 2021, and the report of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee of 29 September 2021; calls on the UK Government to respect the devolved powers of the Scottish Parliament with respect to measures with an environmental purpose in Scotland; further calls on the UK Government to amend clause 119 (formerly 107) to adequately reflect the devolved purpose of these regulations, and calls on the UK Government to remove clause 20(4) - (6), as it is inappropriate for the UK Government to seek to impose its own environmental principles on UK ministers for decisions with respect to Scotland.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-01512.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01512 in the name of Michael Matheson (Legislative Consent to the Environment Bill), leave out from “calls on the UK Government to respect” to end and insert “supports giving legislative consent to the UK Environment Bill; welcomes the UK Government's commitment to the environment, and calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government in tackling climate change.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Monica Lennon moved amendment S6M-01512.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01512 in the name of Michael Matheson (Legislative Consent to the Environment Bill), leave out from “further calls on” to end and insert “is disappointed that the UK and Scottish governments have failed to have early and constructive dialogue on the environmental protections that are required, and believes that parliamentary time would be better spent on measures to address the global climate emergency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 30, Abstentions 23).

**8. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what action it will take to resolve the ongoing pay dispute between ScotRail and railway workers, in light of the announcement of strike action during COP26, was answered by the Minister for Transport (Graeme Dey).

**9. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 5.04 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 7 as noted above.

**11. Big Noise Programme in Wester Hailes:** The Parliament debated S6M-00554 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament commends Sistema Scotland, an award-winning music education charity, on launching a major new music project in spring 2022 in Edinburgh's Wester Hailes; notes that the programme aims to transform the lives of hundreds of children growing up in the area; understands that the Big Noise community orchestra will gradually be created by the project, which aims to reach more than 400 participants in its first year, and will eventually involve all ages from babies to school-leavers; recognises that the charity targets disadvantaged parts of Scotland for intensive long-term programmes offering youngsters up to four after-school sessions of intervention and support a week during term time, and up to four days each week during the spring, summer, and autumn holidays until they leave school; notes that the project will be working in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council, and with Clovenstone, Canal View, and Sighthill Primary School and Nursery, and intends to

also work alongside local charities and community groups to bring additional support and value to Wester Hailes; appreciates that Big Noise has a long-standing track record of delivering high-quality music education and social change to communities that helps children improve their concentration and language skills, enhance their problem solving and decision making, increase their self-esteem and creativity, and develop strong friendships and support networks, and notes Sistema Scotland's belief that all children and young people have great skills, talents and potential, and that it has never been more important to think and act creatively to ensure that children across Scotland are given the opportunities and support that they deserve.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

## No. 36, Wednesday 6 October 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and Veterans and then Finance and Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and the Lord Advocate.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Supreme Court Judgement on European Charter of Local Self-Government (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill and United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill.

**3. Scotland in the World – Championing Progressive Values:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-01527—That the Parliament welcomes the internationalist vision for Scotland set out in the Programme for Government and the Scottish Government's commitment to be a good global citizen; supports the measures outlined to promote progressive values globally and offer practical help to international partners, notably a 50% increase in the Scottish Government's International Development Fund and doubling of the Just Transition Fund, the opening of additional Scottish Government hubs in Copenhagen and Warsaw, and the ambition to align domestic policy objectives with the approach to international development; regrets the actions taken by the UK Government, particularly since 2016, which have reduced its standing in the world, for example the deplorable decision to cut its Official Development Assistance by a third, which will hit the world's poorest communities at a time of great need; notes the increasingly interdependent nature of the world and the necessity of cooperation between nations to address global challenges; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to promote democracy, fairness and human rights across the world; recognises Scotland's distinctive profile on the world stage, and believes that Brexit, which the overwhelming majority of people in Scotland did not vote for, is at odds with that internationalist ambition.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-01527.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01527 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in the World - Championing Progressive Values), leave out from "welcomes the internationalist" to end and insert "calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government in supporting international development programmes around the world as well as promoting the Scottish diaspora on the world stage; welcomes the UK Government's plans for Global Britain, which put the freedom to speak, think and choose at the heart of its foreign policy for the decades to come; recognises the UK Government's efforts to make the world a safer, cleaner and greener place through international alliances such as the AUKUS pact and its Presidency of COP26, and notes with concern the level of spending by the Scottish Government on overseas offices and its plans to further increase the number of such offices."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

Alex Rowley moved amendment S6M-01527.1—



As an amendment to motion S6M-01527 in the name of Angus Robertson (Scotland in the World - Championing Progressive Values), leave out from "welcomes the internationalist" to end and insert "recognises Scotland's distinctive profile on the world stage and that successive Scottish administrations have sought to support and empower partner countries around the world; regrets the actions taken by the UK Government in taking the deplorable decision to cut its Official Development Assistance by a third, which will hit the world's poorest communities at a time of great need; notes the increasingly interdependent nature of the world and the necessity of cooperation between nations to address global challenges, including the moral responsibility of those in the Global North, including Scotland, to work on climate protections for those in the Global South, and the need to end the vaccine apartheid; calls on the Scottish Government to support the roll-out and sharing of vaccines to the Global South; considers that the Scottish Government's failure to address poverty, inequality, intolerance and violence against women in Scotland undermines its ability to promote progressive values abroad, and regrets the Scottish Government's inaction regarding Police Scotland providing training to the police forces of countries, such as Sri Lanka, which it considers are engaging in human rights abuses and repression."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01558—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 October 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 Person Centred Approach to Mental Health and Substance Abuse

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 October 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COP26 Action and Ambition

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 28 October 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Covid Recovery Strategy

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

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 Business

*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 Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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 Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

- (b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 October 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.

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01585—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 7 October 2021—

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Withdrawal of SSIs

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01561—That the Parliament agrees that the Shetland Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01559—That the Parliament agrees that the Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] 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-01560—That the Parliament agrees that the Orkney Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01562—That the Parliament agrees that the North Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01563—That the Parliament agrees that the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

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-01564—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 [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-01565—That the Parliament agrees that the Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01566—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01567—That the Parliament agrees that;

Liam McArthur be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute on the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

Alex Cole-Hamilton be appointed as the Scottish Liberal Democrat substitute on the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01568—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Elections Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 as noted above.

**17. A83 Rest and Be Thankful:** The Parliament debated S6M-00989 in the name of Donald Cameron—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the ongoing frustration felt by communities and businesses across Argyll and Bute as a result of the reported continued problems on the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful pass; acknowledges the establishment of the Rest and Be Thankful Campaign group, representing 1,500 businesses across Argyll and Bute; notes the group's calls for a more robust, long-term solution to the existing road, and for faster action to be taken to

deliver it; understands that, following public consultation, Transport Scotland has identified a new route to replace the existing A83 Rest and Be Thankful pass; considers that the timescale set out to achieve this does not meet the urgent needs of communities and businesses across Argyll and Bute; notes the view that Transport Scotland should explore the potential use of the nearby forestry road as a temporary mitigation route, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland to work with MSPs from all parties, the Rest and Be Thankful Campaign and other local stakeholders to achieve a suitable outcome.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

## No. 37, Thursday 7 October 2021

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. World Mental Health Day 2021: Mental Health in an Unequal World:** The Parliament debated S6M-01009 in the name of Paul McLennan—That the Parliament notes that 10 October 2021 is World Mental Health Day; welcomes this day of global mental health education, awareness-raising and advocacy; recognises the relevance of this year's theme, Mental Health in an Unequal World, to Scotland; considers that, based on available data, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing inequalities in mental health; understands that this includes those with mental ill health, who, it believes, live on average 20 years less than the wider population, and those living in deprived communities, who are more likely to experience poor mental wellbeing, anxiety and depression, and welcomes the work by organisations across Scotland, including through Scotland's Mental Health Partnership, to address both the causes and outcomes of these inequalities, in East Lothian and across Scotland.
- 4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) made a statement and answered questions on Heat in Buildings Strategy.
- 6. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 6 (For 24, Against 93, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 50, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
- 7 (For 51, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 4 and 5.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

- 7. Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-01554—That the Parliament agrees that the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time shall begin at 5.20 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Withdrawal of SSI:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-01597—That the Parliament agrees that the Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] be withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Withdrawal of SSI:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-01598—That the Parliament agrees that the Argyll and Bute (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft] be withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01601—That the Parliament agrees that, with effect from 8 October 2021, Temporary Standing Orders Rule 3 be amended—

(a) in paragraph 1 to delete “9 October 2021” and insert “24 December 2021”; and

(b) in paragraph 2 to delete “9 October 2021” and insert “24 December 2021”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.



## No. 38, Tuesday 26 October 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Kipchumba Too, Minister, Denny Westpark Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01784—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 26 October 2021—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Retail Sector

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Development and Deployment of Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage in Scotland

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.05 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to help agree a pay deal that is acceptable to council and education workers in order to avert industrial action, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes).

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Retail Sector.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Development and deployment of carbon capture, utilisation, and storage in Scotland.

**8. A Person Centred Approach to Mental Health and Substance Abuse:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved S6M-01761—That the Parliament recognises the importance of ensuring a person-centred approach to supporting those with substance use and mental health needs; welcomes the investment of £250 million into the national drug mission and the £120 million Mental Health Recovery and

Renewal Fund; supports the development of better working links between mental health and substance use services; recognises the need to embed cultural change to address stigma and include a trauma-informed approach; considers that treatment and assistance should be offered from the first point of contact and consistently throughout each person's journey; notes that, when required, outreach services are available to support people to stay in treatment and that services are designed to ensure that this can happen, and recognises that people may also experience multiple and severe disadvantages, such as homelessness and poverty, which require substance use and mental health services to engage other services.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-01761.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01761 in the name of Angela Constance (A Person Centred Approach to Mental Health and Substance Abuse), insert at end “; notes that people cannot easily get access to the vital mental health or addiction treatment that they need; recognises that Scotland went into this pandemic with a pre-existing mental health crisis, with people seeking mental health treatment being forced to wait far too long for help; believes that progress in the rehabilitation and treatment of addiction in Scotland has been too slow, and calls for a legal right to recovery to tackle Scotland's ongoing drug deaths crisis.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 65, Abstentions 20).

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-01761.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01761 in the name of Angela Constance (A Person Centred Approach to Mental Health and Substance Abuse), leave out from “that, when required” to “this can happen, and” and insert “with concern that, in 2019-20, there were 14,976 drug-related hospital stays in Scotland, 13,791 (92%) of which included a drug-related mental and behavioural diagnosis, and in the same year the rate of drug-related mental and behavioural stays was more than three times higher than the rate in 1997-98; agrees that those admitted to hospital, treated in A&E or at the scene by the Scottish Ambulance Service need to be linked up with appropriate community-based services to ensure they get the help and support they need to address the underlying drivers of their substance use; regrets that mental health services have been under-resourced for too long with unacceptable waiting times delaying treatment; recognises that outreach services are essential in supporting people to stay in treatment, but considers that more provision is required across Scotland, and that universal counselling services, such as Drugs, Alcohol and Psychotherapies Limited (DAPL) in Fife, must be more widely available to support people in recovery, and further”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**9. Committee Announcement:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, made an announcement on Climate Justice.

**10. Committee Announcement:** Claire Baker, on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, made an announcement on Call for Views.

**11. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01785— That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 27 October 2021—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: OECD Education - Next Steps

(b) Thursday 28 October 2021—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Endowment Funds

The motion was agreed to.

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 8 as noted above.

**13. UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2021, Malnutrition in Older People:** The Parliament debated S6M-00917 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament acknowledges UK Malnutrition Awareness Week 2021; notes that the annual initiative, which was launched by BAPEN and Malnutrition Taskforce, will take place between 11 and 17 October; believes that malnutrition, which is also known as undernutrition, is a substantial public health issue, with one in 10 older people in Scotland being at risk of, or living with, the condition; recognises that research from projects such as Eat Well Age Well (Food Train) indicates that this figure might be an underestimate, with an estimated 30% of older people at risk; believes that measures such as screening and early intervention, training for health and social care professionals, investment in community initiatives that address social isolation and policies that take account of the differences between food poverty and food insecurity, are integral to addressing malnutrition in older people; understands the continuing challenges faced by older people across Scotland who are at risk of malnutrition with isolation, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, being a contributory factor; further understands the unprecedented and sustained demand on health and social care services and third sector organisations since the onset of the pandemic; notes the view that addressing malnutrition in older people is a matter of national importance both as a moral imperative and an issue that puts avoidable strain on the country's health and social care services; further notes calls for the Scottish Government do everything in its power to ensure that everyone has reliable access to nutritious, culturally-appropriate and affordable food, as recommended by the Social Renewal Advisory Board in its January 2021 report, *If not now, when?*; commends the work of food policy organisations, such as the charity, Food Train, and dedicated volunteers, in advancing this issue, and wishes everyone involved with UK Malnutrition Awareness Week every success.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

## No. 39, Wednesday 27 October 2021

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.

## No. 40, Thursday 28 October 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers and Cabinet Secretaries.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **The Need for an Offshore Training Passport:** The Parliament debated S6M-00522 in the name of Mercedes Villalba—That the Parliament recognises the publication of a survey of offshore oil and gas workers regarding training requirements to work in the energy sector, which was carried out by Friends of the Earth Scotland, Platform and Greenpeace; notes that 97% of the workers surveyed described themselves as concerned about the costs of training; understands that many are currently expected to duplicate their training to work in different areas of the energy sector, including oil and offshore wind; believes that the cost and duplication of training is a major barrier to a just energy transition that retains the skills and experiences of offshore workers; considers that their skills and experiences are essential to deliver the equitable and rapid transition to renewable energy in the north east and across the country, which it believes is itself essential to tackling the climate emergency; notes calls on the Scottish Government to commit to supporting the creation of an offshore training passport, align training standards across the energy sector and explore whether the National Transition Training Fund or Green Jobs Workforce Academy can rectify training barriers, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government to ensure the establishment of the offshore training passport.
4. **Motion Without Notice:** Mercedes Villalba moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.
5. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Endowment Funds.
7. **Covid Recovery Strategy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-01803—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Covid Recovery Strategy, published on 5 October 2021, which sets out the Scottish Government's ambitious vision for a green recovery and details the actions that will be taken in partnership with local government, business organisations, the third sector and others across Scotland to address systemic inequalities made worse during the pandemic, make progress towards a wellbeing economy, and accelerate inclusive person-centred public services by focusing on improving financial security for low-income households, supporting the wellbeing of children and young people, and creating good, green jobs and fair work.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-01803.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01803 in the name of John Swinney (Covid Recovery Strategy), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the publication of the Covid Recovery Strategy, published on 5 October 2021; regrets the lack of new policy or clear timeline within the strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to take immediate steps to accelerate the vaccine booster roll-out, tackle the current crisis within the NHS, and to bring forward a detailed recovery strategy with specific proposals for businesses, including widening access to full fibreoptic broadband, and a comprehensive suite of measures to allow school children to catch up swiftly, such as a national tutoring programme."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 65, Abstentions 18).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-01803.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-01803 in the name of John Swinney (Covid Recovery Strategy), insert at end "; considers that failure to contain and suppress the virus will risk undermining Scotland's recovery; insists that the Covid Recovery Strategy be backed up by interventions to prevent long-term economic scarring, and so calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a plan to increase pay for social care workers to £15/hr, and to increase access to the national transition training fund and jobs guarantee scheme to ensure that places are available for all those impacted by the end of furlough to find employment."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 93, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

**8. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01847—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 2 November 2021—

delete

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

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Update

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01848—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/322) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.19 pm.

## No. 41, Tuesday 2 November 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev David Coleman, EcoChaplain, EcoCongregation Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

**4. A Progressive Approach to Sustainable Procurement and Fair Work Practices:** The Parliament debated A Progressive Approach to Sustainable Procurement and Fair Work Practices.

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01914—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

Wednesday 3 November 2021—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Action by Legal Aid Solicitors

**6. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

**7. Improving Support and Ending the Stigma of the Menopause:** The Parliament debated S6M-01534 in the name of Collette Stevenson—That the Parliament recognises that World Menopause Day is held every year on 18 October; understands that around 400,000 women in Scotland are of menopausal age; acknowledges that most women will experience menopausal symptoms and in a variety of ways, which, for some, may be severe and have a large impact on their lives; notes that these symptoms can include memory loss, insomnia, anxiety, palpitations, hot flushes and pain; further notes the encouragement given to women to access the support and advice to which they are entitled, such as through their GP and primary care team; welcomes the Scottish Government's Women's Health Plan which aims to alleviate women's health inequalities and ensure that women can access specialist menopause services; notes the view that many women could benefit from flexibility from employers to manage menopausal symptoms and that employers should consider introducing a menopause policy to best support women in the workplace; understands that South Lanarkshire Council was the first local authority in Scotland to implement such a policy; acknowledges that there continues to be a taboo and stigma surrounding the menopause; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to launch a public campaign to remove this and raise awareness of the symptoms of the menopause;

notes the calls for young women and girls to be empowered through high-quality education on menstrual health, and further notes the view that awareness-raising of the menopause will help its impact be better understood and addressed.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.

## No. 42, Wednesday 3 November 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Regan) made a statement and answered questions on Action by Legal Aid Solicitors.
3. **Early Learning and Childcare: 1140 Hours and Beyond:** The Parliament debated Early Learning and Childcare: 1140 Hours and Beyond.
4. **Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-01884—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 9 March 2021, relating to amendments to the Crime (Overseas Production Orders) Act 2019; orders under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016; amendment of section 60 of the Police Act 1996; extension of the Summary Jurisdiction (Process) Act 1881; and the amendment to extend the annual reporting duty for the Police Covenant to cover British Transport Police and National Crime Agency, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01925—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 November 2021

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Update

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Skills and Opportunities to Support Recovery  
- Young Person's Guarantee and National Training Transition Fund: One Year On

*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* Ministerial Statement: International Development COVID-19 Support - Partner Countries and Humanitarianism

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Approach to 2021 Coastal States Negotiations

*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 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: Remembrance Commemorations and the Scottish Government's Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2021

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 November 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Towards a Circular Economy

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 18 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 Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*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 8 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 SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01926—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/328) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01927—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/343) 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-01928—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/350) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01929—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/357) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01930—That the Parliament agrees that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

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-01931—That the Parliament agrees that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [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-01932—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01933—That the Parliament agrees that the Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

**15. A Model for Scotland, the Campaign for Prostitution Law Reform in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-01612 in the name of Elena Whitham—That the Parliament welcomes the launch by an alliance of frontline agencies of the campaign, A Model for Scotland, which looks for prostitution law reform in Scotland; believes that, although it has been officially recognised as a form of violence against women, it is currently legal to perpetrate and profit from prostitution; understands that 4% of men in Scotland reported having paid for sex in the past five years; notes that the women who are sexually exploited can face criminal sanctions for soliciting under Section 46 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, making it harder for them to leave the sex trade and access support; commends the joint work of the Scottish Government and COSLA in developing Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy to eradicate violence against women; notes the commitment to develop a model for Scotland, including in Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, which challenges men's demand for prostitution and supports women to exit sexual exploitation, but further notes the view that there is a large body of work still to be carried out to ensure that the burden of criminality shifts from the victims of sexual exploitation to those who perpetrate and profit from this abuse.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

## No. 43, Thursday 4 November 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Abortion Clinic Buffer Zones:** The Parliament debated S6M-01767 in the name of Gillian Mackay—That the Parliament notes the campaign by Back Off Scotland for the Scottish Government to introduce 150m buffer zones, or protest-free areas, around clinics that provide abortion services across Scotland; understands that buffer zones around abortion clinics already exist in other countries, such as Australia and Canada, as well as some local authorities in England; believes that safe and legal access to abortion services is a vital human right; further believes that everyone who chooses to have an abortion, including those in the Central Scotland region, should be able to do so without fear of harassment, intimidation or abuse; understands that there have been concerning reports of patients across Scotland, experiencing intimidation and harassment from protesters when accessing sexual and reproductive health services, and notes the view that buffer zones would help to ensure patients can continue to access these services safely and without fear of harassment.

**4. Motion without Notice:** Gillian Mackay moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**6. Accessing Scottish Social Security Benefits:** The Parliament debated Accessing Scottish Social Security Benefits.

**7. Revision to Business Programme:** Gillian Mackay on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01986—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 10 November 2021—

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: International Development COVID-19 Support - Partner Countries and Humanitarianism

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland 2045 - Planning for Net Zero

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-01987—That the Parliament agrees

that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/329) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

## No. 44, Tuesday 9 November 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Aparna Ramesh, Interfaith Scotland Development Officer and Secretary of Hindu Temple of Scotland, Rutherglen, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 4. Skills and Opportunities to Support Recovery – Young Person’s Guarantee and National Training Transition Fund: One Year On:** The Parliament debated Skills and Opportunities to Support Recovery – Young Person’s Guarantee and National Training Transition Fund: One Year On.
- 5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02048—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/349) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

- 6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02049—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02050—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] 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-02051—That the Parliament agrees that the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

- 10. Long Covid as a Condition of Concern:** The Parliament debated S6M-01861 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton—That the Parliament considers that long COVID is a

condition of serious concern; understands that figures published by the Office for National Statistics estimate that 79,000 people in Scotland, including individuals in the Edinburgh Western constituency, have already self-reported long COVID; notes that symptoms of long COVID include chronic fatigue, muscle spasms, breathing problems, sleep problems and cognitive impairment; understands that, of those who have self-reported, 61,000 have been experiencing symptoms for more than 12 weeks, and 31,000 have been experiencing symptoms for a year; considers that the omission of long COVID from the NHS Recovery Plan was a disappointment to many who currently have the condition; notes the view that the support currently available to people with long COVID does not sufficiently address their needs, and that more measures, including specialist clinics, a care pathway and community nurses who are able to visit people at home where necessary, must be introduced, and further notes the calls for long COVID to be prioritised in future Scottish Government decisions.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.



## No. 45, Wednesday 10 November 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and Veterans and then Finance and the Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on National Planning Framework.
3. **Scotland's Approach to 2021 Coastal States Negotiations:** The Parliament debated Scotland's Approach to 2021 Coastal States Negotiations.
4. **Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02056—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 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* Ministerial Statement: COP26 Outcomes

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Celebrate the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 17 November 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: COVID Recovery and Parliamentary Business; Net Zero, Energy and Transport

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Towards a Circular Economy

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 18 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 Scottish Parliament Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the UK Government's Levelling Up Agenda in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 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* Stage 1 Debate: Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill

*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 25 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 Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

- (b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 15 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.

**5. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02057—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Subsidy Control Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02058—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

**8. 100 Years of the Poppy in the UK:** The Parliament debated S6M-01536 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges that the first annual Poppy appeal was launched in the UK in November 1921; understands that in excess of nine million poppies were manufactured for this event and that they sold out almost immediately; believes that this raised more than £106,000, the equivalent of over £5.3 million today; notes that the money was put to assisting veterans in finding jobs and homes; believes this was the birth of an enduring symbol of the nation's gratitude for its veterans and helps provide them with a lifeline; acknowledges that, in Scotland, Lady Haig's Poppy Factory opened in 1926 at a former wood-cutting factory in the grounds of Whitefoord House on Edinburgh's Royal Mile; notes that it moved to the Warriston area of the capital in 1965; recognises that its team of 34 disabled veterans hand-produce more than five million poppies and 15,000 wreaths annually; notes that the team relocated to Redford Barracks in 2019 to allow substantial refurbishment work to be carried out at the Factory, returning this summer; believes that, with the help of sales by organisations such as Poppyscotland, the Royal British Legion, the Ancre Somme Association Scotland and myriad Armed Forces' charities, this adoption as a symbol of charity right across the UK, including in the Mid-Scotland & Fife region, has seen the poppy transcend its purely metaphorical and commemorative status, additionally becoming a physical and palpable object with the single purpose of providing financial stability for men and women affected by war and conflict, and notes that people can also offer support by visiting the Poppyscotland website and purchasing from its pages at [poppyscotlandstore.com](http://poppyscotlandstore.com).

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

## No. 46, Thursday 11 November 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney).

**3. Publication of the Communiqué Setting Out the Conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues:** The Parliament debated S6M-01490 in the name of Fiona Hyslop—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the communiqué setting out the conclusions of the Glasgow Climate Dialogues, hosted by the Scottish Government and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland; understands that these dialogues were a series of online discussions, which took place between 6 and 9 September 2021, providing a forum for civil society and government departments from impacted countries in the Global South to discuss and share their positions on some of the key priorities for action at and beyond COP26, while developing a shared understanding of these key issues and identifying where collective action can advance United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) goals and objectives; notes that the communiqué includes recommendations related to ensuring equitable access, participation and voice at the talks, the need for developed countries to significantly increase the financial support available to help impacted communities adapt to spiralling climate impacts, the need to address the losses and damages created by climate impacts that go beyond the limits of adaptation, and the need to ensure a global Just Transition based on the UNFCCC principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and the right to development; commends the Scottish Government and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland for facilitating these dialogues, and notes the calls for ministers to respond positively, including by placing these priorities at the heart of the Scottish Government's own activities for COP26 and encouraging support for them from other UNFCCC participants.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. Remembrance Commemorations and the Scottish Government's Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2021:** The Parliament debated Remembrance Commemorations and the Scottish Government's Support for the Veterans and Armed Forces Community in Scotland 2021.

**6. Motion Without Notice:** Stephen Kerr, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.52 pm.

**No. 47, Tuesday 16 November 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr James Connolly, Minister, Dundee West Parish Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02148—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 16 November 2021—

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COP26 Outcomes

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(b) Thursday 18 November 2021—

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2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

2.45 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

and insert

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank:**

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02127—That the Parliament notes the impact that the Scottish National Investment Bank, the first mission-based investment bank in the UK, has made in its first year since launch in November 2020; supports the progress made by the bank through a wide range of investments in its first year; recognises the important role that the bank has in delivering a just transition to a net-zero economy; notes the need for innovative finance to achieve Scotland’s goals on climate targets, housing and demographic challenges, and notes that the bank will continue to strengthen its role through investing in Scottish business, projects and communities and delivering positive environmental and social impacts, and positive financial returns for the people of Scotland, for many years to come.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-02127.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02127 in the name of Kate Forbes (Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank), insert at end “, and, to that end, wants to see much greater clarity from the Scottish Government over the role of the bank, how its achievements will be measured, including how it will attract private sector investment, as well as make best use of taxpayers’ funds, and how it will support small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the bedrock of the economy.”

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

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-02127.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02127 in the name of Kate Forbes (Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Scottish National Investment Bank), leave out from second “notes” to end and insert “considers that the inadequate progress made by the bank in creating green jobs for the future has hindered Scotland’s wider economic recovery from the impact of the pandemic and the transition to net zero; believes that the bank will be unable to make the socio-economic impact it was intended to achieve due to insufficient funding; further believes that other enterprise agencies have also faced real-term cuts at a time that they should be focussing on Scotland’s economic recovery, and calls on the Scottish Government to repurpose Scottish Enterprise as a business recovery agency to work in partnership with other regional enterprise agencies in order to grow Scotland’s economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the impact that the Scottish National Investment Bank, the first mission-based investment bank in the UK, has made in its first year since launch in November 2020; supports the progress made by the bank through a wide range of investments in its first year; recognises the important role that the bank has in delivering a just transition to a net-zero economy; notes the need for innovative finance to achieve Scotland’s goals on climate targets, housing and demographic challenges; notes that the bank will continue to strengthen its

role through investing in Scottish business, projects and communities and delivering positive environmental and social impacts, and positive financial returns for the people of Scotland, for many years to come, and, to that end, wants to see much greater clarity from the Scottish Government over the role of the bank, how its achievements will be measured, including how it will attract private sector investment, as well as make best use of taxpayers' funds, and how it will support small and medium-sized enterprises, which are the bedrock of the economy

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COP26 Outcomes.

**7. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what support is being provided to NHS Lanarkshire in light of reports that Wishaw Hospital A&E Department was at full capacity at the weekend with patients being transferred to Monklands Hospital, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf).

**8. Committee Announcement:** Siobhian Brown, on behalf of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee, made an announcement on COVID-19: preparing for winter and priorities for recovery.

**9. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02150—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions on 18 November 2021, the words “of up to 15 minutes” in Rule 13.9.3 are suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 9 as noted above.

**11. World COPD Day 2021:** The Parliament debated S6M-01827 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament welcomes World COPD Day, which takes place on 17 November 2021 and has a theme of Healthy Lungs – Never More Important; understands that Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a serious lung condition affecting 140,000 people across Scotland, and that an estimated 200,000 people across the country are said to be living with undiagnosed COPD; further understands that increased prevalence of COPD means that it is estimated that it will be the third most frequent cause of mortality worldwide by 2030; notes the publication of a new report by Asthma UK and the British Lung Foundation Scotland, which surveyed over 8,000 people from across all four nations in the UK who have a diagnosis of COPD; understands that the majority of respondents to the survey reportedly conveyed that they are not receiving the five fundamentals of COPD care, which are offering smoking cessation, offering pneumococcal and flu vaccine, pulmonary rehabilitation, personalised self-management plan, and optimising treatment for comorbidities, and welcomes the steps that are being taken by the Scottish Government, in the devolved healthcare system, to improve the outcomes of those living with COPD, including through the publication of the Respiratory Care Action Plan in March 2021, which aims to improve the care and support for people with lung conditions, including COPD, through prevention, early diagnosis and addressing health inequalities that impact on COPD, such as smoking, air pollution and poor quality housing.



The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.

## No. 48 Wednesday 17 November 2021

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 Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Towards a Circular Economy.
- 3. Delivering Promised Road Infrastructure Across Scotland:** Graham Simpson moved S6M-02138—That the Parliament recognises that driving in most parts of Scotland is a necessity; believes that the Cooperation Agreement between the Scottish Government and the Scottish Green Party Parliamentary Group should not prevent or delay the delivery of any future road projects, and calls upon the Scottish Government to reaffirm its commitment to dualling the A9 and A96 and commit to upgrading the A1, A75, A77, A82, A83 and A90.

The Minister for Transport (Graeme Dey) moved amendment S6M-02138.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02138 in the name of Graham Simpson (Delivering Promised Road Infrastructure Across Scotland), leave out from "driving" to end and insert ", in the face of the climate emergency and the imperative to cut greenhouse gas emissions, as a nation, there is a need to encourage more people to use more sustainable travel options and reduce their car use; acknowledges the need to shift away from spending money on new road projects that encourage more people to drive, and instead focus resource on maintaining roads and improving safety; agrees that people need a realistic and affordable alternative in public transport and active travel, and notes that the Scottish Government will set out its plans for future investment in Scotland's transport network in the second Strategic Transport Projects Review."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-02138.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02138 in the name of Graham Simpson (Delivering Promised Road Infrastructure Across Scotland), leave out from "recognises" to end and insert "regrets that car dependency remains the norm in Scotland, partly due to Scotland's inadequate public transport system; calls upon the Scottish Government to upgrade key routes, such as the A9 and A96, A1, A737, A75, A77, A82, A83, A90 and other vital road links, to deliver improved road safety, journey times and reliability; considers that decisions about investment in transport infrastructure, including roads, must have due regard to road safety, economic and community development and climate impact; further considers that local government requires a fair funding settlement to allow councils and communities to improve local roads and cycle routes, to bring local transport under democratic public control and invest in better local transport and green infrastructure; believes that all parts of Scotland would benefit from

enhanced public transport, and calls upon the Scottish Government to support integrated ticketing on public transport, action to reverse the decline in local bus services, the extension of free bus travel to under-25s, the dedication of 10% of the transport budget to active travel, and the restoration of rail services to pre-pandemic levels."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that, in the face of the climate emergency and the imperative to cut greenhouse gas emissions, as a nation, there is a need to encourage more people to use more sustainable travel options and reduce their car use; acknowledges the need to shift away from spending money on new road projects that encourage more people to drive, and instead focus resource on maintaining roads and improving safety; agrees that people need a realistic and affordable alternative in public transport and active travel, and notes that the Scottish Government will set out its plans for future investment in Scotland's transport network in the second Strategic Transport Projects Review.

#### **4. Removing the Cap on Funded Places for Frontline Medical Students:**

Sandesh Gulhane moved S6M-02139—That the Parliament calls on the Scottish Government to remove the cap on funded training places for students from Scotland studying for frontline NHS roles.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-02139.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02139 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Removing the Cap on Funded Places for Frontline Medical Students), leave out from "calls" to end and insert "welcomes the sustained increases in medical undergraduate places at Scottish universities; notes that the level of new domestic training places for medicine is proportionately higher in Scotland than anywhere else in the UK; further notes that, this year, the Scottish Government fully funded all places for Scottish domiciled students holding an offer from a Scottish medical school, where they met the terms of their conditional offer; recognises that the Programme for Government sets out steps to substantially increase training places further; believes that widening access to medicine is essential, and supports doubling the number of widening access places to help create a more diverse medical workforce."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-02139.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02139 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Removing the Cap on Funded Places for Frontline Medical Students), insert at end "; recognises that the Scottish Government has presided over historic workforce planning failures across the NHS, with warnings of shortages and staff

burnout long before the pandemic; considers that, as well as recruitment, there is an immediate need to improve retention of staff, following reports that many are planning to leave their profession; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that basic facilities, such as hot meals and rest spaces, are available to all staff, and to improve access to specialised mental health support for the workforce, and recommends that the Scottish Government offers a working time review to every staff member considering retirement, thereby offering more flexible working arrangements, and calls on the expertise of retired nurses and medical professionals willing to return to the NHS to increase workforce capacity over winter."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament welcomes the sustained increases in medical undergraduate places at Scottish universities; notes that the level of new domestic training places for medicine is proportionately higher in Scotland than anywhere else in the UK; further notes that, this year, the Scottish Government fully funded all places for Scottish domiciled students holding an offer from a Scottish medical school, where they met the terms of their conditional offer; recognises that the Programme for Government sets out steps to substantially increase training places further; believes that widening access to medicine is essential, and supports doubling the number of widening access places to help create a more diverse medical workforce.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02155—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 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* Ministerial Statement: International Development COVID-19 Support - Partner Countries and Humanitarian Responses

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap - The Future of the Scottish Attainment Challenge

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Report of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.50 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 24 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* Stage 1 Debate: Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill

*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 25 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: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 December 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* COVID-19 Recovery Committee Debate

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 22 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. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02156—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 25 March 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02157—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 April 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

**9. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month 2021:** The Parliament debated S6M-01259 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament acknowledges that November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and that 18 November 2021 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day; understands that pancreatic cancer is one of the most aggressive and least survivable forms of cancer, with more than half of people diagnosed with it dying within three months; further understands that pancreatic cancer can affect anyone, but that it is subject to multiple inequalities with poorer outcomes for certain communities and those living in more deprived areas; understands that survival rates have remained almost static for the last 50 years; highlights the importance of early diagnosis and intervention; notes the view that raising public awareness of key symptoms of pancreatic cancer is vital to that aim; understands that key symptoms of pancreatic cancer include abdominal or back pain or discomfort, unexplained weight loss or a loss of appetite, yellowing of the skin or eyes and/or itchy skin, a change in bowel habits, nausea or vomiting, and indigestion that does not respond to treatment; commends all of the charities and activist organisations and their dedicated supporters for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer, and wishes everyone involved with Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month every success in their endeavours.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Clare Adamson 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 7.09 pm.



## No. 49, Thursday 18 November 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Road Safety in Falkirk:** The Parliament debated S6M-01281 in the name of Stephen Kerr—That the Parliament recognises efforts in Airth and Reddingmuirhead to introduce a 20mph speed limit; considers that, in busy areas, a 20mph speed limit is safer for pedestrians, in particular school children and cyclists, and notes the view that local councils should be empowered to make decisions on speed limits, acknowledging their local knowledge.
4. **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
5. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.
6. **The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the UK Government's Levelling Up Agenda in Scotland:** The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-02158—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government's Spending Review plans for Levelling Up and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund not only fall well short of Scottish expectations and needs, but also infringe the sovereignty of the Scottish Parliament by circumventing the devolution settlement to deliver policy in areas that are clearly and firmly within the ambit of the Scottish Government, and calls on the UK Government to keep the promises made to Scotland, and to work in full partnership with the Scottish Government and local communities on the development of these programmes going forward to ensure they support job creation and a just transition, and meet the needs of Scotland's citizens.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-02158.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02158 in the name of Richard Lochhead (The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the UK Government's Levelling Up Agenda in Scotland), leave out from "agrees" to end and insert "welcomes the UK Government's plans to level up every part of the UK; further welcomes the recent announcement of the funding for dozens of projects in every part of Scotland through the Community Renewal Fund and the Levelling Up Fund; agrees with local authorities across Scotland that have applauded the UK Government for directly funding projects in their areas; calls on the Scottish Government to stop talking down Scotland's place in the UK and the value of such to the people of Scotland; agrees that the UK Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund should at least match the level of EU funding it is replacing; calls on the UK Government to meet that target in line with commitments made in its recent budget, and further calls on the Scottish and UK governments, as well as local authorities, to work together to ensure the efficient delivery of projects to every community across Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S6M-02158.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02158 in the name of Richard Lochhead (The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the UK Government’s Levelling Up Agenda in Scotland), leave out from “infringe” to end and insert “circumvents the devolved settlement; recognises that gender inequality remains stubbornly high; notes that there are increasing regional inequalities across Scotland, including in health, child poverty, income and economic opportunities, which neither the UK Government nor the Scottish Government is adequately tackling, and calls on the Scottish Government to reinstate the previously scrapped regional equality targets to direct government action and funding of local authorities to urgently address this injustice across the country.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-02158.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02158 in the name of Richard Lochhead (The UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the UK Government’s Levelling Up Agenda in Scotland), leave out from “not only fall” to end and insert “fall well short of what is needed, and calls on the UK Government to establish a joint council for levelling up that will agree and oversee spending in relation to the levelling up agenda and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, for this council to include representatives of the constituent authorities of the UK, and for this council to work in partnership with local communities on the development of these programmes going forward to ensure they support job creation and a just transition, and meet the needs of citizens.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 1).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02190—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/359) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.19 pm.

## No. 50, Tuesday 23 November 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Raheel Arif, Minister, Denny Old and Haggs Parishes, Falkirk, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.
4. **Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what its response is to reports, following comments made by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons, that local authorities across the UK, including Scotland, will be obliged to accommodate the increasing number of unaccompanied children refugees crossing the English Channel, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison).
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on International Development COVID-19 Support – Partner Countries and Humanitarian Responses.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap – The Future of the Scottish Attainment Challenge.
7. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Response to the Report of the Citizens' Assembly of Scotland.
8. **Committee Announcement:** Stuart McMillan, on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, made an announcement on Inquiry into the use of made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic.
9. **Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.
10. **Linking Food and Climate Change at COP26:** The Parliament debated S6M-01310 in the name of Foysoyl Choudhury—That the Parliament considers that COP26 is a key opportunity for placing food and local action at the heart of the response to the climate emergency; notes the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration from the partners, Nourish Scotland and IPES-Food, which is a commitment by subnational governments to tackle the climate emergency through integrated food policies and a call on national governments to act; commends those local authorities in Scotland that have signed the Glasgow Declaration to date, including the City of Edinburgh Council; believes that a resilient food system approach would target all the sustainable development goals to accelerate climate action while delivering many co-benefits, including the promotion of biodiversity, ecosystem regeneration and resilience, circularity, equity, access to healthy and sustainable diets for all, and the creation of resilient livelihoods for farm and food workers; understands that global food systems

account for one third of emissions and are at the heart of many major challenges today, including biodiversity loss and enduring hunger and malnutrition; celebrates the significant signatories from five continents that have already made their commitment to accelerating climate action via local food system transformation, and considers that the road from the Paris Agreement to COP26 has to go through the farm gate.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

**No. 51, Wednesday 24 November 2021**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-02234—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02167—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (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).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02251—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 30 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* Ministerial Statement: Pathways to Recovery - Update on progress and milestones for expanding access to Residential Rehabilitation in Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Justice and the 16 Days of Action

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 1 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 2 December 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* COVID-19 Recovery Committee Debate

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 7 December 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 Business

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill  
- UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 9 December 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2022/23

*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 29 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.

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02252—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/382) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02253—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/384) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02254—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] 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-02255—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02256—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02257—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

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-02258—That the Parliament agrees that the Valuation and Rating (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2021 [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-02259—That the Parliament agrees that the Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02260—That the Parliament agrees that the COVID-19 Recovery Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.57 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**15. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

**16. Mouth Cancer Action Month 2021:** The Parliament debated S6M-01700 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament recognises that November 2021 is Mouth Cancer Action Month; acknowledges the work of the Mouth Cancer Foundation and the Oral Health Foundation in raising awareness of mouth cancer; understands that mouth cancer is the sixth most common cancer worldwide, with over 8,300 new cases diagnosed in the UK each year; believes that nine out of 10 mouth cancer cases could be prevented by adopting lifestyle changes; understands that, while mouth cancer is twice as common in men than women, an increasing number of women are also being diagnosed with the disease; welcomes the increased education of the risks, signs and symptoms of mouth cancer, in order to encourage everyone to discuss these with their dental professional, and commends the efforts of all organisations and campaigners that continue to raise awareness of mouth cancer and aim to make a difference by saving thousands of lives through early detection and prevention.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

## No. 52, Thursday 25 November 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage as Part of Scotland's Net Zero Ambitions:** The Parliament debated S6M-01994 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the Scottish Government's ambitious target to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045, its interim target of 75% reduction by 2030 and its strong support for the Scottish cluster of proposed carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS) projects; understands that the UK Government's evaluation process scored the Acorn Project in Aberdeenshire as the most deliverable project in the UK; notes the calls on the UK Government urging it to change its decision regarding investing in CCUS in Scotland and award the Scottish cluster Track-1 status as part of a wider strategy to achieve as much carbon storage as possible; recognises what it believes would be the impact on the north east in particular of the UK Government failing to support the Scottish cluster; believes that this is a pivotal moment for CCUS on the decarbonisation pathway; notes the advice from the Climate Change Committee on the importance of CCUS toward reaching Scotland's net zero commitments, and believes that this is a view shared by many industrial partnerships.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Gillian Martin moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**6. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women :** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-02267—That the Parliament marks the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the beginning of the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which this year reaches its 30th anniversary; notes that the 2021 campaign focuses on the dual themes of Femicide and Ending Domestic Abuse in the World of Work; reaffirms its commitment to continue to work collaboratively from constituency, to committee, to chamber, to eradicate gender-based violence; agrees that only by prioritising prevention, can there be an end to violence against women and girls; gives thanks to the organisations and individuals that support women and children affected by gender-based violence, including the Women's Aid and Rape Crisis networks; notes that gender-based violence, which includes, but is not limited to, domestic abuse, rape and sexual violence, is a function of gender inequality and an abuse of male power and privilege; recognises that there is an increasing level of online abuse and the disproportionate impact this has on women and girls; agrees that in order to effectively tackle gender-based violence, society must challenge the outdated gender stereotypes and attitudes towards women and girls that enable it to continue; further agrees that it is clear that women and girls should no longer have to

modify their everyday behaviour in order to stay safe; unites in its condemnation of violence against women and girls in all of its forms, in Scotland and around the world, on which it speaks with one voice; mourns all the women around the world who have been killed by men this year, including Sabina Nessa, Bibaa Hendry, Nicole Smallman, and Sarah Everard, whose murders showed how fragile the veneer of safety for women can be, and notes, as a mark of respect, the one-minute silence held in their honour.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

**No 53, Tuesday 30 November 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Sally Fraser, Edinburgh City Centre Chaplain, Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02343—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for —

(a) Tuesday 30 November 2021—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Response to Storm Arwen

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to Independent Review of Deaths in Prison Custody

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 1 December 2021—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

insert

followed by Scottish Government Business: Reappointments to the Scottish Land Commission

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Response to Storm Arwen.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Response to Independent Review of Deaths in Prison Custody.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Pathways to Recovery - Update on progress and milestones for expanding access to Residential Rehabilitation in Scotland.

**8. Justice and the 16 Days of Action:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Regan) moved S6M-02306—That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to highlight the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence and to reaffirm a strong commitment and programme of action to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; recognises the opportunity as Scotland emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic to transform its justice services, ensuring effective, efficient and resilient services that meet the needs of people and reflect the role for justice in a modern society; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to setting in place the right legislative environment to support, enable and protect women and girls, including the introduction of world-leading human rights legislation furthering Scotland's international obligations; welcomes the planned establishment of a Governance Group comprising key stakeholders to progress the detailed consideration of the recommendations in the Lord Justice Clerk's Review Group report, Improving the management of sexual offence cases, including the potential introduction of specialist courts, and to identify and prioritise recommendations that can be taken forward without legislative change; recognises and reflects on the advancements made and key achievements to date, including the delivery of a pilot to pre-record rape complainers' statements; notes the progress of the Misogyny and Criminal Justice in Scotland Working Group, chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy; acknowledges a new work stream to take a strategic approach to women in justice in the system to address the unique needs of women not currently being met, either as offenders or victims; commends the work of frontline criminal justice advocacy support services, which have worked tirelessly to redesign services and ensure that women and children can still access support throughout the pandemic, and encourages continued collaboration to ensure that the interests of victims of gender-based violence and those who rely on the justice system remain at the heart of necessary reforms, and to deliver a modern justice system fit for the future.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-02306.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02306 in the name of Keith Brown (Justice and the 16 Days of Action), insert at end "; recognises that women are overwhelmingly the victims of the most horrific crimes committed in Scotland, and believes that more victims of crimes such as sexual assault and domestic abuse should receive notification about the release date of the criminal in their case should they wish."

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

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-02306.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02306 in the name of Keith Brown (Justice and the 16 Days of Action), insert at end "; considers that the exclusion of hate

against women from existing hate crime legislation is an unacceptable gap in the law, and that misogynistic behaviour should be treated as a hate crime; believes that access to legal representation must be made easier for victims of domestic abuse and that the Scottish Government should evaluate specialist domestic abuse courts, particularly their impact on sentencing outcomes, the speed at which cases are dealt with and the experiences of victims, with a view to rolling out domestic abuse courts across Scotland.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament welcomes the opportunity to highlight the 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence and to reaffirm a strong commitment and programme of action to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; recognises the opportunity as Scotland emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic to transform its justice services, ensuring effective, efficient and resilient services that meet the needs of people and reflect the role for justice in a modern society; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to setting in place the right legislative environment to support, enable and protect women and girls, including the introduction of world-leading human rights legislation furthering Scotland's international obligations; welcomes the planned establishment of a Governance Group comprising key stakeholders to progress the detailed consideration of the recommendations in the Lord Justice Clerk's Review Group report, Improving the management of sexual offence cases, including the potential introduction of specialist courts, and to identify and prioritise recommendations that can be taken forward without legislative change; recognises and reflects on the advancements made and key achievements to date, including the delivery of a pilot to pre-record rape complainers' statements; notes the progress of the Misogyny and Criminal Justice in Scotland Working Group, chaired by Baroness Helena Kennedy; acknowledges a new work stream to take a strategic approach to women in justice in the system to address the unique needs of women not currently being met, either as offenders or victims; commends the work of frontline criminal justice advocacy support services, which have worked tirelessly to redesign services and ensure that women and children can still access support throughout the pandemic, and encourages continued collaboration to ensure that the interests of victims of gender-based violence and those who rely on the justice system remain at the heart of necessary reforms, and to deliver a modern justice system fit for the future; recognises that women are overwhelmingly the victims of the most horrific crimes committed in Scotland, and believes that more victims of crimes such as sexual assault and domestic abuse should receive notification about the release date of the criminal in their case should they wish.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 9 as noted above.

**10. Lamb for St Andrew's Day Campaign:** The Parliament debated S6M-01737 in the name of Jim Fairlie—That the Parliament congratulates all those who have been involved in the continuing #LambforStAndrewsDay campaign, including those in the Perthshire South and Kinross-shire constituency; notes the particular involvement of George Purves in establishing the programme in 2009; welcomes the participation of 180 schools from throughout Scotland, where, it understands, 30,000 portions of Scotch lamb will be cooked and served; considers that the campaign, which seeks to

make Scotch lamb synonymous with celebrating St Andrew's Day, perfectly showcases some of the best of Scottish produce; welcomes all positive endeavours to build on the fantastic progress that has already been made, and notes calls encouraging everyone to make St Andrew's Day special by cooking top quality Scotch lamb in celebration.

The meeting closed at 7.01 pm.

## No. 54, Wednesday 1 December 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Protecting Patient Safety at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital:** Anas Sarwar moved S6M-02327—That the Parliament has no confidence in the leadership of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, and believes that the Scottish Government must escalate the NHS board to Stage 5 of the performance escalation framework without delay.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-02327.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02327 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Protecting Patient Safety at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital), leave out from "has no confidence" to end and insert "recognises the work of frontline NHS staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH), and across the health service, in the care that they have provided to patients and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; offers its condolences to all families who have lost a loved one while in the care of the health service; notes that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde was elevated to Stage 4 of the escalation framework in November 2019; further notes that the board has completed 91% of the 108 recommendations that followed the work of the QEUH Independent Review, the Oversight Board Report and the independent Case Note Review; welcomes that Healthcare Improvement Scotland is to review aspergillus infections at QEUH, and calls for any recommendations from this work to be implemented as quickly as practicable; recognises that the independent public inquiry, chaired by Lord Brodie, is underway, and looks forward to its conclusions and any recommendations being fully enacted."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Douglas Ross moved amendment S6M-02327.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02327 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Protecting Patient Safety at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital), insert at end "; recognises that ultimate responsibility lies with the Scottish Government, and therefore calls for a further independent inquiry into the ministerial response to avoidable deaths at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the work of frontline NHS staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital (QEUH), and across the health service, in the care that they have provided to patients and families throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; offers its condolences to all families who have lost a loved



one while in the care of the health service; notes that NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde was elevated to Stage 4 of the escalation framework in November 2019; further notes that the board has completed 91% of the 108 recommendations that followed the work of the QEUH Independent Review, the Oversight Board Report and the independent Case Note Review; welcomes that Healthcare Improvement Scotland is to review aspergillus infections at QEUH, and calls for any recommendations from this work to be implemented as quickly as practicable; recognises that the independent public inquiry, chaired by Lord Brodie, is underway, and looks forward to its conclusions and any recommendations being fully enacted.

**3. Action on Active Ventilation in Schools:** Michael Marra moved S6M-02326— That the Parliament notes with concern that case rates for COVID-19 continue to be highest among under-15s with seven-day case rates over 400 per 100,000; considers that reducing transmission of COVID-19 in schools will be crucial for reducing levels of the virus across the country and that the lack of proper ventilation is a worry for young people, teachers and parents; recognises that Scottish Government ministers have repeatedly failed to publish information on the rate of failure and criteria for their ventilation inspection scheme, which inspected 40,100 of 52,000 learning spaces between August and October 2021; agrees that, especially during the winter months, there is a need for more active ventilation in schools, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that local authorities have funding available to install at least two HEPA filters in each classroom in Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S6M-02326.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02326 in the name of Michael Marra (Action on Active Ventilation in Schools), leave out from "considers" to end and insert "notes that the Scottish Government's Guidance on COVID-19: Reducing the Risks in Schools is informed by expert advice, including from the Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues and the Health and Safety Executive; recognises that, while only one of a range of mitigations that are in place, this guidance requires local authorities to work with schools to ensure good ventilation and access to CO2 monitoring, and sets out clear criteria and strategies to help achieve this; notes that the Scottish Government has already provided £90 million to support schools with Covid logistics, including ventilation, with an additional £10 million provided to undertake CO2 monitoring in the learning estate; commends local authorities for the work they have done to date to ensure that 100% of all learning, teaching and play spaces across Scotland have received an initial assessment using CO2 monitors, with any required remedial action being undertaken in line with guidance; thanks Scotland's school unions for the constructive role they have played in raising the legitimate concerns of their members in relation to the importance of ventilation; welcomes the ongoing feedback and engagement with local authorities, unions and other relevant stakeholders on current ventilation guidance and its implementation, and further welcomes the Scottish Government's ongoing commitment to monitor and update school ventilation guidance, should that be required, in line with the latest scientific expert advice."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament notes with concern that case rates for COVID-19 continue to be highest among under-15s with seven-day case rates over 400 per 100,000; notes that the Scottish Government's Guidance on COVID-19: Reducing the Risks in Schools is informed by expert advice, including from the Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues and the Health and Safety Executive; recognises that, while only one of a range of mitigations that are in place, this guidance requires local authorities to work with schools to ensure good ventilation and access to CO2 monitoring, and sets out clear criteria and strategies to help achieve this; notes that the Scottish Government has already provided £90 million to support schools with Covid logistics, including ventilation, with an additional £10 million provided to undertake CO2 monitoring in the learning estate; commends local authorities for the work they have done to date to ensure that 100% of all learning, teaching and play spaces across Scotland have received an initial assessment using CO2 monitors, with any required remedial action being undertaken in line with guidance; thanks Scotland's school unions for the constructive role they have played in raising the legitimate concerns of their members in relation to the importance of ventilation; welcomes the ongoing feedback and engagement with local authorities, unions and other relevant stakeholders on current ventilation guidance and its implementation, and further welcomes the Scottish Government's ongoing commitment to monitor and update school ventilation guidance, should that be required, in line with the latest scientific expert advice.

**4. Reappointment of Scottish Land Commissioners:** The Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform (Màiri McAllan) moved S6M-02307—That the Parliament notes the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's consideration of the reappointment of four commissioners to the Scottish Land Commission at its meeting on 16 November 2021; welcomes the Committee's recommendation that the Parliament approves the reappointment to the Scottish Land Commission of Andrew Thin, as Commissioner for an additional two year term and selected as Chair for an additional two year term, and of Dr Bob McIntosh, Tenant Farming Commissioner, Dr Sally Reynolds, Commissioner, and Lorne MacLeod, Commissioner, for additional three year terms, and approves the reappointments as required by section 10 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02345—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 December 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: Delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero and Climate Resilience for Scotland

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill - UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 8 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Redress Scheme

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Loves Local

*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 9 December 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Budget 2022-23

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.25 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 14 December 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 15 December 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 December 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* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 6 December 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. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02348—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 21 January 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02349—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 23 December 2021.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02346—That the Parliament agrees that the Eggs (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02347—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Dog Control Database Order 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Office of the Clerk:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02350—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 and Friday 31 December 2021.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02351—That, subject to the Parliament's agreement to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill, the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of further consideration of the Bill, that:

- (a) Rules 9.5.3A and 9.5.3B be suspended;
- (b) Rule 9.6.3A be suspended;
- (c) Rule 9.7.8A be varied to replace the word "fourth" with "third", so that the deadline for lodging revised or supplementary Explanatory Notes will be the third sitting day before the day on which Stage 3 is due to start;
- (d) in Rule 9.7.8B, the words "whichever is the earlier of" be suspended;
- (e) Rule 9.7.8B(a) be varied to replace the word "tenth" with "sixth", so that the deadline for lodging a revised Financial Memorandum will be the sixth sitting day after the day on which Stage 2 ends;
- (f) Rule 9.7.8B(b) is suspended;
- (g) in Rule 9.7.9(a), the words "whichever is the earlier of" be suspended;
- (h) Rule 9.7.9(a)(i) be varied to replace the word "tenth" with "second", so that the deadline for lodging a revised or supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum will be the second sitting day after the day on which Stage 2 ends;
- (i) Rule 9.7.9(a)(ii) is suspended;
- (j) Rule 9.10.2 be varied, in so far as it applies to an amendment at Stage 2, to replace the word "fourth", in both places it occurs, with "second", so that the deadline for lodging a Stage 2 amendment will be the second sitting day in advance of proceedings; and
- (k) Rule 9.10.2A be varied to replace the word "fifth" with "fourth", so that the deadline for lodging a Stage 3 amendment will be the fourth sitting day in advance of proceedings."

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02352—That the Parliament agrees that Elena Whitham be appointed to replace Paul McLennan as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

**14. World AIDS Day 2021:** The Parliament debated S6M-02100 in the name of Jamie Greene—That the Parliament recognises that 1 December each year marks World AIDS Day; acknowledges that this provides an opportunity for people across the world to unite in efforts against HIV, to show support for people living with the virus and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness over the years; notes that a recent investigation reported that John Eadie, who was commonly known

as "Patient Zero" prior to his identification, was the first person from the UK to die from AIDS, passing away on 29 October 1981; understands that the most recent estimates suggest that more than 105,000 people in the UK live with HIV, with an estimated 6,600 not knowing their status; welcomes the huge advancements in medicine, which have resulted in people in receipt of the correct treatment being given the viral status, "undetectable", meaning they are untransmittable and cannot pass the virus on; praises efforts to promote the U=U campaign, which aims to highlight this; believes that the successful provision of treatments such as PrEP and PeP have substantially reduced infection rates, and expresses its gratitude to the many third sector and charitable organisations in Scotland, such as the Terrence Higgins Trust, HIV Scotland and Waverley Care, and others across the UK and beyond that seek to raise awareness of the importance of testing, knowing one's status and pursuing a holistic approach to prevent, treat and destigmatise HIV/AIDS.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.

## No. 55, Thursday 2 December 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. International Day of Disabled People:** The Parliament debated S6M-02225 in the name of Pam Duncan-Glancy—That the Parliament recognises that 3 December 2021 is the UN international day of disabled people, notes that this has taken place annually since 1992 to promote the rights and wellbeing of disabled people in all spheres of society and development and to increase awareness of the situation of disabled people in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life; acknowledges that not all disabilities are visible; notes the view that there is a need to highlight unseen impairments, such as mental ill health, chronic pain and fatigue and to promote inclusion in life and in the workplace; understands that one in five people in Scotland are disabled; acknowledges the view that disabled people's rights are human rights and that everyone must work together to promote, protect and full these to support disabled people to realise their human rights, and celebrates the work of the disability movement and its allies in the campaigns that they have won, and are yet to win.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**5. Covid-19 Recovery Committee Debate: Covid-19—Preparing for Winter and Priorities for Recovery:** The Parliament debated Covid-19 Recovery Committee Debate: Covid-19—Preparing for Winter and Priorities for Recovery.

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02393—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.



## No. 56, Tuesday 7 December 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Lee Mcleman, President of the Aberdeen Scotland Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02456—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 7 December 2021—

after

*followed by* First Minister's Statement: Covid-19 Update

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Independent Review of Moray Maternity Services

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**4. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Independent Review of Moray Maternity Services.

**6. Delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero and Climate Resilience for Scotland:** The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-02429—That the Parliament recognises the importance of delivering a worker- and citizen-led just transition for Scotland; acknowledges the need to plan for an orderly transition to net zero by 2045, and the need for public and private investment so as to deliver a transition away from a high-carbon economy to net zero and climate resilience in a way that creates good green jobs and business opportunities across the country, and builds a fairer, greener future for all; welcomes the Scottish Government's response to the Just Transition Commission's report and commends the Commission's work; approves of the commitment to a new Commission, and notes that Scotland is the first country in the world to commit to a Just Transition Planning Framework.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-02429.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02429 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero and Climate Resilience for Scotland), insert at end “; welcomes the UK Government's North Sea Transition Deal, which will help to facilitate the reskilling of existing parts of the oil and gas workforce, and contains a commitment to joint investment with the energy sector of up to £16 billion by 2030 to reduce carbon emissions, and believes that discussions around a “just transition” must lead to meaningful action to safeguard the jobs of tens of thousands of energy sector workers across Scotland, and particularly in the north east.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 68, Abstentions 20).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-02429.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02429 in the name of Richard Lochhead (Delivering a Just Transition to Net Zero and Climate Resilience for Scotland), leave out from “the Scottish Government’s” to end and insert “the recommendations in the Just Transition Commission’s report and commends the Commission’s work; approves of the commitment to a new Commission, and believes that the new Just Transition Commission should be given a statutory footing; considers that Scotland has huge potential to lead the way in the renewable energy sector, but regrets that, to date, the Scottish Government has failed to translate this into the growth of skilled green jobs; believes that the Scottish Government must significantly step up its efforts to support the retention and creation of energy jobs in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a clear industrial plan, in consultation with trade unions and workers, particularly from the oil and gas sector, to secure a just transition for workers across Scotland.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

**7. Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Higher Education and Further Education, Youth Employment and Training (Jamie Hepburn) moved S6M-02430—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 2 March 2021, relating to research and innovation, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02457—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 December 2021—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting Culture in Scotland

delete

4.25 pm Decision Time

insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-02457.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02457 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out “5.00 pm Decision Time” and insert “5.30 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 67, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

**10. 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence:** The Parliament debated S6M-01820 in the name of Paul McLennan—That the Parliament notes that 25 November 2021, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to 10 December 2021, Human Rights Day, are the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence; understands that 2021 marks the 30th anniversary of the Global 16 Days Campaign; recognises that this year’s theme is femicide, calling for awareness, action and accountability, all year round; notes the view that all men must take action to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls; praises the work of organisations working towards tackling violence against women across Scotland, including Zero Tolerance, Scottish Women’s Aid, Rape Crisis Scotland and White Ribbon Scotland; welcomes these global days of action, intended to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls, and condemns any such violence.

**11. Motion Without Notice:** Paul McLennan 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 6.39 pm.

## No. 57, Wednesday 8 December 2021

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business and then on Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Redress Scheme.
- 3. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to restore power to households experiencing power cuts following Storm Barra, was answered by the Deputy First (John Swinney).
- 4. Scotland Loves Local:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-02442—That the Parliament supports the ambition to love local and enable people to live well in their communities by encouraging people to think and choose local, supporting local businesses and jobs and building community wealth; commends the efforts of communities since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in working together to support each other and local businesses; congratulates the winners of the Scotland Loves Local awards announced in November 2021, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitments on 20-minute neighbourhoods, the transformation of safe spaces for walking, wheeling and cycling, a just transition to net zero, an inclusive wellbeing economy, tackling inequality, and community-led regeneration.

Douglas Lumsden moved amendment S6M-02442.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02442 in the name of Tom Arthur (Scotland Loves Local), leave out from “and welcomes” to end and insert “; notes with concern Scottish Retail Consortium figures, which indicate that footfall for November 2021 was down by a fifth from November 2019; recognises, however, that Scotland's high streets and town centres were struggling long before the COVID-19 pandemic began, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver a budget on 9 December for 2022-23 that will drive local recovery by extending 75% non-domestic rates relief to retail, leisure, newspaper and hospitality businesses, and deliver a fair funding settlement to local authorities, so that they can properly invest in regenerating and supporting high streets and town centres.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 85, Abstentions 2).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-02442.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02442 in the name of Tom Arthur (Scotland Loves Local), insert at end “; recognises that local businesses will play a key role in Scotland's wider economic recovery but that, after months of closures and restrictions, many businesses still face an uncertain future; believes that, consequently, further support is needed in order to sustain and boost our town centres, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to extend the 50%

rates relief, which is available in England for retail, hospitality and leisure sectors, to these businesses in Scotland so they are given equal support on their road to recovery, and to produce a £50 high street voucher to provide a cash stimulus for these businesses and encourage footfall in local communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 93, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02464—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 14 December 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* Ministerial Statement: Actions to increase access, choice and support through drugs services in Scotland

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels Statistics

*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 15 December 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 16 December 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* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate:  
Shaping Parliamentary Procedures and Practices for the Future

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 21 December 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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 23 December 2021

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 13 December 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 SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02465—That the Parliament agrees that the Independent Reviewer (Modification of Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02466—That the Parliament agrees that the Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 [draft] 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-02467—That the Parliament agrees

that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Payments Materially Affected by Error) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

**10. East Kilbride Rail Line Dualling:** The Parliament debated S6M-01675 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament notes the reported announcement by Transport Scotland that the single track part of the rail line between East Kilbride and Glasgow is not now going to be dualled as, it understands, had previously been promised, and that the money will be spent elsewhere; sees this is a missed opportunity to persuade more people to travel by train; notes the view that improving public transport connections is vital if Scotland is to achieve a shift away from cars, and further notes calls on the Scottish Government to reconsider what it believes to be this short-sighted move.

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.



**No. 58, Thursday 9 December 2021**

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Human Rights Day 2021:** The Parliament debated S6M-02301 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament acknowledges that 10 December 2021 marks Human Rights Day; notes that the theme this year relates to Equality and Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”; understands that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in the world, and recognises that it sets out the specific rights that all children have to help fulfil their potential; welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government’s commitment to the incorporation into law of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to the maximum extent possible as soon as practicable; believes that a rights-based approach to key social policies is crucial to a future that is based on tolerance, equality, shared values, and respect for the worth and human dignity of all people in Coatbridge and Chryston, Scotland and beyond; notes the work of the First Minister’s Advisory Group on Human Rights Leadership and the recommendations of the National Taskforce for Human Rights Leadership, and welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to introduce a new Human Rights Bill in this parliamentary session.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting Culture in Scotland.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Budget 2022-23.

**7. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

**No.59, Tuesday 14 December 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Canon Gerard Tartaglia, Our Holy Redeemer's and St Margaret's Church, Whitecrook, Clydebank, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02544—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 14 December 2021—

delete

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

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

and insert

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

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of Achievement of Curriculum for Excellence Levels Statistics

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Recovery and Improvement in Schools and Early Learning

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: COVID-19 Public Inquiry

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**3. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

**4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Actions to increase access, choice and support through drugs services in Scotland.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Recovery and improvement in schools and early learning.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 public inquiry.

**8. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Deposit Return Scheme.

**9. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02562—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 15 December 2021—

delete

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Dalzell Historical Industrial Transaction

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Backing the North East Economy

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Ending the Not Proven Verdict

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

**11. Importance of Community Defibrillators:** The Parliament debated S6M-02093 in the name of Jenni Minto—That the Parliament notes the importance of access to

defibrillators in communities across Scotland; understands that a defibrillator is required within three minutes of cardiac arrest for it to be effective; believes therefore that a wide spread of these devices across communities could play a key role in saving lives; understands that people living in the least affluent areas of the country are 60% less likely to survive an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; recognises the incredible community effort nationally, including in Argyll and Bute, of people who have raised funds to install and maintain defibrillators, but notes the view that more needs to be done; commends the work of the British Heart Foundation, in partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service, the NHS and Microsoft, in establishing the Circuit, which is Scotland's first network of defibrillators; notes the calls for more work to raise awareness of, and improve education on, defibrillator use, and further notes the calls for anyone with a defibrillator to register it on the Circuit to help the Scottish Ambulance Service find its location in the event of an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

**No. 60, Wednesday 15 December 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Dalzell Historical Industrial Transaction.
- 3. Backing the North East Economy:** Liam Kerr moved S6M-02552—That the Parliament recognises that prematurely ending the oil and gas industry would decimate the economy of the north east of Scotland, and believes that it is irresponsible and counter to Scotland’s net zero ambitions to undermine the future of the industry and the jobs of tens of thousands of north east workers that rely on it.

The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S6M-02552.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02552 in the name of Liam Kerr (Backing the North East Economy), leave out from “prematurely” to end and insert “the global climate emergency and the aims set out in the Glasgow Climate Pact require all countries to achieve the fastest possible Just Transition for the oil and gas sector; reaffirms that, for such a transition to be just, it must support the 70,000 workers whose employment depends on the sector in Scotland; understands that the growing domestic and global renewable industry provides a major employment opportunity for Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Budget for 2022-23, which will see almost £2 billion invested in tackling the climate emergency, including the first £20 million of the £500 million Just Transition Fund for the north east and Moray, and calls on the UK Government to match this investment in the industries and jobs of the future.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Colin Smyth moved amendment S6M-02552.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02552 in the name of Liam Kerr (Backing the North East Economy), insert at end “; further believes that the Scottish Government must significantly step up its efforts to support the retention and creation of energy jobs in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a clear industrial plan, in consultation with trade unions and workers, particularly from the oil and gas sector, to secure a Just Transition for workers across Scotland.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 34, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that the global climate emergency and the aims set out in the Glasgow Climate Pact require all countries to achieve the fastest possible Just Transition for the oil and gas sector; reaffirms that, for such a transition to be just, it must support the 70,000 workers whose employment depends on the sector in Scotland; understands that the growing domestic and global renewable industry provides a major employment opportunity for Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Budget for 2022-23, which will see almost £2 billion invested in tackling the climate emergency, including the first £20 million of the £500 million Just Transition Fund for the north east and Moray, calls on the UK Government to match this investment in the industries and jobs of the future; further believes that the Scottish Government must significantly step up its efforts to support the retention and creation of energy jobs in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a clear industrial plan, in consultation with trade unions and workers, particularly from the oil and gas sector, to secure a Just Transition for workers across Scotland.

**4. Ending the Not Proven Verdict:** Jamie Greene moved S6M-02553—That the Parliament believes that the current three verdict judicial system in Scotland’s criminal courts is not fit for purpose, as it frequently does not deliver justice for the victims of many heinous crimes, including gender-based violence, rape and domestic abuse, and therefore calls for the removal of the not proven verdict.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved amendment S6M-02553.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02553 in the name of Jamie Greene (Ending the Not Proven Verdict), leave out from “believes” to end and insert “recognises concerns held by many about the current three verdict system, including issues raised in independent jury research that suggest jurors may have inconsistent views on the meaning and effect of the not proven verdict; further recognises the concerns raised by the complainers of particularly heinous crimes, including gender-based violence, rape and domestic abuse, that the not proven verdict is more often applied in crimes of rape and attempted rape compared to other crimes; notes the strong case that can be made for the abolition of the not proven verdict; further notes that the Scottish jury system is a complex, inter-related system and that verdicts must be considered alongside other key aspects of jury size, majority and corroboration, and against the background of wider, related work, including the recommendations of the Lord Justice Clerk’s review on the management of sexual offence cases, and encourages all those with an interest to consider and respond to the current Scottish Government consultation on the not proven verdict and related reforms.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 27, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-02553.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02553 in the name of Jamie Greene (Ending the Not Proven Verdict), insert at end “; recognises that many survivors of sexual

crimes find their experiences of the justice system to be re-traumatising, and believes that improving the experience of victims will require improvements throughout the criminal justice process and that this must start with clearing the backlog of court cases, which disproportionately affects access to justice for women and children, as a priority.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 26, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises concerns held by many about the current three verdict system, including issues raised in independent jury research that suggest jurors may have inconsistent views on the meaning and effect of the not proven verdict; further recognises the concerns raised by the complainers of particularly heinous crimes, including gender-based violence, rape and domestic abuse, that the not proven verdict is more often applied in crimes of rape and attempted rape compared to other crimes; notes the strong case that can be made for the abolition of the not proven verdict; further notes that the Scottish jury system is a complex, inter-related system and that verdicts must be considered alongside other key aspects of jury size, majority and corroboration, and against the background of wider, related work, including the recommendations of the Lord Justice Clerk’s review on the management of sexual offence cases, encourages all those with an interest to consider and respond to the current Scottish Government consultation on the not proven verdict and related reforms; recognises that many survivors of sexual crimes find their experiences of the justice system to be re-traumatising, and believes that improving the experience of victims will require improvements throughout the criminal justice process and that this must start with clearing the backlog of court cases, which disproportionately affects access to justice for women and children, as a priority.

**5. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.5, decisions on items 3, 4 and items not yet considered at this meeting, would be taken at a future meeting of the Parliament.

**6. Protecting Rural Bus Services:** The Parliament debated S6M-02426 in the name of Mark Ruskell—That the Parliament recognises the importance of local bus services, which are often a lifeline that enables communities to access essential services; acknowledges that rural communities are especially vulnerable to the loss of routes, such as the X53 service that connects Clackmannanshire villages to Kinross and Stirling; recognises the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on patronage levels, and the impact of driver shortages on service provision but also notes that the rollout of the Concessionary Bus Travel Scheme for under-22s in January 2022 is likely to increase bus patronage, and further notes calls on bus operators to meet the needs of all communities they serve by withdrawing planned service cuts.

The meeting closed at 6.48 pm.

## No. 61, Thursday 16 December 2021

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Edington Hospital:** The Parliament debated S6M-01177 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament notes that the decision has been taken to close six inpatient beds at Edington Hospital, North Berwick, which is NHS Lothian's last cottage hospital, and relocate them from 13 September to the East Lothian Community Hospital on a temporary basis due to workforce pressures; understands that this move has taken place without any community consultation and has raised concerns about the long-term future of the Edington in the community; notes that an online petition, Save the Edington Hospital, has already received over 5,000 signatures; believes that this acts as a demonstration of the level of concern about the move; recognises the hospital's long history in North Berwick and that the construction of it was made possible by a bequest from Miss Elizabeth Edington of Ethandune, Dirleton Court, North Berwick; notes that building work commenced in 1912 and that the hospital was officially opened in 1913; believes that it has been providing good patient care for the population of East Lothian for almost 111 years and that it has been a well-valued and supported service in the town, with its closure leaving many upset and feeling disadvantaged; further believes that the service provided by the Edington Hospital is important, and notes the view that services for communities in East Lothian must be retained, in light of the growing population in the area.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Shaping Parliamentary Procedures and Practices for the Future:** The Parliament debated Shaping Parliamentary Procedures and Practices for the Future on behalf of the Standards and Public Appointments Committee.

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02563—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 December 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 New Deal for Tenants

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 December 2021

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Protecting and Improving the Water Environment

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

3.45 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 23 December

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.45 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 11 January 2022

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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 12 January 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 13 January 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*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 20 December 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.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02565—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] 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-02566—That the Parliament agrees that the Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on items 7 and 8 as noted above and then, under Standing Orders Rule 11.2.5, took a decision on items 3 and 4 debated on 15 December 2021.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

**No. 62, Tuesday 21 December 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev David Burt, Minister, Old Gourrock and Ashton Church, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02650—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 December 2021—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A New Deal for Tenants

insert

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

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. A New Deal for Tenants:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) moved S6M-02625—That the Parliament notes the publication of the consultation on A New Deal for Tenants, which seeks views on the Scottish Government's ambitious plans for the rented sector; agrees that the 1.85 million people who live in the rented sector should have improved quality, standards and rights in the place they call home; supports the aims of A New Deal for Tenants to ensure tenants have more secure and stable tenancies, flexibility to personalise their homes, improved safeguards against eviction, improved regulation and effective national rent controls in the private sector; recognises that this strategy will support progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all, and welcomes, therefore, this draft strategy seeking to make renting a home more affordable, safer, with a higher quality, better managed and more secure.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-02625.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02625 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A New Deal for Tenants), leave out from “, improved regulation” to end and insert “and improved regulation; acknowledges, however, that the biggest challenge facing those in the rented sector is the rising cost of living caused by a national housing shortage; notes that the Rural Housing Fund delivered just 59 new homes over four years; notes with concern the decision to reduce the housing budget in 2022-23; further notes concerns that current levels of investment in this sector are not high enough to meet the target of building 110,000 affordable homes by 2032; notes that the number of households in temporary accommodation is now at a record high and that high rental costs are one of the main barriers preventing those who are homeless from securing new tenancies; regrets that the

implementation of the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2014 was repeatedly delayed; notes concerns that the introduction of rent controls may be counter-productive and result in reduced choice for private tenants; calls on the Scottish Government to provide increased investment in the housing market to ensure tenants have access to a wide range of affordable properties, but otherwise welcomes this draft strategy seeking to make renting a home more affordable, safer, with a higher quality, better managed and more secure.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-02625.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02625 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A New Deal for Tenants), after “private sector” insert “; agrees that the legislation establishing the framework for these rent controls must be included in the forthcoming Housing Bill in the second year of the current parliamentary session”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S6M-02625.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02625 in the name of Patrick Harvie (A New Deal for Tenants), insert at end “; urges the Scottish Government to also address the issues around the availability of private rented properties; considers that it should increase its ambitions for the building of more homes for social rent, and believes that increasing the supply of affordable rented housing is necessary to give people security, stabilise the housing market and support progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the publication of the consultation on A New Deal for Tenants, which seeks views on the Scottish Government’s ambitious plans for the rented sector; agrees that the 1.85 million people who live in the rented sector should have improved quality, standards and rights in the place they call home; supports the aims of A New Deal for Tenants to ensure tenants have more secure and stable tenancies, flexibility to personalise their homes, improved safeguards against eviction, improved regulation and effective national rent controls in the private sector; agrees that the legislation establishing the framework for these rent controls must be included in the forthcoming Housing Bill in the second year of the current parliamentary session; recognises that this strategy will support progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all; welcomes, therefore, this draft strategy seeking to make renting a home more affordable, safer, with a higher quality, better managed and more secure; urges the Scottish Government to also address the issues around the availability of private rented properties; considers that it should increase its ambitions for the building of more homes for social rent, and believes that

increasing the supply of affordable rented housing is necessary to give people security, stabilise the housing market and support progress towards the human right of an adequate home for all.

**6. Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-02618—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 9 March 2021, relating to the power to extract information from digital devices of witnesses, victims and others, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02651—That the Parliament agrees that Temporary Standing Orders Rule 4 be amended in paragraph 1 to delete “31 December 2021” and insert “11 February 2022”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02651—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of committee meetings up to 11 February 2022—

(a) in Rule 6.3A.1 after “member” the words “or members” be inserted;

(b) Rule 6.3A.2 be suspended;

(c) in Rule 6.3A.4 the first sentence be suspended;

(d) after Rule 6.3A.5(d) the words “(e) a political party withdraws in writing to the Bureau that nomination of the member or members nominated for the purposes of committee meetings up to 11 February 2022.” be inserted; and

(e) in Rule 12.1.15 the words “(other than a committee substitute)” be omitted in both instances where they occur.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02651—That the Parliament agrees that Temporary Standing Orders Rule 3 be amended—

(a) in paragraph 1 to delete “24 December 2021” and insert “11 February 2022”; and

(b) in paragraph 2 to delete “24 December 2021” and insert “11 February 2022”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. Ending Pharmaceutical Monopolies of COVID-19 Vaccines:** The Parliament debated S6M-02360 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament notes the calls by a coalition of Scottish charities to support the ending of what it considers to be pharmaceutical monopolies; understands that these monopolies are reportedly artificially limiting vaccine supply to low-income countries; considers that vaccine inequality has resulted from a handful of pharmaceutical companies rationing supply, by refusing to share their vaccine recipes and know-how with the rest of the world, and notes the calls on the Prime Minister to back plans to waive intellectual property rules and to insist that vaccine know-how and technology is shared via the World Health Organization’s COVID-19 Technology Access Pool, in order to enable a life-saving escalation in global vaccine production and help avoid the development of further COVID-19 variants like Omicron, which may impact people in Scotland, including in the Lothian region.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

**No. 63, Wednesday 22 December 2021**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and Veterans, and then Finance and the Economy and then Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Protecting and improving the water environment.

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02654—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 January 2022

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: Addressing the Impact of Labour Shortages on Scotland's Economy

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill - UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 12 January 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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



*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services

*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 13 January 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: National Mission on Drugs - the First Year and Next Steps

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 18 January 2022

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* Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Debate: Retrofitting of Properties for Net-zero

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 19 January 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 20 January 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* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 10 January 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02655—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/440) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02656—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/441) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02657—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/443) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02658—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/454) 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-02659—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/455) 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-02660—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Parliamentary Recess Dates:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02666—That the Parliament agrees, further to motion S6M-00125 and under Rule 2.3.1, that the parliamentary recess dates of 24 December 2021 to 9 January 2022 (inclusive) be replaced with 24 December 2021 to 9 January 2022 (inclusive) with the exception of 29 December 2021 and 5 January 2022, on which dates business may be programmed by the Bureau.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

**12. Potential for Dumfries City Status:** The Parliament debated S6M-02397 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament welcomes the bid from Dumfries and Galloway Council for Dumfries to be recognised as Scotland’s 8th city, as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee in 2022; understands that, on Friday 27 November 2020, Dumfries and Galloway Council officially launched its campaign to see the town secure city status in 2022, and that Dumfries, known nationally as Queen of the South, could benefit socially, financially and culturally if successful; further understands that when other towns, such as Perth, Stirling and Inverness, received city status they went from strength to strength, with greater job creation, increased inward migration, as well as visitors, increased investment and improved transport infrastructure connectivity to other cities; further notes the potential for Dumfries' city status to benefit the entire Dumfries and Galloway region through promotion of what it sees as the region's world class facilities, such as its mountain biking at the various 7Stanes sites, its world-recognised Galloway dark skies park, its world-leading food and drink sector, including its local breweries and whisky, gin and rum distilleries, as well as through its historical and cultural ties to Burns, Bruce and Barrie; commends the work of all partners involved in taking the bid forward including Dumfries and Galloway Council, Mark Jardine and the Dumfries People’s Project, Lord Lieutenant of Dumfries, Fiona Armstrong, and local people for their constructive involvement from early 2021, and supports all efforts to secure Dumfries, which due to its geographical location could be Scotland’s first city, as a city that would improve investment to the town, and region as a whole, and which would put Dumfries on the international map as one of Scotland’s cities.

The meeting closed at 4.37 pm.

**No. 64, Thursday 23 December 2021**

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Decision Time:** There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 12:46 pm.

**No. 65, Wednesday 29 December 2021 (Virtual)**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

The meeting closed at 3.31 pm.

**No. 66, Wednesday 5 January 2022 (Virtual)**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

## No.67, Tuesday 11 January 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Mairi Perkins, Minister, Ardoch linked with Blackford Parish Church, Perthshire, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **First Minister Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
4. **Addressing the Impacts of Labour Shortages on Scotland's Economy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02740— That the Parliament recognises the resilience and innovation that employers and workers across many sectors of the economy have demonstrated throughout the last year in response to the continuation of workforce challenges associated with the pandemic, combined with reduced workforce availability as a result of the UK's exit from the EU; believes that the Scottish Government and its agencies are committed to working with employers, business organisations and trade unions, to resolve and understand labour shortages, skills gaps and future requirements, and address recruitment and retention challenges through interventions and institutions designed to help more people into work, implementing a range of upskilling and retraining opportunities, and promoting the benefits of fair work, and calls on the UK Government to make immediate changes to its economically damaging migration policies in order to protect the provision of services and the delivery of goods through Scotland's supply chains.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-02740.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02740 in the name of Kate Forbes (Addressing the Impacts of Labour Shortages on Scotland's Economy), leave out from "reduced workforce" to end and insert "global supply chain issues and shortages of workers in some key sectors of the economy, and further recognises that there are serious and long-term structural issues within the Scottish economy, as shown by recent evidence presented by economic forecast groups, and that these must be addressed with more focussed Scottish Government policies targeted at reducing the skills gap, at improving productivity and stimulating economic growth."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-02740.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02740 in the name of Kate Forbes (Addressing the Impacts of Labour Shortages on Scotland's Economy), leave out from "believes" to "fair work" and insert "notes the finding from the Scottish Fiscal Commission that Scotland's economy is lagging behind the rest of the UK, partly due to factors that predate the COVID-19 pandemic, such as declining labour market participation, weak investment in productivity and insufficient flexibility in



skills development; considers that building a more sustainable and resilient economy will require an industrial strategy that addresses regional inequalities, low pay and poor conditions, and the skills gaps across Scotland; believes that the Scottish Government and its agencies must do more work with employers, business organisations, trade unions, colleges and universities to address recruitment and retention, promote fair work and offer more flexibility in reskilling opportunities for workers”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

**5. Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-02739—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 8 June 2021, relating to animal welfare, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02755—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 13 January 2022—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Reducing Scotland's Car Travel by 20% by 2030

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

**8. Endometriosis:** The Parliament debated S6M-01569 in the name of Rachael Hamilton—That the Parliament notes the view that there is a need to raise awareness of the widespread nature of endometriosis; understands that this painful disorder affects an estimated 10% of women worldwide and is the second most common gynaecological condition in the UK; believes that, despite its widespread nature, healthcare professionals still find it difficult to diagnose and treat the condition and that

this situation has affected women in the Scottish Borders and across the country; recognises the Scottish Government's commitment to reduce the average time taken to diagnose endometriosis from eight years to less than 12 months during the current parliamentary session, as outlined in the Women's Health Plan; acknowledges the work done by the UK Parliament's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Endometriosis in highlighting the key areas that need to be addressed in order to see a reduction in the time to make a diagnosis, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to present MSPs with a detailed plan and timeframe for achieving this target.

**9. Motion Without Notice:** Gillian Mackay 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 6.12 pm.

**No. 68, Wednesday 12 January 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery, and then Net, Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved S6M-02747—That the Parliament recognises the importance of improving capability and capacity for mental health assessment, care and support within primary care settings as Scotland recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic; further recognises the progress that has already been made to boost capacity in GP settings through funding from Action 15 of the 2017 Mental Health Strategy and Primary Care Improvement Plans; welcomes the commitment to further expand mental health and wellbeing primary care services, initially supported by the £120 million Mental Health Recovery and Renewal Fund; considers that this collaborative model will create 1,000 additional roles within primary care settings across a range of disciplines, establish and embed links between primary care and community assets, and increase the use of social prescribing and community link workers to improve mental health and wellbeing, and supports the development and implementation of those multi-disciplinary mental health and wellbeing teams in primary care services to ensure better and more timely access to support and treatment for people for mental health, distress or wellbeing issues.

Craig Hoy moved amendment S6M-02747.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02747 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services), leave out from “further recognises” to “increase the” and insert “notes the impact of ongoing pressures on frontline mental health services; expresses concern about workforce planning failures, which are likely to result in an ongoing capacity shortfall in primary care settings across a range of disciplines; supports increased”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Carol Mochan moved amendment S6M-02747.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02747 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services), leave out from “further recognises” to end and insert “regrets the Scottish Government’s continued failure to remedy existing problems facing NHS mental health services; notes that the 18-week waiting time targets for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) has never been met and there are currently almost 2,000 children and young people on the waiting list who have waited over a year to begin treatment; considers that, with over 1,000 vacancies for mental health nurses and almost 100 consultant psychiatrist vacancies, staff shortages are undermining efforts to improve services; notes that the Scottish Government is on track to miss its target to recruit 800 mental health workers; believes that every GP practice should have access to a mental health professional to support patients close to home and reduce pressure on GPs; agrees that investment in mental health must be

increased, including in community-based services, and calls for mental health spending to be increased to at least 11% of the NHS budget.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Alex Cole-Hamilton moved amendment S6M-02747.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02747 in the name of Kevin Stewart (Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services), insert at end “; notes the warnings from frontline professionals, and the organisations that represent them, that those working in primary care settings have seen an impact on their own mental health and wellbeing due to the work they have provided during the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that retention is as important as recruitment in ensuring greater capacity for mental health services, and considers, therefore, that the introduction of an urgent Burnout Prevention Strategy could assist in easing the pressure on staff and reducing the long waiting times experienced by patients.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 69, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02757—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 January 2022

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* Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Debate: Retrofitting of Properties for Net-Zero

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Judicial Review - UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 19 January 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 20 January 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* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 25 January 2022

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* Stage 3 Proceedings: Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 26 January 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Committees Budget Scrutiny

*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 27 January 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Budget 2022-23

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 17 January 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02758—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Health (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/470) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

**6. Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service:** The Parliament debated S6M-02635 in the name of Fulton MacGregor—That the Parliament recognises the work of the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS); understands that the SNBTS, which had its beginnings in the 1930s, is the specialist provider of safe high quality blood, tissues and cells products and services in Scotland; notes that its cornerstone policy is to ensure that NHS Scotland has enough blood to meet the transfusion needs of patients in Scotland; praises the SNBTS for what it considers diligent work during the COVID-19 pandemic in continuing to provide a lifesaving service, despite the hardships brought on by the pandemic; notes with concern reports that Scotland has fewer registered blood donors than at any other point this century, with the number of people donating blood supplies having dropped by 13,000 over the past year; believes that estimates suggest SNBTS would need to welcome 3,300 donors per week to ensure that blood supplies remain at safe levels; supports the SNBTS Amazing Stories campaign, which highlighted personal stories of those who have received lifesaving blood donations, and notes, therefore, the calls encouraging people across the country, including in Coatbridge and Chryston, to sign up to become blood donors if they are able.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

## No. 69, Thursday 13 January 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Championing the Right to Holistic Family Support:** The Parliament debated S6M-01840 in the name of Martin Whitfield—That the Parliament notes the belief that all families across Scotland that need additional support should be able to get help when and where they need it; considers that article 18 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child establishes the right of families to help and support; believes that delivering accessible holistic family support is central to Scotland's commitment to Keep The Promise for children and families, and notes the finding from Change Programme ONE, that work in this area is underway, but not yet sufficient; notes the calls for a shift in public investment towards prevention; believes that many families were already struggling to access support services prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that vulnerable children, young people and families in Scotland have been the most affected by the impact of successive lockdowns; welcomes the commitment by the Scottish Government to deliver a Whole Family Wellbeing Fund of £500 million over the course of the current parliamentary session, and notes the calls for an urgent action plan to outline how the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund will be invested to implement the Family Support Delivery Group blueprint and route map, thereby making the right to whole family holistic support a practical and accessible reality for families, which would be consistently available across the country, including the South Scotland region.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Graeme Dey) made a statement and answered questions on Reducing Scotland's Car Travel by 20% by 2030.

**6. Tackling Drug Related Deaths Through the First Year of the National Mission:** The Minister for Drugs Policy (Angela Constance) moved S6M-02761—That the Parliament believes that drug deaths are tragic, preventable and an unacceptable loss of life; supports the national mission that seeks to galvanise an all-Scotland response to this public health emergency, and recognises that no single intervention will be enough on its own; notes the need to continue to build on the work of the Drug Deaths Taskforce and other expert groups to implement evidence-led interventions that reduce deaths and improve lives; further notes that this includes increasing capacity of rehabilitation beds by 50% and providing more than a 300% increase in publicly-funded placements; welcomes the new Medication-Assisted Treatment Standards, including the implementation of same-day treatment and increasing the range of treatment options available across the country, to help save lives; commends further consideration of measures to make rights real and to implement in practice a human-rights approach through person-centred care; considers that safer consumption facilities are an important public health measure that could save lives, and supports all



options within the existing legal framework being explored to enable the delivery of these facilities.

Sue Webber moved amendment S6M-02761.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02761 in the name of Angela Constance (Tackling Drug Related Deaths Through the First Year of the National Mission), insert at end “; acknowledges the valiant efforts of the third sector in ensuring that targeted funds successfully reach frontline service users; believes that it is vital that a right to recovery is legislated for, in order to safeguard the future of funding and focus beyond the current parliamentary session, and calls for the next phase to also include preventative policies that ensure those who are helped with their recovery are not replaced by more people who fall into the cycle of addiction.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 70, Abstentions 19).

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-02761.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02761 in the name of Angela Constance (Tackling Drug Related Deaths Through the First Year of the National Mission), after “loss of life;” insert “calls on the Scottish Government to provide clarity on the future of the Drug Deaths Taskforce, its leadership and viability of the timescale for completing its final report, as well as provide an update on progress in implementing the recommendations made so far; believes that safer drug consumption facilities, heroin-assisted treatment and drug checking facilities should be urgently progressed as part of harm reduction measures to address Scotland’s drug deaths crisis; further believes that there needs to be swifter action to progress these measures, which can save lives, improve health outcomes and act as a gateway for vulnerable drug addicts to access drug treatment services and other forms of support; acknowledges that the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards, developed with direction from those with lived experience, have the potential to make a positive difference to people affected by drug use, but agrees that there must be enough investment in services to turn these into reality and ensure that they are sustained in future years; agrees that the expansion of the Police Recording Warning scheme should act as an enabler for vulnerable drug users to access treatment and support services, and that resources should be put in place to ensure that this happens; believes that expansion of residential rehabilitation must address the needs of those areas in Scotland where there is limited service access, that barriers to provision must be identified and removed, and that action must be taken to ensure that all age groups, including young people, can access these services; agrees that there must be a fully independent review to examine the extent to which measures announced by the Scottish Government, including those that were recommended by the Drug Deaths Taskforce, are making the most effective interventions and are tackling the drug deaths crisis;”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.12 pm.

**No. 70, Tuesday 18 January 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Josh Kennedy MSYP, Outgoing Chair, The Scottish Youth Parliament, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.

**3. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02849—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 18 January —

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: ScotWind Offshore Wind Leasing Round

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 19 January 2022—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Strengthened Fire Alarm Standards

after

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Debate: Education Failures and Guaranteeing the 2022 Exam Diet

insert

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

delete

5.10 Decision Time

insert

5.40 Decision Time

(c) Thursday 20 January 2022—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of the Second Strategic Transport Projects Review

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Prestwick Airport

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on ScotWind Offshore Wind Leasing Round.

**6. Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Debate: Retrofitting of Properties for Net-zero.** The Parliament debated Retrofitting of Properties for Net-zero.

**7. Judicial Review and Courts Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-02801—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Judicial Review and Courts Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 21 July 2021, relating to the transfer and enforcement of orders imposed through online justice procedures in England and Wales to Scotland, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02850—That the Parliament agrees that Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Bill Kidd as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**10. Scottish History in Schools:** The Parliament debated S6M-02164 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes what it sees as the importance of Scotland's history being taught in schools; believes that learning about local history helps pupils engage with their area's heritage and could empower them to explore their family's history; notes the view that this work should include aspects of Scotland's past that its people are not proud of, particularly in relation to its role in the transatlantic slave trade; believes that pupils in the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency could learn about the Radical War of 1820, which saw the final battle take place in Greenock and left nine people killed and many wounded, aged eight to 65; appreciates the role of libraries and museums in assisting schools and families in exploring their history; welcomes reports that many teachers already carry out this work, aiming to ensure that lessons suit their pupils; acknowledges that learning about the history of other nations is important, but notes the view that this should be an aside to learning about Scotland's own history; commends the efforts of community groups, such as the 1820 Society and the Society of William Wallace, for helping keep stories about the nation's history alive, and notes calls encouraging MSPs to engage with community groups in their efforts to learn about and promote local history in their constituencies and regions.

**11. Motion Without Notice:** Stuart McMillan 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 6.59 pm.

## No. 71, Wednesday 19 January 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Strengthened Fire Alarm Standards.
- 3. Protecting Local Government Funding in Scotland:** Miles Briggs moved S6M-02838—That the Parliament notes the calls made by COSLA and all council group leaders for the Scottish Government to deliver a much better financial settlement for the next financial year; further notes that COSLA states that the funding cut to the core revenue budget is £371 million in real terms, and calls on the Scottish Government to commit to fair funding for local councils by delivering a new financial framework, which will ensure that councils automatically receive a set percentage of the Scottish Government budget each year.

The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved amendment S6M-02838.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02838 in the name of Miles Briggs (Protecting Local Government Funding in Scotland), leave out from “calls made” to end and insert “key role that councils play in their communities and their part in delivering a national recovery; recognises that the independent Scottish Fiscal Commission has stated that overall the 2022-23 Scottish Budget has reduced in real terms by 5.2%; notes that this is in spite of continued COVID-19 and inflationary pressures on public services; welcomes the Scottish Government’s Budget for 2022-23, which, despite these challenges, includes record funding of £18 billion for Health and Social Care, doubles the Scottish Child Payment, introduces free bus travel for everyone under the age of 22, and delivers a fair settlement worth over £12.5 billion of funding to local authorities; recognises that the total local government settlement has increased by £588.2 million, or 5.1% in real terms, including specific funding for social care, education and employability support, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to developing a fiscal framework for local government and delivering a citizens’ assembly on sources of local government funding.”

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-02838.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02838 in the name of Miles Briggs (Protecting Local Government Funding in Scotland), insert at end “; believes that this set percentage of the Scottish Government budget each year should be for essential and non-ringfenced services to afford local councils maximum flexibility in delivering local priorities; notes that the 2022-23 offer comes on top of the damaging effects of a cumulative Scottish Government cut to local authority revenue budgets of £937 million between 2013-14 and 2021-22, and agrees that the heroic effort of local government workers to keep the country going during the COVID-19 pandemic must be recognised in the 2022-23 financial settlement

from the Scottish Government, giving local authorities the opportunity to offer a fair pay settlement to their staff.”

After debate, amendment S6M-02838.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-02838.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament notes the key role that councils play in their communities and their part in delivering a national recovery; recognises that the independent Scottish Fiscal Commission has stated that overall the 2022-23 Scottish Budget has reduced in real terms by 5.2%; notes that this is in spite of continued COVID-19 and inflationary pressures on public services; welcomes the Scottish Government’s Budget for 2022-23, which, despite these challenges, includes record funding of £18 billion for Health and Social Care, doubles the Scottish Child Payment, introduces free bus travel for everyone under the age of 22, and delivers a fair settlement worth over £12.5 billion of funding to local authorities; recognises that the total local government settlement has increased by £588.2 million, or 5.1% in real terms, including specific funding for social care, education and employability support, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to developing a fiscal framework for local government and delivering a citizens’ assembly on sources of local government funding.

**4. Education Failures and Guaranteeing the 2022 Exam Diet:** Meghan Gallacher moved S6M-02839—That the Parliament regrets that education has never been the First Minister Nicola Sturgeon’s number one priority, and expresses frustration at the widening attainment gap and the failure to guarantee that the 2022 school examination diet will go ahead in full.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved amendment S6M-02839.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02839 in the name of Meghan Gallacher (Education Failures and Guaranteeing the 2022 Exam Diet), leave out from “regrets” to end and insert “commends the education workforce for its continued efforts to deliver high-quality school education throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; acknowledges that the pandemic has caused disruption to learning, not just in Scotland but around the world, as recognised by the World Bank and the UN; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to education recovery through significant investment in teacher employment, digital inclusion, tackling costs associated with the school day, and study support; recognises the Scottish Government’s ongoing commitment to tackling the poverty-related attainment gap, the progress made pre-pandemic in closing the gap, and the further £1 billion investment over the course of the current parliamentary session through the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge; notes that it is the Scottish Government’s firm intention that the 2022 national qualification exam diet will take place if it is safe to do so; welcomes the National e-Learning Offer, which has been in place since August 2020, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government and SQA continue to closely monitor disruption caused to schools

by COVID-19, with a commitment to provide additional support to learners as required.”

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-02839.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02839 in the name of Meghan Gallacher (Education Failures and Guaranteeing the 2022 Exam Diet), leave out from “and the failure” to end and insert “; recognises the disruption to the educational experience of young people caused by COVID-19; believes that it is the duty of the Scottish Government to ensure that there is equity in the qualifications system; notes that in-year learning has again been disrupted in this academic year, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to immediately publish a National Appeals Process, which includes exceptional circumstances caused by disruption and guarantees no detriment to pupils.”

After debate, amendment S6M-02839.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 54, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-02839.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament commends the education workforce for its continued efforts to deliver high-quality school education throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; acknowledges that the pandemic has caused disruption to learning, not just in Scotland but around the world, as recognised by the World Bank and the UN; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to education recovery through significant investment in teacher employment, digital inclusion, tackling costs associated with the school day, and study support; recognises the Scottish Government’s ongoing commitment to tackling the poverty-related attainment gap, the progress made pre-pandemic in closing the gap, and the further £1 billion investment over the course of the current parliamentary session through the refreshed Scottish Attainment Challenge; notes that it is the Scottish Government’s firm intention that the 2022 national qualification exam diet will take place if it is safe to do so; welcomes the National e-Learning Offer, which has been in place since August 2020, and acknowledges that the Scottish Government and SQA continue to closely monitor disruption caused to schools by COVID-19, with a commitment to provide additional support to learners as required.

**5. Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland:** Claire Baker, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-02862— That the Parliament agrees, under Section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Suzanne Vestri as a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02851—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—



Tuesday 25 January 2022

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* Stage 3 Proceedings: Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 26 January 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Committees Budget Scrutiny

*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 27 January 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 February 2022

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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 February 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

*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 3 February 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 24 January 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02852—That the Parliament agrees that the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02853—That the Parliament agrees that the Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 87, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

**9. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02854—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. The ASDA Foundation and its Community Work:** The Parliament debated S6M-02621 in the name of Alexander Stewart—That the Parliament notes the new fund that was launched by the Asda Foundation in 2021 to help reunite communities, acknowledge the benefits of togetherness and support groups, as COVID-19 restrictions began to ease across the UK; understands that, through the Bringing Communities Back Together fund, grants of between £250 and £1,000 were available to support groups to get activities back on track, or hold get-together celebrations; is delighted that five Asda stores across the Mid Scotland and Fife region have supported 19 projects with funding totalling £15,220; understands that, in 2020, the Asda Foundation invested more than £500,000 in community projects and good causes in Scotland alone, which, it believes, have made a tangible difference to the wider community; further understands that Asda is committed to looking for good causes to support through its foundation, as well as its award-winning community programme, and applauds the Asda Foundation, and everyone involved, for what it sees as their collective, sterling work for the ultimate good of communities across Scotland and the UK as a whole.

The meeting closed at 7.06 pm.

## No. 72, Thursday 20 January 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. NPT Review Conference and Anniversary of TPNW Entry into Force:** The Parliament debated S6M-02639 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament recognises that the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) entered into force on 22 January 2021; notes that the first meeting of state parties (1st MSP) will take place in Vienna from 22 to 24 March 2022; further notes that the 1st MSP will determine the rules of procedure for observers and state participants, deadlines for disarmament, verification and removal of nuclear weapons, and victim remediation with an emphasis on the disproportionate impact on indigenous communities and women and girls; recognises that the Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will take place from 4 to 28 January 2022; understands that the UK is a state party to this treaty, and is accordingly bound by Article 6, which is to "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament"; believes that civil society groups in Scotland, including in the Glasgow Anniesland constituency, consider that the decision to increase the UK's nuclear stockpile creates a higher risk of an accident on Scottish roads, as warheads are transported to and from Faslane, Coulport, and notes the reported calls from civil society groups for the UK Government to uphold its commitment to Article 6 of the NPT and to engage with the 1st MSP on the TPNW in Vienna next year.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Publication of the Second Strategic Transport Projects Review.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Prestwick Airport.

**7. Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-02792—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02771—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for

Self-isolation) (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).

**9. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.58 pm.

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

The meeting closed at 4.59 pm.

**No. 73, Tuesday 25 January 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Sarah Bateman and Andrei Martin, Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02933—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 25 January 2022—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

(b) Wednesday 26 January 2022—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Supporting the Transition to Zero Emission Vehicles: The Scottish Government's Vision for the Future Public Electric Vehicle Charging Network

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister and a Cabinet Secretary.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.

**5. Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-02926—That the Parliament agrees that Neil Gray be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

**6. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 49, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 49, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-02895—That the Parliament agrees that the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**8. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02934—That the Parliament agrees that—

Elena Whitham be appointed to replace Neil Gray as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Graeme Dey be appointed to replace Elena Whitham as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Collette Stevenson be appointed to replace Elena Whitham as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**10. My Breath is My Life:** The Parliament debated S6M-02730 in the name of Jackie Dunbar—That the Parliament notes the conclusion of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation project, My Breath is My Life; understands that the project was launched in September 2018 for a three-year period and was funded by a £136,560 grant from the National Lottery Community Fund; recognises that the project involved the delivery of asthma training to children, parents and teachers across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, including within the Aberdeen Donside constituency, to help people understand asthma, identify symptoms and triggers, and learn how to manage the condition; welcomes that the project delivered workshops to 14,962 pupils, with training provided to 572 teachers and 228 pupil support assistants; understands that the project further supported 1,301 children and young people with asthma, and 396 parents of children with asthma; notes the feedback received for the project, which included calls for it to be made available nationally; acknowledges the calls for greater understanding of asthma among GPs, frontline health professionals and education staff, and wishes the charity every success in its continued efforts to improve awareness and understanding of asthma as a condition.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.





**No. 74, Wednesday 26 January 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting the transition to zero emission vehicles: the Scottish Government's vision for the future public electric vehicle charging network.

**3. Committees Budget Scrutiny:** Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, moved S6M-02901—That the Parliament notes the pre-budget scrutiny undertaken by the Finance and Public Administration Committee, and other parliamentary committees.

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

**4. Business Motion:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02937—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 February 2022

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: UK Elections Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 February 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Prevention of Homelessness Duties

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Income Tax Rate Resolution 2022-23

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 3 February 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 February 2022

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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 February 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

*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 10 February

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* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.0 m Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 31 January 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02938—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/475) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02939—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/478) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02940—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/496) 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-02941—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/497) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02942—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/498) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02943—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/2) be approved.

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-02944—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/6) 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-02945—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 and the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02946—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

**15. Domestic Abuse Charges:** The Parliament debated S6M-01604 in the name of Katy Clark—That the Parliament understands that there were over 33,000 charges with a domestic abuse identifier reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service during 2020-21; believes with concern that this is a 9% increase on the year before and the highest figure reported in five years; notes that charges reported under the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 accounted for 4.7% of all domestic abuse charges reported; understands that, in 87% of domestic abuse cases, the aggressor was male, and that one-in-four cases was classed as common assault; notes the view that the Scottish Government must analyse and evaluate the outcomes of specialist domestic abuse courts in Glasgow and Edinburgh and how they compare to outcomes in other courts, and notes the calls on the government to heed the requests from women's aid charities for it to lay out a strategy for rolling out these specialist courts across the country.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.

## No. 75, Thursday 27 January 2022

The meeting opened at 11:40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Holocaust Memorial Day to be Marked on 27 January 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-02600 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament reflects on the horrors of the Holocaust; believes that it is important to impart the lessons of this despicable event to each generation so that everyone is instilled with an ethos of tolerance and respect for all, irrespective of background; recognises that the Holocaust was the systematic attempt to murder all Jewish people living in Europe from 1941 to 1945; acknowledges that the Holocaust resulted in 6 million Jewish men, women and children being murdered in concentration and extermination camps and in ghettos and mass shootings; notes that Holocaust Memorial Day will take place on 27 January 2022 and that its theme will be “One Day”; understands that this theme, which can be interpreted in many different ways, has been chosen with the general aim that for the One Day of 27 January, people will come together to learn about and reflect on the horrors of the Holocaust and other genocides that took place in the years following 1945, in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur; further understands that underpinning the theme is the hope that, by educating others about past genocides, it will be possible to look forward to a future One Day where there is no genocide; agrees that the Holocaust is an incredibly dark chapter in human history and that the Memorial Day held on 27 January is an important opportunity to reinforce the necessity of striving to ensure that One Day, genocides will become a thing of the past.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Jackson Carlaw moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**6. Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-02949—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-02949.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02949 in the name of Kate Forbes (Budget (Scotland) Bill), insert at end ", but, in so doing, regrets that, despite a £3.9 billion increase in core block grant funding from the UK Government, the Scottish Government is delivering a cut of £371 million to local government budgets, which will have serious implications for the delivery of front line services and local businesses."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-02949.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-02949 in the name of Kate Forbes (Budget (Scotland) Bill), insert at end ", but, in so doing, believes that this must be a Budget that prioritises Scotland's recovery; expresses concern that the measures in this Budget are not of a scale or pace needed to meet the child poverty targets and lift children in Scotland out of poverty, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to deliver an immediate increase to social care pay to at least £12 per hour."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

**7. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-02964—That the Parliament agrees that, under rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Criminal Justice Committee, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee and Social Justice and Social Security Committee can meet jointly at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm on Tuesday 1 February 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.57 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

**10. Support for the 70/30 Campaign to Reduce ACEs by 2030:** The Parliament debated S6M-02798 in the name of Rona Mackay—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the devastation caused to lives through adverse childhood experiences (ACEs); recognises the aim of the Wave Trust 70/30 Campaign to eradicate poverty and reduce child abuse and neglect and other ACEs by at least 70% by 2030; notes the calls on all political parties to work collegiately, through cross-portfolio action, to achieve this; understands that 122 MSPs and 513 MPs have signed the 70/30 Campaign pledge to create a better future for everyone, including for people in the Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, and notes the calls for all elected members to do so.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.



## No. 76, Tuesday 1 February 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Ronald Matandakufa, Minister, Kirk of the Holy Rood, Grangemouth, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03027—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for

Tuesday 1 February 2022—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on 2022 National Qualifications

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Elections Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Public Services Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.

**4. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Update on 2022 National Qualifications.

**6. UK Elections Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-03009—That the Parliament agrees not to consent to the UK Elections Bill, as it is for the Scottish Parliament to legislate on electoral law in relation to Scottish Parliament and local government elections; notes that the Scottish Government intends to consult on a number of electoral reforms later in 2022 with a view to bringing forward legislation; expresses its concern that proposals in the UK Elections Bill in relation to reserved elections risk disenfranchising voters, and threatening the independence of the Electoral Commission; notes that the proposal to require voter identification could infringe the human rights of people without a form of identification; supports the agreement of the Scottish Parliament Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee to the Scottish Government's position that legislative consent is required in relation to digital imprints in devolved elections, and opposes the moves by the UK

Government to effectively replace existing Scottish legislation on digital imprints by applying an unacceptably broad interpretation of the internet services reservation.

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-03009.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03009 in the name of George Adam (UK Elections Bill), leave out from “not to” to end and insert “that the relevant provisions of the UK Elections Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 July 2021, relating to various election improvements and modernisations, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-03009.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03009 in the name of George Adam (UK Elections Bill), insert at end “; believes that the Bill will undermine the ability of civil society organisations, charities and trade unions to engage and campaign in Scotland’s and the UK’s democracy, and regards the Bill as a costly and dangerous attempt by the UK Conservative administration to manipulate democracy in its favour.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 30, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 91, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament agrees not to consent to the UK Elections Bill, as it is for the Scottish Parliament to legislate on electoral law in relation to Scottish Parliament and local government elections; notes that the Scottish Government intends to consult on a number of electoral reforms later in 2022 with a view to bringing forward legislation; expresses its concern that proposals in the UK Elections Bill in relation to reserved elections risk disenfranchising voters, and threatening the independence of the Electoral Commission; notes that the proposal to require voter identification could infringe the human rights of people without a form of identification; supports the agreement of the Scottish Parliament Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee to the Scottish Government’s position that legislative consent is required in relation to digital imprints in devolved elections; opposes the moves by the UK Government to effectively replace existing Scottish legislation on digital imprints by applying an unacceptably broad interpretation of the internet services reservation; believes that the Bill will undermine the ability of civil society organisations, charities and trade unions to engage and campaign in Scotland’s and the UK’s democracy, and regards the Bill as a costly and dangerous attempt by the UK Conservative administration to manipulate democracy in its favour.

**7. Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-02975—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 19 July 2021 relating to enabling devolved judicial offices to be added to a judicial pension scheme at the request of the Scottish Ministers, the increase in the mandatory retirement age for devolved judicial office holders in Scotland to 75 and the addition of provisions on the determination and payment of allowances, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Committee Announcement:** Claire Baker, on behalf of the Economy and Fair Work Committee, made an announcement on Town Centres and Retail.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 and 7 as noted above.

**10. World Cancer Day 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-02749 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament recognises that 4 February 2022 is World Cancer Day, a day that unites people, communities and entire countries to raise awareness and take action on cancer; recognises that the theme of World Cancer Day 2022 is “Close the Care Gap”, which is about understanding and recognising inequities in cancer care around the globe; understands that one in two people will get cancer in their lifetime, but that great progress in research has seen survival rates double in the last 40 years; congratulates Cancer Research UK on the 20th anniversary of its formation, following the merger of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and the Cancer Research Campaign; expresses admiration for the way that it considers this institution has dramatically changed outcomes for people with cancer, through what it sees as the pioneering of more effective and kinder treatments, improving diagnostic methods, providing world-class information and campaigning for change, some of which takes place in Scotland; wishes Cancer Research UK well with its future work, and notes that MSPs can show their support for World Cancer Day through the wearing of a Cancer Research UK Unity Band.

**11. Motion Without Notice:** Jackie Baillie 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 6.35 pm.

**No. 77, Wednesday 2 February 2022**

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. Prevention of Homelessness Duties:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-03018—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the joint Scottish Government and COSLA consultation on Prevention of Homelessness duties, which seeks views on ambitious plans to strengthen the rights of people experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness in Scotland; supports the principles as informed by the final report of the Prevention Review Group, which include a shared public responsibility to prevent homelessness; notes that the package of measures in the consultation includes the introduction of new legal duties on public bodies and landlords to “ask and act” on any risk of homelessness, changes to existing homelessness legislation to prioritise early intervention, and maximising the housing options available to people; recognises that approaches to preventing homelessness should be person centred and trauma informed, and agrees that this approach will support the implementation of the human right of an adequate home for all.

Miles Briggs moved amendment S6M-03018.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03018 in the name of Shona Robison (Prevention of Homelessness Duties), insert at end “; is committed and united in the shared public responsibility to eradicate rough sleeping in Scotland at the earliest opportunity or by 2026; notes that surveys have suggested that over 5,000 people in Scotland have reported sleeping rough at least once per year, with the homelessness death rate in Scotland being double that of England and Wales, with an estimated 256 deaths of people experiencing homelessness in Scotland in 2020; further notes with concern the number of children living in temporary accommodation in Scotland, which has reached its highest levels since records began, along with the number of councils reporting the breaching of unsuitable accommodation orders; notes that research has demonstrated the link between increased interactions with health and social care services and the risk of people becoming homeless; calls on the Scottish Government to help support people into safe and stable housing as quickly as possible with an acceleration in the roll-out of Housing First across all Scottish local authorities; notes the research by the Health and Social Care Alliance that suggests that people experiencing homelessness continue to face stigma and additional barriers to accessing health and addiction services, and calls on ministers to support a review of access to homeless health and care services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Mark Griffin moved amendment S6M-03018.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03018 in the name of Shona Robison (Prevention of Homelessness Duties), insert at end “; notes that homelessness

in Scotland is rising again, that in 2020-21 over half of the approaches to Housing Options Scotland resulted in a homelessness application, and that 14,161 households were assessed as homeless in the six months to September 2021; believes that the nation's homelessness crisis is severe and persistent, with one in 12 people in Scotland being forced to experience the trauma of homelessness; notes the findings of the report, Homelessness in Scotland, prepared by The Salvation Army, which found that the overall level of funding for homelessness and housing support services had decreased by 18% between 2013-14 and 2019-20 and asked if "the necessary investment to achieve this transformational change" was being delivered, and the Crisis publication, Homelessness Monitor: Scotland 2021, which found that "the primary barrier seen to risk inhibiting future progress on the [Ending Homelessness Together] Action Plan's vision relates to resources", and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that funding to Scottish local authorities is adequate to ensure that the implementation of the prevention of homelessness objectives and other landmark projects, like Housing First, are not at risk."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**3. Scottish Rate Resolution:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-03019—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of section 11A of the Income Tax Act 2007 (which provides for income tax to be charged at Scottish rates on certain non-savings and non-dividend income of a Scottish taxpayer), the Scottish rates and limits for the tax year 2022-23 are as follows—

- (a) a starter rate of 19%, charged on income up to a limit of £2,162,
- (b) the Scottish basic rate is 20%, charged on income above £2,162 and up to a limit of £13,118,
- (c) an intermediate rate of 21%, charged on income above £13,118 and up to a limit of £31,092,
- (d) a higher rate of 41%, charged on income above £31,092 and up to a limit of £150,000, and
- (e) a top rate of 46%, charged on income above £150,000.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 89, Against 0, Abstentions 29).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03033—That the Parliament agrees—

- (a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 February 2022

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 New Vision for Justice

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 9 February 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 Debate: Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Members' Expenses Scheme

*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 10 February 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation)

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Care Bill - UK Legislation

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 February 2022

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* Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Debate: Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the Coronavirus pandemic

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 February 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

Thursday 24 February 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: Education and Skills

*followed by Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: COP26 - Outcomes and Implications for Scotland's Climate Change Policies*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 7 February 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03034—That the Parliament agrees that the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Reconsideration and Review of Determinations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03035—That the Parliament agrees that the COVID-19 Recovery Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Criminal Justice Committee and Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee be designated as secondary committees, in consideration of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03036—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy and Fair Work Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the supplementary legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation).



The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

**9. Response to Storm Arwen in Stirling and Future Resilience Planning:** The Parliament debated S6M-02784 in the name of Evelyn Tweed—That the Parliament acknowledges the hard work and assistance given by communities and organisations during the emergency situation caused by Storm Arwen; recognises that the Storm was reportedly four times more damaging than the Beast from the East in February 2018, and led to large areas of rural Stirling being without electricity, phone signal and in some cases water, for up to a week, in November 2021; congratulates communities across Stirling for pulling together and ensuring that the most vulnerable were cared for despite the incredibly difficult circumstances; acknowledges the response from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks and what it sees as the company’s great efforts to reconnect homes and businesses as quickly as possible, despite the widespread damage to the network; commends Scottish Water for the rescheduling of works in Callander to ensure roads remained open throughout the emergency; further commends Stirling Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Scotland, Killin Mountain Rescue Team, Trossachs Search and Rescue, International Rescue Corps, British Red Cross, and local businesses across Stirling, for their response to Storm Arwen, and notes the view that action must be taken to review resilience planning and ensure communities across Scotland have confidence that resilience against future storms and emergencies is robust.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Evelyn Tweed 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 6.22 pm.

## No. 78, Thursday 3 February 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Revitalising Coastal Communities:** The Parliament debated S6M-02692 in the name of Ariane Burgess—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of restoring Scotland's coastal environment to tackle the climate and nature emergencies; considers that nature restoration presents economic opportunities for coastal communities; believes that communities must be at the heart of nature restoration and the stewardship of their environment; commends the work of the Coastal Communities Network, which consists of 19 community groups across Scotland, and which, it understands, works to preserve and protect the marine environment and to promote sustainable economic activity, based on this natural asset; celebrates, in particular, the community-led seagrass and oyster bed restoration at Loch Craignish, and recognises the potential for further community-led nature restoration across Scotland's coastlines.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**5. Cost of Living:** Jackie Baillie moved S6M-03042—That the Parliament recognises the pressure being placed on household finances across Scotland due to rising inflation, increasing food and fuel prices, and high energy bills; considers that this will be exacerbated by the increase to National Insurance, the likely hike to the energy price cap in April 2022, and the rises in Scotland to rail fares and water charges, which it calls on the Scottish Government to review and defer; supports the calls for the UK Government to cut VAT on home energy bills for 12 months; endorses proposals to save most households around £200 on bills using that VAT cut and smoothing the costs of supplier failure, as well as to provide extra targeted support to those who need it most, including pensioners and low earners, by expanding and increasing the Warm Home Discount, giving those households an additional £400 off energy bills, and agrees that this should be paid for by a one-off windfall tax on increased oil and gas profits.

The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved amendment S6M-03042.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03042 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Cost of Living), leave out from "the rises" to end and insert "notes these are related to reserved powers; supports the Scottish Government's calls for the UK Government to take urgent action on a package of measures to address home energy bills; welcomes the significant action that the Scottish Government has taken to reduce the cost of living through measures including the introduction of free bus travel to under-22s, the increased water charges reduction scheme discount, the introduction, extension and doubling of the Scottish Child Payment,

the more than £2.5 billion invested in support for low-income households, and the increase in free childcare, and agrees that further power in the hands of the Parliament would enable it to address the cost of living, energy prices, and minimum wage levels."

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-03042.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03042 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Cost of Living), leave out from "and defer" to end and insert "; believes that the Scottish Government should deliver a fair settlement to local government to avoid households being hit with council tax increases in April; welcomes UK Government action to increase the Living Wage, raise the Personal Allowance, reduce unemployment and freeze Fuel Duty, and calls on both of Scotland's governments to take further action to support individuals and families at this difficult time."

After debate, the amendment S6M-03042.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-3042.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the pressure being placed on household finances across Scotland due to rising inflation, increasing food and fuel prices, and high energy bills; considers that this will be exacerbated by the increase to National Insurance, the likely hike to the energy price cap in April 2022, and notes these are related to reserved powers; supports the Scottish Government's calls for the UK Government to take urgent action on a package of measures to address home energy bills; welcomes the significant action that the Scottish Government has taken to reduce the cost of living through measures including the introduction of free bus travel to under-22s, the increased water charges reduction scheme discount, the introduction, extension and doubling of the Scottish Child Payment, the more than £2.5 billion invested in support for low-income households, and the increase in free childcare, and agrees that further power in the hands of the Parliament would enable it to address the cost of living, energy prices, and minimum wage levels.

**6. A People's ScotRail:** Neil Bibby moved S6M-03044—That the Parliament welcomes the return of ScotRail to the public sector; considers the new public sector operator to be critical in securing modal shift and affordable, accessible and reliable rail services for Scotland's passengers; condemns, therefore, the current plans for ticket office cuts and closures, service reductions, and the recent 3.8% increase in fares, which undermine progress towards net zero, modal shift and service improvement; considers that the new ScotRail, which will be under public ownership, must provide well-staffed, world-class services, and calls on the Scottish Government to rule out compulsory redundancies or any dilution of collective bargaining under the new operator, and further calls on the Scottish Government to reject tickets office cuts and closures and set out a timetable for restoring overall ScotRail services to pre-pandemic levels.

The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-03044.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03044 in the name of Neil Bibby (A People's ScotRail), leave out from "condemns" to end and insert "notes the vital role that ScotRail staff and workers will play in delivering these new services and thanks them for all that they have done to keep rail services running throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes that staff will transfer with their current terms and conditions, will benefit from public sector pay policy, and that any pay deals already agreed for 2022-23 will be honoured; further welcomes the investment by the Scottish Government to decarbonise and expand Scotland's railways, including £1 billion to electrify 441 kilometres of track and improve infrastructure, benefiting more than 35 million passenger journeys across Scotland each year, a record £4.85 billion allocated, including ongoing electrification and decarbonisation, over £9 billion of investment by the Scottish Government since 2007 helping to reconnect 14 communities to the rail network, with five more to be reconnected in the next three years, and over £555 million to sustain services and jobs throughout the pandemic; laments that the Scottish Labour Party joined with the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party to vote against a draft Scottish budget for 2022-23, which increased expenditure and investment in Scotland's rail services; welcomes that rail fares in Scotland are still on average 20% lower than across the rest of Great Britain, and that, from May, there will be 150 more rail services than have been running since December 2021, with 25 services being reintroduced following the recent consultation on timetable changes; recognises that there has been widespread public and stakeholder interest in the ScotRail consultation on ticket office availability, but notes that the consultation only closed on 2 February 2022 and responses are therefore still to be reviewed; further notes that the fair fares review will explore what more can be done to ensure that fares across all modes of public transport are equitable and sustainable; agrees that the culture of ScotRail Trains Ltd will be founded on fair work; recognises the key role that a publicly owned and controlled rail service will play in the future to help transform Scotland's economy, to cut emissions from transport, deliver on the climate change targets and create a fairer, greener Scotland, and calls for the full devolution of rail from the UK Parliament, including Network Rail, in order to operate a wholly publicly owned, fully integrated rail network in Scotland."

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-03044.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03044 in the name of Neil Bibby (A People's ScotRail), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "hopes that the return of ScotRail to the public sector will be a success; calls on the Scottish Government to set out a business and investment plan before the summer; believes that this should remove the threat of service cuts, and set out a route to lower fares and a simpler ticketing system, as well as an apprenticeship scheme; further calls on the Scottish Government to restore its damaged relationship with the rail unions, and calls for ScotRail to bring an end to the emergency timetable and return to normal services."

After debate, the amendment S6M-03044.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

The amendment S6M-03044.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament welcomes the return of ScotRail to the public sector; considers the new public sector operator to be critical in securing modal shift and affordable, accessible and reliable rail services for Scotland's passengers; notes the vital role that ScotRail staff and workers will play in delivering these new services and thanks them for all that they have done to keep rail services running throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; welcomes that staff will transfer with their current terms and conditions, will benefit from public sector pay policy, and that any pay deals already agreed for 2022-23 will be honoured; further welcomes the investment by the Scottish Government to decarbonise and expand Scotland's railways, including £1 billion to electrify 441 kilometres of track and improve infrastructure, benefiting more than 35 million passenger journeys across Scotland each year, a record £4.85 billion allocated, including ongoing electrification and decarbonisation, over £9 billion of investment by the Scottish Government since 2007 helping to reconnect 14 communities to the rail network, with five more to be reconnected in the next three years, and over £555 million to sustain services and jobs throughout the pandemic; laments that the Scottish Labour Party joined with the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party to vote against a draft Scottish budget for 2022-23, which increased expenditure and investment in Scotland's rail services; welcomes that rail fares in Scotland are still on average 20% lower than across the rest of Great Britain, and that, from May, there will be 150 more rail services than have been running since December 2021, with 25 services being reintroduced following the recent consultation on timetable changes; recognises that there has been widespread public and stakeholder interest in the ScotRail consultation on ticket office availability, but notes that the consultation only closed on 2 February 2022 and responses are therefore still to be reviewed; further notes that the fair fares review will explore what more can be done to ensure that fares across all modes of public transport are equitable and sustainable; agrees that the culture of ScotRail Trains Ltd will be founded on fair work; recognises the key role that a publicly owned and controlled rail service will play in the future to help transform Scotland's economy, to cut emissions from transport, deliver on the climate change targets and create a fairer, greener Scotland, and calls for the full devolution of rail from the UK Parliament, including Network Rail, in order to operate a wholly publicly owned, fully integrated rail network in Scotland.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6, as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.23 pm.

## No.79, Tuesday 8 February 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Hazel Peters, College Student, Greenock, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.
4. **A New Vision for Justice:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-03098—That the Parliament recognises that the new Vision for Justice enables a programme of work to transform the justice system to ensure that services are person centred and trauma informed; further recognises the need to work across public services, taking a whole-government approach, to improve outcomes for individuals and focus on prevention and early intervention, and making communities safer; acknowledges that there must be urgent action to improve the experiences of women and children and ensure that the voices of victims and survivors are heard and acted upon; acknowledges that, to address the causes of crime, any action must tackle socio-economic inequalities such as gender inequality, child poverty, mental ill health and addictions, and support individuals at the earliest opportunity to improve their life chances and reduce offending and reoffending, and acknowledges that, while there will always be a place for restricting people's liberty in society, there must be a safe and secure environment for those in custody, as well as those who work in prisons, and that the balance should be shifted to ensure that the role of custody is used only when no alternative is appropriate, making greater use of alternative options in communities.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-03098.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03098 in the name of Keith Brown (A New Vision for Justice), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “notes the urgent, wide-ranging and chronic concerns raised by the Parliament’s Criminal Justice Committee in its recent report, Judged on progress: The need for urgent delivery on Scottish justice sector reforms; acknowledges that there have been worrying increases in violent and sexual crime in Scotland as evidenced by the 78% rise in sexual crimes over the last 10 years, and the rises in violent crime recorded so far this year adversely affecting women and children; believes that a number of factors resulting from Scottish Government policy decisions, including the presumption against short sentences, automatic early release from custody, and a concerted shift to custodial alternatives, have resulted in too many violent offenders evading custodial sentences; further believes that the Scottish Government’s strategy of sending fewer convicted offenders to prison and letting them out of prison earlier poses a risk to public safety; notes that prison officers are subject to unacceptable levels of physical and mental harm and abuse in Scottish prisons, which is fuelled by a failure to tackle illicit drugs and serious organised crime in prisons; further notes that the recorded quarterly number of police officers stands at 17,117, the lowest level since 2009; calls for Police Scotland to be afforded the necessary capital and resource budget that it clearly requested in submissions to the Criminal Justice Committee, which it states will

ensure vital and necessary upgrades to infrastructure, the police estate, vehicles and ICT systems, allowing Police Scotland to ensure that violent criminals are caught, charged and successfully prosecuted; recognises that the current court backlog in Scotland could take at least five or more years to clear, leaving victims waiting years to get justice; notes with concern the growing breakdown of relations between the legal sector and the Scottish Government due to disagreements over legal aid fees, which may leave many without adequate access to justice and legal assistance; believes that non-custodial alternatives to sentencing must be meaningful, robust, and backed up by sufficient resources to command public confidence whilst delivering justice to the victims of crimes, which many do not currently believe to be the case; notes with disappointment the slow progress in reform to the dual role of the Lord Advocate, and regrets recent high profile cases of malicious prosecution, which have cost the taxpayer millions of pounds, and believes that the raft of measures to enhance the rights and voices of victims of crime and their families, as included in the proposed Victims, Criminal Justice and Fatal Accident Inquiries (Scotland) Bill, should be agreed by the Parliament as positive proposals to reset the balance of Scottish justice in favour of victims and their families.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-03098.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03098 in the name of Keith Brown (A New Vision for Justice), insert at end “; understands that Scotland’s prisons have been characterised by overcrowding; notes that 27% of the Scottish prison population are remand prisoners, and that this highlights the need for reform; believes that conditions in prisons must be improved for both prisoners and staff; considers that offering robust and credible alternatives to custody will be a key part of the solution; regrets that women and children continue to be disproportionately impacted by court delays, and considers that clearing the court backlog, which currently stands at over 40,000 cases, and improving support for victims should be among the Scottish Government’s highest priorities for the justice system.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S6M-03098.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03098 in the name of Keith Brown (A New Vision for Justice), insert at end “, and urges the Scottish Government to publish a route map with milestones for increasing the provision of throughcare support and purposeful activity in prisons, the lack of which has increased the likelihood of people reoffending and causing damage to communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament recognises that the new Vision for Justice enables a programme of work to transform the justice system to ensure that services are person centred and trauma informed; further recognises the need to work across public services, taking a whole-government approach, to improve outcomes for individuals and focus on prevention and early intervention, and making communities safer; acknowledges that there must be urgent action to improve the experiences of women and children and ensure that the voices of victims and survivors are heard and acted upon; acknowledges that, to address the causes of crime, any action must tackle socio-economic inequalities such as gender inequality, child poverty, mental ill health and addictions, and support individuals at the earliest opportunity to improve their life chances and reduce offending and reoffending; acknowledges that, while there will always be a place for restricting people’s liberty in society, there must be a safe and secure environment for those in custody, as well as those who work in prisons, and that the balance should be shifted to ensure that the role of custody is used only when no alternative is appropriate, making greater use of alternative options in communities; understands that Scotland’s prisons have been characterised by overcrowding; notes that 27% of the Scottish prison population are remand prisoners, and that this highlights the need for reform; believes that conditions in prisons must be improved for both prisoners and staff; considers that offering robust and credible alternatives to custody will be a key part of the solution; regrets that women and children continue to be disproportionately impacted by court delays, and considers that clearing the court backlog, which currently stands at over 40,000 cases, and improving support for victims should be among the Scottish Government’s highest priorities for the justice system.

**5. Committee Announcement:** Stuart McMillan, on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Committee, made an announcement on Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the coronavirus pandemic.

**6. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03133—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 9 February 2022;

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation)

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: ScotRail - A New Beginning

after

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Members' Expenses Scheme

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Orders



The motion was agreed to.

**7. Motion without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.54 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

**9. Members' Business – Alex Cole-Hamilton: Future of the BBC:** The Parliament debated S6M-02995 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton— That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the uncertainty around the future funding model of the BBC, following recent UK Government remarks; understands that the people of Edinburgh Western value the content and output of the Corporation, from educational resources to local radio, and what it sees as ground-breaking television production; recognises that the BBC employs over 1,200 people in Scotland, and notes the view that the principle of public service broadcasting should be defended.

**10. Motion Without Notice:** Alex Cole-Hamilton 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 6.13 pm.

## No. 80, Wednesday 9 February 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on ScotRail – A New Beginning.
- 3. Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.
- 4. Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-03080—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-03080.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03080 in the name of John Swinney (Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill), insert at end “, and, in so doing, calls on the Scottish Government to review the amount paid in the self-isolation grant to ensure that it at least matches the National Living Wage.”

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

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 122, Against 0, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill be passed, and, in so doing, calls on the Scottish Government to review the amount paid in the self-isolation grant to ensure that it at least matches the National Living Wage.

**5. Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme - Local Offices:** Maggie Chapman, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-03100—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 2 March 2021, be amended to:

(a) in paragraph 4.3.5, delete “the” where it appears at the beginning of the fourth line and delete “members concerned” in that same line and insert instead “those members who establish a local parliamentary office”;

(b) delete “When” at the beginning of paragraph 4.3.6 and insert instead “Subject to paragraphs 4.3.9 and 4.3.10, when”;

(c) insert after paragraph 4.3.8:

“4.3.9 Where one or more regional members, returned from a registered political party’s regional list, do not establish and run a local office the limit of entitlement to office cost provision of those members remaining who do establish and run a local office, in the circumstances set out in paragraphs 4.3.4 to 4.3.7, will be recalculated as though the member or members who do not establish an office had not been returned on that registered political party’s regional list.

Number of Regional Members original returned on regional list	Number of Members not establishing a local office	Number of Regional Members recalculations subsequently based on
2	1	1
3	1	2
4	1	3
3	2	1
4	2	2
4	3	1

4.3.10 Should a member, who has previously not established a local office, decide at any subsequent point to establish a local office then all of those members returned from a registered political party’s regional list who establish a local office will require to share a local office as set out in paragraphs 4.3.4 to 4.3.7 and those members’ entitlement to office cost provision will be recalculated in accordance with paragraph 4.3.9 from the point of establishing that shared office.”;

(d) renumber paragraphs currently numbered as 4.3.9 to 4.3.13 to paragraphs 4.3.11 to 4.3.15 and amend any references to those paragraphs to take account of the number change accordingly; and

(e) insert after paragraph 4.4.1:

“4.4.2 The above calculation will be based on the number of members originally returned on the regional list for the political party, taking no account of any change made to calculations for those members who do establish and run a local office as set out in paragraphs 4.3.9 and 4.3.10.”

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Standing Order Rule Changes – Committee Name and Remit and Miscellaneous Changes:** Martin Whitfield, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S6M-03030—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 3rd Report 2022 (Session 6), Standing Order Rule Changes - Committee name and remit and miscellaneous changes (SP Paper 96), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 11 February 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03144—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 February 2022

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* Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Use of the Made Affirmative Procedure During the Coronavirus Pandemic

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation)

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 February 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 February 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: COP26 - Outcomes and Implications for Scotland's Climate Change Policies

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 March 2022

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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 March 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022

*followed by* Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Internal Market Inquiry

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 3 March 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*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 21 February 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03145—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/13) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03146—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/25) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03147—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/29) be approved.

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-03148—That the Parliament agrees that the Disability Assistance for Working Age People (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-03149—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03150—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03151—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Public Administration Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 12.45 pm and 2.30 pm on Thursday 24 February 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03152—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Justice and Social Security Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03153—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03154—That the Parliament agrees that, with effect from 11 February 2022, for the purposes of committee meetings up to 1 April 2022—

- (a) in Rule 6.3A.1 after “member” the words “or members” be inserted;
- (b) Rule 6.3A.2 be suspended;
- (c) in Rule 6.3A.4 the first sentence be suspended;
- (d) after Rule 6.3A.5(d) be inserted “(e) a political party withdraws in writing to the Bureau that nomination of the member or members nominated for the purposes of committee meetings up to 1 April 2022.”; and
- (e) in Rule 12.1.15 the words “(other than a committee substitute)” be omitted in both instances where they occur.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Temporary Amendment to Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03155— That the Parliament agrees that, with effect from 11 February 2022, Temporary Standing Orders Rule 3 be amended—

(a) in paragraph 1 to delete “11 February 2022” and insert “1 April 2022, except to the extent determined by the Presiding Officer, having regard to relevant legislation and public health guidance. Such determinations shall be notified in the Business Bulletin”; and

(b) to delete paragraph 2.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**19. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.57 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**20. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 as noted above.

**21. Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:** The Parliament debated S6M-02909 in the name of Stephen Kerr—That the Parliament commemorates the 70th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; recognises that this anniversary also marks 70 years since the death of Her Majesty’s father, King George VI; understands that Her Majesty has been Head of State of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories, and Head of the Commonwealth, for the last 70 years, and expresses its indebtedness for her selfless and dutiful service to the country and its people.

**22. Motion Without Notice:** Stephen Kerr 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 5.59 pm.



## No. 81, Thursday 10 February 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Online Pimping:** The Parliament debated S6M-02911 in the name of Ruth Maguire— That the Parliament commends the Cross-Party Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation for its inquiry into pimping websites and its report, *Online Pimping: An Inquiry into Sexual Exploitation Advertising Websites*; understands that pimping websites, which profit from advertising individuals for prostitution, operate with impunity in Scotland, including in the Cunninghame South constituency; considers that pimping websites facilitate demand for prostitution by enabling men who pay for sex to quickly and anonymously locate women to sexually exploit; believes that pimping websites facilitate and incentivise sex trafficking by centralising and concentrating demand online and making it quick and easy to advertise victims; understands that the Scottish Government recognises prostitution as a form of violence against women; notes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to develop a model for Scotland to challenge men's demand for prostitution, and notes the view that the new model for Scotland must outlaw online pimping in order to deter demand and prevent sex trafficking.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation):** The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-03124—That the Parliament notes the supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Professional Qualifications Bill lodged by the Scottish Government on 28 January 2022, and the reports of both the Economy and Fair Work Committee and the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee of 22 November 2021 and 23 September 2021, and calls on the UK Government to amend clause 16 (formerly 14) of the Professional Qualifications Bill to require UK Ministers to secure the consent of Scottish Ministers before acting in areas of devolved competence.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**6. Budget (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3:** The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA, that, in her view, no provision of the Budget (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

**7. Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-03081—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

**8. Health and Care Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-03054—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Health and Care Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 6 July 2021, relating to regulation of healthcare and associated professions; food information for consumers: power to amend retained EU law; international healthcare arrangements; Medicine Information Systems; virginity testing offences: Scotland; hymenoplasty offences: Scotland; Secretary of State’s power to transfer or delegate functions; and information about payments etc to persons in the health care sector, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive function of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

**No. 82, Tuesday 22 February 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Pall Singh, Project Director, Building Bridges, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03297—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 22 February 2022—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 24 February 2022—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Building Industrial Clusters Around Scotland's Ports

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Covid-19 Update.

**5. Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee Debate: Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the Coronavirus pandemic:** The Parliament debated Inquiry into the use of the made affirmative procedure during the Coronavirus pandemic.

**6. Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation):** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development (Neil Gray) moved S6M-03270—That the Parliament notes that the UK Government's Nationality and Borders Bill proposes significant changes to UK asylum and immigration legislation, which will damage people living in

communities across Scotland and the UK, now and in the future; recognises that the Bill contains two provisions that trigger the requirement for legislative consent and that a legislative consent memorandum recommending that the Parliament withholds its consent to those clauses was lodged on 1 February 2022; notes that the Welsh Parliament has refused consent; is concerned by the creation of a National Age Assessment Board with powers to scrutinise age assessments using “scientific techniques”, which Scottish Government guidance advises against on child welfare and unreliability grounds; notes that these provisions will impose time limits and damaging measures affecting assessment of credibility in human trafficking applications; condemns these provisions, as well as proposals in the Bill for differential treatment of refugees based on how they arrived rather than their protection needs, measures that criminalise vulnerable people seeking protection, “push-back” provisions that will put lives at sea at risk and open the door for offshore asylum accommodation, and powers to revoke citizenship without notice, and agrees that the Bill will not achieve its aims or the change that is needed to ensure that the UK's asylum and immigration systems are effective, efficient and deliver for people in need of humanitarian protection, according to international human rights obligations.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-03270.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03270 in the name of Neil Gray (Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Legislation)), leave out from “notes that the UK Government’s” to end and insert “agrees that the relevant provisions of the Nationality and Borders Bill, relating to age assessments and modern slavery, do not fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, and recognises that the UK Government’s Nationality and Borders Bill will strengthen existing UK asylum and immigration legislation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 92, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 6 as noted above.

**8. Members' Business — Jim Fairlie: Redundancies at OVO Energy:** The Parliament debated S6M-02948 in the name of Jim Fairlie—That the Parliament notes with regret the reported decision by OVO Energy Ltd to seek 1,700 voluntary redundancies and the closure of various offices, including in Perth, which, it understands, the company could have used for its new training academy; notes the view that the reportedly “excellent team” that the OVO Energy CEO, Stephen Fitzpatrick, referred to when acquiring SSE Energy Services deserves better treatment, including more clarity on what happens should the company not reach sufficient numbers of voluntary redundancies, and considers that this represents a disappointing betrayal of a hard-working, committed workforce.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

## No.83, Wednesday 23 February 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and Veterans, and then Finance and the Economy were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers, and the Solicitor General.

**2. Preventing the Collapse of NHS Dentistry in Scotland:** Sandesh Gulhane moved S6M-03281—That the Parliament notes with concern that almost half of people in Scotland have been unable to see an NHS dentist for the last two years; further notes the Scottish Government's proposed withdrawal of emergency funding provided to dental practices on 1 April 2022; believes that this funding should be maintained for the upcoming financial year in recognition of the considerable efforts still required to restore services and reduce the significant backlog of patients seeking dental treatment, particularly while maintaining enhanced infection control measures; recognises the importance of regular dental check-ups for people of all ages, both for good dental hygiene and in the detection of some forms of oral cancer; acknowledges the concerns expressed by many in the profession that the current settlement risks making NHS dentistry financially unviable; calls on the Scottish Government to come forward with a plan for ensuring the long-term sustainability of NHS dentistry, including a complete overhaul of the current fee structure to more accurately reflect modern dentistry; further calls on the Scottish Government to increase the dental tariffs provided by government to NHS dentists by a third as an interim measure to sustain NHS dental services, and ensure that all people in Scotland are able to access a dental check-up in 2022 and every year as clinically required thereafter, and calls for the development of a more holistic service that NHS patients deserve, in place of the current conveyor belt system.

The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport (Maree Todd) moved amendment S6M-03281.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03281 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Preventing the Collapse of NHS Dentistry in Scotland), leave out from “with concern” to end and insert “the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all aspects of healthcare, not least on the delivery of dental services due to the volume of aerosol generating procedures, and the impact that this has had on patients seeking appointments during this period; acknowledges that the challenges posed by the pandemic, including the backlog of care, are not unique to Scotland; notes the substantial pandemic-related investment in dentistry of the last two years that includes £5 million for ventilation improvements, £7.5 million for new dental drills, £35 million for additional PPE, and £50 million of financial support to dental practices; recognises that investment in NHS dentistry is increasing to a record high level with a 9% increase in the budget for dental services in 2022-23, including extending the reach of the Childsmile programme in high-street practices to young people up to 17 years of age; welcomes that the Scottish Government is providing dentists with an additional £20 million from February 2022 to give them new and additional incentives to see more patients, and that discussions continue with the British Dental Association on further reforms to support recovery; believes that NHS dentistry, like all NHS services, should be free at the point of need and supports the removal of all NHS dental charges to patients by the end of this parliamentary session, and further supports the Scottish Government's Oral

Health Improvement Plan, which underpins that the frequency of dental checks should be shaped by clinical evidence and an individual patient's oral health risk assessment, with those at the highest risk being seen more frequently.”

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-03281.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03281 in the name of Sandesh Gulhane (Preventing the Collapse of NHS Dentistry in Scotland), insert at end “; is concerned by the growing inequality in access to NHS dental care, with recent statistics showing that thousands of people in the most deprived areas have not seen a dentist in over two years; believes that immediate action is needed by the Scottish Government to avoid a two-tier dental system, and urges the Scottish Government to take urgent action to ensure that everyone, irrespective of background or circumstances, has access to first-class NHS dental treatment.”

After debate, the amendment S6M-03281.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 56, Abstentions 0). The amendment S6M-03281.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament notes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all aspects of healthcare, not least on the delivery of dental services due to the volume of aerosol generating procedures, and the impact that this has had on patients seeking appointments during this period; acknowledges that the challenges posed by the pandemic, including the backlog of care, are not unique to Scotland; notes the substantial pandemic-related investment in dentistry of the last two years that includes £5 million for ventilation improvements, £7.5 million for new dental drills, £35 million for additional PPE, and £50 million of financial support to dental practices; recognises that investment in NHS dentistry is increasing to a record high level with a 9% increase in the budget for dental services in 2022-23, including extending the reach of the Childsmile programme in high-street practices to young people up to 17 years of age; welcomes that the Scottish Government is providing dentists with an additional £20 million from February 2022 to give them new and additional incentives to see more patients, and that discussions continue with the British Dental Association on further reforms to support recovery; believes that NHS dentistry, like all NHS services, should be free at the point of need and supports the removal of all NHS dental charges to patients by the end of this parliamentary session, and further supports the Scottish Government's Oral Health Improvement Plan, which underpins that the frequency of dental checks should be shaped by clinical evidence and an individual patient's oral health risk assessment, with those at the highest risk being seen more frequently.

**3. Workplace Parking Tax:** Graham Simpson moved S6M-03279—That the Parliament condemns taxing drivers through the introduction of the Workplace Parking Levy, and believes that the focus of the Scottish Government should be on supporting the roll-out of electric vehicles and the infrastructure to support them and on making public transport more efficient and affordable, not on using taxes to force families in Scotland into giving up their cars.

The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-03279.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03279 in the name of Graham Simpson (Workplace Parking Tax), leave out from “condemns” to end and insert “notes that the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 gives local authorities the discretionary power to implement a workplace parking licensing scheme within the context of their local transport strategy and, if a scheme is proposed, requires local authorities to undertake consultation and impact assessments on their local proposals; welcomes that COSLA and local leaders of political parties positively greeted these new powers being provided to local authorities at the time of the Act in 2019; acknowledges that local authorities in England and Wales have had these powers for over a decade, with Nottingham City Council so far making use of them, and other authorities, including Oxford and Leicester, now also considering their use, and recognises that, as well as supporting a reduction in congestion and meeting climate change goals, workplace parking schemes will raise revenue to invest in local transport priorities, including public transport and active travel, and align with other recent Scottish Government initiatives such as free bus travel for under-22s, record investment in active travel, investment in electric vehicle infrastructure and the target to reduce car kilometres by 20% by 2030.”

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-03279.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03279 in the name of Graham Simpson (Workplace Parking Tax), leave out from “, not on using taxes” to end and insert “; believes that the Workplace Parking Levy will unfairly penalise working people who have no option but to drive to work due to the chronic failure of the Scottish Government to improve public transport; regrets the Scottish Government's decision to reject calls for a freeze on rail fares this year; considers that the Scottish Government's decision to pursue policies that increase costs faced by workers during a cost of living crisis is irresponsible; notes objections to the Workplace Parking Levy from trade unions and the business community, and considers that the Scottish Government should make positive interventions to tackle transport emissions, reduce car dependency and drive modal shift by making public transport more affordable, safe and accessible, restoring ScotRail services to pre-pandemic levels, supporting municipal ownership and control of local bus services, developing safe cycling routes, and rolling out integrated ticketing across the public transport network.”

After debate, the amendment S6M-03279.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-03279.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 71, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament notes that the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 gives local authorities the discretionary power to implement a workplace parking licensing scheme within the context of their local transport strategy and, if a scheme is proposed, requires local authorities to undertake consultation and impact assessments on their local proposals; welcomes that COSLA and local leaders of political parties positively greeted these new powers being provided to local authorities at the time of the Act in 2019; acknowledges that local authorities in England

and Wales have had these powers for over a decade, with Nottingham City Council so far making use of them, and other authorities, including Oxford and Leicester, now also considering their use, and recognises that, as well as supporting a reduction in congestion and meeting climate change goals, workplace parking schemes will raise revenue to invest in local transport priorities, including public transport and active travel, and align with other recent Scottish Government initiatives such as free bus travel for under-22s, record investment in active travel, investment in electric vehicle infrastructure and the target to reduce car kilometres by 20% by 2030.

**4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03334—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 24 February 2022—

delete

*followed by* Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: COP26 - Outcomes and Implications for Scotland's Climate Change Policies

and insert

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Solidarity with Ukraine

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03301—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland's Climate Assembly

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Scottish Approach to the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Our Veterans in Each Community

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time



*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 2 March 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate: Internal Market Inquiry

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: UK Shared Prosperity Fund - What This Means for Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 3 March 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Introduction of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 March 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 9 March 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 Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 10 March 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to Report by Independent Advisory on Education Reform

*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 28 February 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03308—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03303—That the Parliament agrees that the Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 56, Abstentions 1).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03302—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03304—That the Parliament agrees that the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03305—That the Parliament agrees that the Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03306—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Finance and Public Administration Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 1.30 pm and 3.45 pm on Thursday 24 February 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03307—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, as noted above.

**14. Celebrating LGBT History Month:** The Parliament debated S6M-02984 in the name of Karen Adam—That the Parliament recognises that February is LGBT History Month; notes that this year's theme is Blurring Borders: A World in Motion, which invites people to think beyond borders and to ask each other what Scotland's place is within the global movement towards equality; highlights what it sees as the vital and continued efforts of Four Pillars, which is a charity that strives to maintain a sense of community for LGBT+ people across the north east of Scotland by supporting four aspects it considers are vital to wellbeing, which are mental, emotional, physical and sexual health; understands that LGBT History Month is coordinated by LGBT Youth Scotland, a national charity aimed at promoting health and wellbeing among LGBTI young people aged 13 to 25 across the country, hosting in-person and online events in partnership with, among others, Leap Sports Scotland, the National Library of Scotland and the National Lottery Heritage Fund Scotland; wishes all involved every success in their endeavours, and notes the call for everyone to support the campaign and raise awareness of the part that everyone can play in making Scotland a fairer, just and more equal society for all who live here.

**15. Motion Without Notice:** Karen Adam 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 6.48 pm.

## No. 84, Thursday 24 February 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Decommissioning of Torness Nuclear Power Station:** The Parliament debated S6M-02776 in the name of Craig Hoy—That the Parliament notes that the decision has been taken to bring forward the decommissioning date of Torness Nuclear Power Station from 2030 to 2028; further notes EDF Energy's assessment that the station is one of the most productive in its fleet of nuclear power stations; recognises that, since the station first started generating electricity in 1988, EDF Energy reports that the plant has produced nearly 280 TWh of zero-carbon electricity, which is understood to be sufficient to power every home in Scotland for 28 years; understands that Torness employs around 500 staff and 250 contractors, with a salary bill of around £40 million annually, which, it considers, boosts the Dunbar and East Lothian economy; notes that Hunterston B power station, in North Ayrshire, has recently shut down for the last time, after what it considers to have been 46 years of reliable energy generation and job creation, and further notes calls urging the Scottish Government to review its decision to use the Scottish planning system to block the development of any future civilian nuclear energy projects in order that nuclear power continues to play a central part in the provision of zero-carbon electricity in Scotland.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Building Industrial Clusters Around Scotland's Ports.

**6. Solidarity with Ukraine:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-03333—That the Parliament offers its unqualified support for Ukrainian sovereignty, democracy, independence and territorial integrity; condemns unreservedly Russia's violation of Ukraine's sovereignty by recognising the so-called Donetsk People's Republic and Luhansk People's Republic, and expresses its concern at the disturbing reports of Russian forces beginning a further invasion of Ukraine's territory, in flagrant violation of international law; acknowledges the response to date of the international community in applying sanctions against the Russian regime and calls on it to redouble such efforts to discourage Russia from further aggression; further acknowledges the limited sanctions announced by the UK Prime Minister and urges that these should go further as soon as possible, with severe sanctions imposed upon Putin's regime, his oligarch backers and their assets globally; supports efforts to deter Russia from further aggression and efforts to require Russia to reverse its illegal and provocative actions; records its concern about the grave threat to the safety and security of Ukrainian citizens; stands in solidarity with the people, Government and Parliament of Ukraine, and Scotland's Ukrainian community, and stands ready to support them in any way Scotland can.

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

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03341—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.09 pm.

**No. 85, Tuesday 1 March 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Fr. Jim Duggan, Parish Priest, St Charles RC Church, Paisley, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Scotland's Climate Assembly.
4. **A Scottish Approach to the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our Veterans in Each Community:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-03381—That the Parliament recognises the importance of supporting veterans and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make in Scotland; notes the NHS National Services Scotland publication by the Scottish Veterans Care Network, Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Action Plan, setting out how it will take forward key principles to improve veterans' mental health and wellbeing in Scotland, and understands that this action plan highlights the need to take an holistic approach that takes account of housing, employment, education and other needs, and work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors and with the UK Government to ensure that veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to services across Scotland.

Craig Hoy moved amendment S6M-03381.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03381 in the name of Keith Brown (A Scottish Approach to the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our Veterans in Each Community), leave out from “recognises” to end and insert “believes that veterans must be able to secure the right help at the right time through access to mental health and wellbeing services that are timely, high quality and right for them as individuals; recognises the importance of supporting veterans and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make in Scotland; notes the NHS National Services Scotland publication by the Scottish Veterans Care Network, Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Action Plan, setting out how it will take forward key principles to improve veterans' mental health and wellbeing in Scotland; understands that this action plan highlights the need to take an holistic approach that takes account of housing, employment, education and other needs, and work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors and with the UK Government to ensure that veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to services across Scotland, and, while recognising that the plan suggests timelines for delivery on the principles will vary across Scotland, believes that the Scottish Government and partner agencies should aim to assess and implement the 38 action plan recommendations within 24 months, and, furthermore, welcomes the introduction of the Veterans' Recognition Scheme by the UK Government, which will ensure that veterans can more quickly, easily and securely prove that they served in the UK Armed Forces, and access the services that they need.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Paul Sweeney moved amendment S6M-03381.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03381 in the name of Keith Brown (A Scottish Approach to the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our Veterans in Each Community), insert at end “; acknowledges the recommendation in the action plan that veterans who are at risk of suicide should be considered in the Scottish Government’s new Suicide Prevention Strategy for Scotland; notes that this strategy is now not due to be published until September 2022, and calls for the Scottish Government to update the Parliament, in advance of its publication, on the action taken to develop and deliver veteran-specific suicide prevention training, and improve access to mental health support for veterans.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament recognises the importance of supporting veterans and greatly values the significant contribution that they continue to make in Scotland; notes the NHS National Services Scotland publication by the Scottish Veterans Care Network, Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Action Plan, setting out how it will take forward key principles to improve veterans’ mental health and wellbeing in Scotland; understands that this action plan highlights the need to take an holistic approach that takes account of housing, employment, education and other needs, and work in partnership across the Scottish public, private and charitable sectors and with the UK Government to ensure that veterans and their families receive the best possible support and access to services across Scotland; acknowledges the recommendation in the action plan that veterans who are at risk of suicide should be considered in the Scottish Government’s new Suicide Prevention Strategy for Scotland; notes that this strategy is now not due to be published until September 2022, and calls for the Scottish Government to update the Parliament, in advance of its publication, on the action taken to develop and deliver veteran-specific suicide prevention training, and improve access to mental health support for veterans.

**5. Referral of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03409—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03410— That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the second supplementary legislative consent memorandum on the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Legislation), Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).



**7. Committee Announcement:** Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance and Public Administration Committee, made an announcement on Inquiry into the National Performance Framework: Ambitions into Action.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

**9. Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-02886 in the name of Emma Harper—That the Parliament notes that Eating Disorders Awareness Week occurs on 28 February to 6 of March 2022 and this year focuses on the importance of Early Warning Signs in Primary Care; further notes reports that eating disorders affect 1 in 50 people across Scotland and the wider UK; understands that more people lose their lives due to eating disorders than any other mental health condition; further understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the number of persons with eating disorders, with a reported increase of 86% in referrals between 2019 and 2020; notes that the Beat eating disorders charity highlights that less than two hours of medical education leading to a medical degree is focused on eating disorder education; further notes calls from Beat for medical schools across Scotland, and the UK, and the General Medical Council, to ensure that eating disorder education is an important focus of medical degrees, including for those in General Practice training; welcomes the Scottish Government’s reported commitment of £120 million for a mental health recovery and renewal fund, with a focus on additional support for mental health in primary care settings and enhanced community support; notes the May 2021 publication of the Scottish Eating Disorder Services Review, which it understands makes 15 recommendations on how eating disorder support services can be improved; further notes the calls for the Scottish Government to provide an update on current work to implement the recommendations and better support all those impacted by an eating disorder, and thanks all eating disorders interest groups, including Beat and the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group (SEDIG), for their work to raise awareness and understanding of eating disorders, as well as to support those impacted by them.

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.

**No. 86, Wednesday 2 March 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03443—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 2 March 2022—

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: National Strategy for Economic Transformation

delete

5.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.10 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Covid-19 Recovery and Parliamentary Business, and then Net Zero, Energy and Transport were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**3. UK Internal Market Inquiry:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, moved S6M-03389—That the Parliament notes the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 1st Report 2022 (Session 6), UK Internal Market Inquiry report (SP Paper 113).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-03394—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 4, Abstentions 29).

**5. UK Shared Prosperity Fund – What This Means for Scotland:** The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-03393—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government's proposed arrangements for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) are more restrictive than the EU Structural Funds and fail to offer the level of autonomy and influence that the Scottish Government experienced under the EU; believes that the Scottish Government must have an equal role in determining how these funds are used; notes with concern a cross-party report

from the Treasury Committee, which estimates that the total value of the UKSPF up to 2024-25 is a 40% reduction on the amount that the UK received under EU structural funds from 2014 to 2020; calls on the UK Government to urgently confirm that Scotland's allocation of the UKSPF matches its lost EU funding, as promised by the UK Government, given the absence of assurances in the Levelling Up white paper; believes that at least £183 million each year is required to deliver this, and calls for the UKSPF to be fully aligned behind the just transition to a net zero economy.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-03393.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03393 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund - What This Means for Scotland), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “warmly welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to level up every part of the UK and the commitment provided by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, that Scotland’s share of the UK Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund, worth £2.6 billion over the next three years, will at least match the level of EU funds it is replacing; agrees with local authorities across Scotland, which have commended the UK Government for directly funding levelling up projects in their local areas, bringing much-needed investment and employment, and calls on the UK Government, the Scottish Government and local authorities to continue to work together to ensure the effective delivery of future projects.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-03393.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03393 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund - What This Means for Scotland), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “recognises that the UK Government’s proposed arrangements for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund circumvent the devolved settlement; notes that there are increasing regional inequalities across Scotland, including in health, child poverty, income and economic opportunities, which neither the UK Government nor the Scottish Government is adequately tackling; regrets that Scotland’s progress in closing the gap in productivity levels with the UK average has been halted during the last decade; understands that the voluntary sector has highlighted the potential loss of funding compared with previous years and has called for certainty around funding and delivery; notes that both the Scottish and UK governments have a record of centralising control and decision-making on the delivery of funding, and believes that decisions around addressing regional inequalities are best made in the regions and communities where support is needed; calls, therefore, for the Scottish Government to deliver adequate funding for local authorities, and further calls for the UK and Scottish governments to work together constructively to take the urgent action needed to address the regional inequalities in Scotland, and ensure that communities across Scotland receive the additional support and funding that they desperately need.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 24, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) answered questions on National Strategy for Economic Transformation.

**7. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03422—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: International Women’s Day 2022

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 9 March 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 Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 10 March 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to Report by Independent Advisor on Education Reform

*followed by* Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 March 2022

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* Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Ending Conversion Practices

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 March 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 17 March 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: Education and Skills

*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 7 March 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03426—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 1 April 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03423—That the Parliament agrees that the Aquaculture and Fisheries etc. (Scheme for Financial Assistance) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03424—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03425—That the Parliament agrees that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum in relation to the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

**13. Epilepsy and Employment in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-02932 in the name of Alasdair Allan—That the Parliament welcomes new research commissioned by Epilepsy Scotland from the Scottish Centre for Employment Research, which highlights the difficulties facing people with epilepsy to find and retain secure employment; understands that Scotland has some of the greatest disability employment gaps in the UK; notes reports that only 36.9% of people with epilepsy in the UK are employed, which it understands is lower than the general disability employment rate of 44.4%; considers that a lack of knowledge about epilepsy and how it is individually experienced is contributing to this significant employment gap; notes the calls for substantial investment in research to improve data and better understand the employment barriers that are facing people with epilepsy in Scotland, and further notes the calls on the Scottish Government to urgently assess how the strategic framework, A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People, is meeting the needs of people with epilepsy, including in Na h-Eileanan an Iar, and if anything further can be done in the medium to long term to improve rates of employment in this population.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm.

## No. 87, Thursday 3 March 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03453—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 3 March 2022—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Introduction of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Justice System Approach to Risk Management

The motion was agreed to.

**2. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**3. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**4. International Women's Day 2022: Break the Bias:** The Parliament debated S6M-03136 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament recognises 8 March 2022 as International Women's Day (IWD); acknowledges what it sees as the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women through history and around the world; understands that the theme of IWD 2022 is #BreakTheBias, which aims to highlight the impact of bias, both conscious and unconscious, on women and girls and to imagine a world free of bias, stereotype and discrimination; notes the view that it is important for MSPs to reaffirm a commitment to upholding the fundamental human rights of women and girls, while working together to accelerate gender parity in society; further notes the view that it is crucial for influential organisations to reject discrimination and abuse in society and within their own communities, while committing to be positive role models, and notes the calls to collaborate and unite behind the principles of IWD 2022, to ensure equity, diversity and inclusivity, and to break down barriers and forge women's equality in communities in Scotland and across the world.

**5. Motion Without Notice:** Michelle Thomson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by the Cabinet Secretary.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on The Introduction of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.



**8. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Justice System Approach to Risk Management.

**9. The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-03420—That the Parliament believes that public service broadcasting has a valuable role in society and provides vital platforms for the creative economy and cultural richness of the nation; recognises that substantial progress has been made in the last decade in increasing the volume of screen production made in Scotland, and welcomes Screen Scotland’s actions to continue to attract productions; notes that broadcasters and producers like the BBC and STV have a vital role in the Scottish screen sector to help develop talent both on and off screen; condemns any efforts to undermine the BBC and Channel 4’s operational independence by the UK Government; calls for BBC Scotland to receive a far fairer share of licence fee revenues raised in Scotland, and further calls for the Scottish Parliament’s role in BBC Charter Renewal to be respected.

Donald Cameron moved amendment S6M-03420.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03420 in the name of Angus Robertson (The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland), leave out from “condemns any efforts” to “raised in Scotland” and insert “understands the need to review how public service broadcasting is funded so that it is able to continue delivering world-class content in a fair and sustainable way, and believes that all possible funding options should be considered as part of that review”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 87, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S6M-03420.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03420 in the name of Angus Robertson (The Value of Public Service Broadcasting to Scotland), leave out from “calls for BBC Scotland” to end and insert “further condemns those who seek to undermine trust in the impartiality of British public service broadcasting; supports parity of esteem for Gaelic broadcasting compared with Welsh language broadcasting; calls for funding allocations to prioritise fair funding for fair work, in terms of hours worked and salaries, to ensure that talent is supported in Scotland; encourages the Scottish Government to provide more comprehensive support for freelancers, who make up a significant part of the industry; calls on the UK Government to ensure that broadcasting services that spread propaganda and misinformation, against the principles of public service broadcasting that this nation should defend, are unwelcome in Scotland and the UK, and further calls for the Scottish Parliament’s role in BBC Charter Renewal to be respected.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 22, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 27, Abstentions 18).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

## No. 88, Tuesday 8 March 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Joanna Butterfield MBE, Parasport Athlete, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
- 3. International Women's Day 2022:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S6M-03485—That the Parliament unites to mark International Women's Day 2022; welcomes this year's theme of #BreakTheBias, which recognises that "whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead", and that intersecting characteristics such as disability and race can compound bias and discrimination; recognises that it is the responsibility of everyone to end the discrimination that women and girls face; acknowledges that, while much progress towards achieving equality has been made, it has not yet been achieved in Scotland or around the world; recognises the steps forward that the Scottish Parliament has taken to improve equal representation, and the record number of women elected, and acknowledges that there is more to do, especially for the representation of disabled, BAME and LGBT women and women from other minority groups; further recognises the tireless work of organisations and communities across Scotland to promote equality and support women, and agrees that equality is necessary for society and the economy to thrive, and that everyone should work together to break the bias on, and beyond, International Women's Day.

Tess White moved amendment S6M-03485.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03485 in the name of Nicola Sturgeon (International Women's Day 2022), insert at end "; recognises that this global day in 2022 takes place against a background of conflict and bloodshed in Ukraine and other countries blighted by violence, and that women and girls are disproportionately affected by war, and believes that more must be done to tackle the scourge of violence against women and girls in Scotland and around the world."

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

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved— That the Parliament unites to mark International Women's Day 2022; welcomes this year's theme of #BreakTheBias, which recognises that "whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead", and that intersecting characteristics such as disability and race can compound bias and discrimination; recognises that it is the responsibility of everyone to end the discrimination that women and girls face; acknowledges that, while much progress towards achieving equality has been made, it has not yet been achieved in Scotland or around the world; recognises the steps forward that the Scottish Parliament has taken to improve equal representation, and the record number of women elected, and acknowledges that there is more to do, especially for the representation of disabled, BAME and LGBT

women and women from other minority groups; further recognises the tireless work of organisations and communities across Scotland to promote equality and support women; agrees that equality is necessary for society and the economy to thrive, and that everyone should work together to break the bias on, and beyond, International Women's Day; recognises that this global day in 2022 takes place against a background of conflict and bloodshed in Ukraine and other countries blighted by violence, and that women and girls are disproportionately affected by war, and believes that more must be done to tackle the scourge of violence against women and girls in Scotland and around the world.

**4. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03518—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 9 March 2022—

after

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Debate: Anne's Law

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill

*followed by* Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motion: Nomination of a Pension Fund Trustee for the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

*followed by* Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 10 March 2022—

delete

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

after

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Rail Accident Investigation Branch Report into Carmont Passenger Train Derailment

after

*followed by* Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26

insert

*followed by* Withdrawal of Bill: UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03519—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, Rule 9B.3.5 of Standing Orders is suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.

**8. Scottish Apprenticeship Week 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-03226 in the name of Pam Gosal—That the Parliament acknowledges Scottish Apprenticeship Week, which runs from 7 to 11 March 2022; recognises what it sees as the potential of apprenticeships to transform the career prospects of people of all ages across Scotland; notes with concern the belief that apprenticeships are sometimes seen as a lesser career path when compared to university; considers that, as Scotland recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, apprenticeships will be essential in addressing new gaps in the labour market; expresses openness to new ways of apprenticeships being

used to address employer-led demand to aid the economic recovery, and notes the calls for an increased awareness of apprenticeship offerings across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

**No. 89, Wednesday 9 March 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Revision to Business Programme:** George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03554—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 9 March 2022—

after

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Debate: Anne's Law – Protecting the Right of Care Home Visiting

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to Report by Independent Advisor on Education Reform

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

insert

6.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 10 March 2022

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

insert

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

delete

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to Report by Independent Advisor on Education Reform

delete

5.15 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**3. Milly’s Law - Justice for Families:** Anas Sarwar moved S6M-03491—That the Parliament acknowledges that there have been many instances in Scotland where families who have been badly failed, as well as bereaved, due to the actions and neglect of public bodies have struggled to get the justice they and their loved ones deserve; believes that victims and their families should be at the heart of investigations into public tragedy, and calls for a statutory Charter for Families to be binding on public bodies and the establishment of an independent public advocate who can act on behalf of bereaved families and victims, offering them advice and representation, and who is empowered to launch independent investigative panels to facilitate transparency at an early stage.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved amendment S6M-03491.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03491 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Milly’s Law - Justice for Families), leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert “understands that public services, such as the NHS and Police Scotland, are staffed by people who work each day to care for and support the people of Scotland; recognises that, where the delivery of standards in public services fall short of what everyone would rightly expect, individuals and their families are too often left seeking answers, or justice; further recognises that this pain, not least where a life is lost, can be compounded where families are concerned that they are not being given these answers; believes that individuals and their loved ones who have been harmed should be central to any investigations or inquiries when, regrettably, things have gone wrong; notes that staff working in public bodies should feel safe to raise concerns when they arise, and that structures within the bodies should empower this; supports the creation of an independent Patient Safety Commissioner to champion the patient voice and promote users’ perspectives in improving patient safety, as set out in Baroness Cumberlege’s report, First Do No Harm; notes that the NHS is subject to an organisational duty of candour, and welcomes that consultation on putting a similar duty on Police Scotland will take place later in 2022.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Sandesh Gulhane moved amendment S6M-03491.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03491 in the name of Anas Sarwar (Milly’s Law - Justice for Families), insert at end “; further calls for transparency and openness when gross failures come to light, a proactive approach to governance that seeks to avoid tragedy in the first place, improved communication with victims and families, and a more pronounced ministerial effort to deal with institutional hostility towards whistle-blowers and those who warn of problems in their place of work where tragedy ensues.”



After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament understands that public services, such as the NHS and Police Scotland, are staffed by people who work each day to care for and support the people of Scotland; recognises that, where the delivery of standards in public services fall short of what everyone would rightly expect, individuals and their families are too often left seeking answers, or justice; further recognises that this pain, not least where a life is lost, can be compounded where families are concerned that they are not being given these answers; believes that individuals and their loved ones who have been harmed should be central to any investigations or inquiries when, regrettably, things have gone wrong; notes that staff working in public bodies should feel safe to raise concerns when they arise, and that structures within the bodies should empower this; supports the creation of an independent Patient Safety Commissioner to champion the patient voice and promote users' perspectives in improving patient safety, as set out in Baroness Cumberlege's report, *First Do No Harm*; notes that the NHS is subject to an organisational duty of candour, and welcomes that consultation on putting a similar duty on Police Scotland will take place later in 2022.

**4. Anne's Law - Protecting the Right of Care Home Visiting:** Jackie Baillie moved S6M-03492—That the Parliament understands that maintaining good social connections are crucial for the wellbeing and quality of life for residents in adult care homes; acknowledges that care homes have been unduly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and thousands of residents have been repeatedly separated from their loved ones due to restrictions; regrets that the Scottish Government has not yet brought forward legislation to strengthen the rights of residents and their families so that relatives are recognised as care givers and residents have the right to see and spend time with the people who are important to them, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently introduce legislation to implement Anne's Law so no one has to again experience what Anne Duke and her family, alongside many other families, had to go through.

The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) moved amendment S6M-03492.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03492 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Anne's Law - Protecting the Right of Care Home Visiting), leave out from "understands" to end and insert "recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic uniquely necessitated difficult restrictions in care homes to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus that has proven deadly to the most vulnerable in society; further recognises that these restrictions have other impacts on the wellbeing of residents and that maintaining familial and social connections for care home residents can be vital to their wellbeing; welcomes that later this month the Scottish Government is bringing forward new statutory standards under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 to help ensure visitors can be involved in the care and support of their loved ones as the first step of

introducing Anne's Law, and notes that this will be further underpinned by Anne's Law being part of the foundations of the new National Care Service, and that the legislation to deliver this is being introduced in the coming months."

Craig Hoy moved amendment S6M-03492.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03492 in the name of Jackie Baillie (Anne's Law - Protecting the Right of Care Home Visiting), after "Anne's Law" insert "and to explore extending its scope to include those receiving care in other health and care settings such as hospitals and residential care facilities,".

After debate, amendment S6M-03492.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 52, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-03492.1 was pre-empted

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic uniquely necessitated difficult restrictions in care homes to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus that has proven deadly to the most vulnerable in society; further recognises that these restrictions have other impacts on the wellbeing of residents and that maintaining familial and social connections for care home residents can be vital to their wellbeing; welcomes that later this month the Scottish Government is bringing forward new statutory standards under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 to help ensure visitors can be involved in the care and support of their loved ones as the first step of introducing Anne's Law, and notes that this will be further underpinned by Anne's Law being part of the foundations of the new National Care Service, and that the legislation to deliver this is being introduced in the coming months.

**5. Urgent Question:** An urgent question, to ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on SQA exam guidance, in light of reports of significant concern being raised across the sector, regarding the inconsistency and inadequacy of what has been provided, was answered by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville).

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Government Response to Report by Independent Advisor on Education Reform.

**7. Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-03493— That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 1 March 2022, relating to amendments for Unexplained Wealth Orders contained in the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, and provisions relating to the Register of Overseas Interests, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-03493.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03493 in the name of Keith Brown (Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill - UK Legislation), insert at end “, but, in so doing, believes that the provisions of part 1 of the Bill should apply to all land owned and registered in Scotland, regardless of when this was acquired.”

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

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 1 March 2022, relating to amendments for Unexplained Wealth Orders contained in the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, and provisions relating to the Register of Overseas Interests, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament, but, in so doing, believes that the provisions of part 1 of the Bill should apply to all land owned and registered in Scotland, regardless of when this was acquired.

**8. Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund:** Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-03545—That the Parliament appoints Gordon MacDonald MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund:** Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-03546—That the Parliament appoints Murdo Fraser MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund:** Jackson Carlaw, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S6M-03547—That the Parliament appoints Mark Ballard as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S6M-03488—That the Parliament nominates Ian Duddy to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as the Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03526—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 March 2022

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* Ministerial Statement: Developing a Catching Policy to Deliver Sustainable Fisheries Management in Scotland

*followed by* Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee Debate: Ending Conversion Practices

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: COVID-19 - Scotland's Strategic Framework Update

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 16 March 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: A Person-Centred, Trauma-Informed Public Health Approach to Substance Use in the Justice System

*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 17 March 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Subsidy Control Bill (UK Legislation)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Delivering on Active Travel Commitments

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 22 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 March 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 March 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*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 14 March 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**13. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03527—That the Parliament agrees that the Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03528—That the Parliament agrees that the Forensic Medical Services (Modification of Functions of Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Supplementary Provision) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**15. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03529—That the Parliament agrees that the Forensic Medical Services (Self-Referral Evidence Retention Period) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**16. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03530—That the Parliament agrees that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**17. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03531—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**18. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 as noted above.

**19. Recognition of Dr Elsie Inglis:** The Parliament debated S6M-03048 in the name of Jenni Minto—That the Parliament considers that Dr Elsie Inglis, who was born in 1864 and died in 1917, was a pioneering Scottish doctor and surgeon, who became the founder of women’s medical practices and hospitals located within the city of Edinburgh; recognises her work and achievements during the First World War, including becoming a suffragist and founder of the Scottish Women’s Hospitals for Foreign Service, sending qualified teams of female nurses to Belgium, France, Serbia and Russia; notes the fundraising campaign to honour her life and recognise her work in the city of Edinburgh by commemorating her with a statue, and commends everyone who is involved with the campaign and their fundraising efforts planned for March 2022, which include a Girlguiding sponsored “Sit Still” on the Meadows, and various afternoon teas being held at the City Chambers and the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh.

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm.

## No. 90, Thursday 10 March 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Longstanding Underpayment of Social Care Staff:** The Parliament debated S6M-02777 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament notes the belief that the longstanding underpayment of social care staff should end, and that action must be taken to address the inequalities across the health and social care sector in order to deliver greater dignity and respect within the profession; considers that the rate of pay for social care staff, including in the Mid Scotland and Fife region, does not come anywhere near to recognising the complexities and challenges of the work; further considers that the main underlying cause of recruitment and retention issues in the care sector is a result of poor pay and unequal terms and conditions; condemns what it considers the poor treatment faced by many care workers in the course of their employment, which, it believes, would not be acceptable in any other profession, and notes the calls for all workers being hired directly or indirectly to deliver key public services to be paid the proper rate for the work they undertake.
4. **Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.
5. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) made a statement and answered questions on Rail Accident Investigation Branch Report into Carmont Passenger Train Derailment.
7. **Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Debate: The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26.** The Parliament debated The Road to COP27 and Beyond: Tackling the Climate Emergency in the Aftermath of COP26.
8. **UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) moved S6M-03390—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Legal Continuity) (Scotland) Bill be withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.



**No. 91, Tuesday 15 March 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev'd John Murdoch, Minister, St John's Kirk of Perth and St Leonard's in the Fields, Perth, led Time for Reflection.
2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) made a statement and answered questions on Developing a Catching Policy to Deliver Sustainable Fisheries Management in Scotland.
5. **Ending Conversion Practices:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, moved S6M-03597—That the Parliament notes the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's 1st Report, 2022, (Session 6), *Report on Petition PE1817: End Conversion Therapy* (SP Paper 88).

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

6. **COVID-19 – Scotland's Strategic Framework Update:** The Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-03617—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Strategic Framework Update on 22 February 2022; offers its condolences to everyone in Scotland who has suffered loss and its gratitude to all those who have worked so hard and sacrificed so much during the pandemic; notes that Scotland is now able to look forward to the rest of 2022 with increased optimism, made possible by the remarkable progress on vaccination and in new treatments; supports the new strategic intent to manage COVID-19 effectively, primarily through adaptations and health measures that strengthen resilience and recovery, as the country rebuilds for a better future; acknowledges that the threat from COVID-19 has not gone away and that the approach is to manage COVID-19 going forwards on the basis of four broad response categories that reflect the assessed threat; notes that the Scottish Government will aim to convert remaining COVID-19 regulations into guidance to promote good public health behaviours, while retaining the ability to regulate in future should the public health situation require it; agrees that there is a need for collaborative management of COVID-19 to be shared by central and local government, wider public services, businesses, the third sector, communities and individuals, and notes that the pandemic has also exacerbated inequalities, poverty and disadvantage and that the Strategic Framework outlines a wide range of concrete actions that are designed to improve outcomes across society, consistent with the COVID-19 Recovery Strategy.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S6M-03617.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03617 in the name of John Swinney (COVID-19 – Scotland's Strategic Framework Update), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the publication of the Strategic Framework Update on 22 February 2022; offers its condolences to everyone in Scotland who has suffered

loss and its gratitude to all those who have worked so hard and sacrificed so much during the pandemic; notes that Scotland is now able to look forward to the rest of 2022 with increased optimism, made possible by the remarkable progress on vaccination and in new treatments; acknowledges that the threat from COVID-19 has not gone away but believes that the public in Scotland can be trusted to act responsibly and follow guidance promoting good public health behaviours and that, accordingly, ongoing regulations are not required; notes the overwhelming public opposition to the Scottish Government's proposals to permanently hold emergency powers to make health regulations; agrees that there is a need for collaborative management of COVID-19 to be shared by central and local government, wider public services, businesses, the third sector, communities and individuals; notes that the pandemic has also exacerbated inequalities, poverty and disadvantage, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward credible proposals to tackle the NHS backlog, and invest in a national tutoring programme and school catch-up premium to support children and young people who have suffered from two years of disrupted learning."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-03617.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03617 in the name of John Swinney (COVID-19 – Scotland's Strategic Framework Update), leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert "notes the publication of the Strategic Framework Update on 22 February 2022; offers its condolences to everyone in Scotland who has suffered loss and its gratitude to all those who have worked so hard and sacrificed so much during the pandemic; notes that Scotland is now able to look forward to the rest of 2022 with increased optimism, made possible by the remarkable progress on vaccination and in new treatments; supports the new strategic intent to manage COVID-19 effectively, primarily through adaptations and health measures that strengthen resilience and recovery, as the country rebuilds for a better future; acknowledges that the threat from COVID-19 has not gone away and considers that there is a need to maintain Test and Protect infrastructure, including free access to testing, to help monitor and contain future outbreaks; agrees that there is a need for collaborative management of COVID-19 to be shared by central and local government, wider public services, businesses, the third sector, communities and individuals; believes that future closures of businesses and services should only ever be a last resort, and that businesses should have clarity in advance about the financial support that they will receive in such a situation; further believes that all future restrictions should be subject to a vote in the Parliament; notes that the pandemic has also exacerbated inequalities, poverty and disadvantage, and agrees that addressing these areas must be the priority of delivering a successful recovery."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

**7. Revision to Business Programme:** George Adam on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03638—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 16 March 2022—

after

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

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Refugees from Ukraine

(b) Thursday 17 March 2022—

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Delivering on Active Travel Commitments

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill (UK Legislation)

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

**9. Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-02957 in the name of Gillian Martin—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2022, which runs throughout March; praises Marie Curie nursing and hospice staff who have been on the frontline throughout the COVID-19 pandemic for providing palliative and end of life care support to hundreds of dying people, their families, and carers, including in the Aberdeenshire East constituency; understands that Marie Curie cared for over 9,000 people in Scotland during 2020-21, which is reportedly the highest number of patients cared for in a single year since the charity was established 70 years ago; commends what it sees as the dedication, hard work and contribution of Marie Curie volunteers across Scotland; considers that the pandemic has highlighted how crucial access to palliative and end of life care is for terminally ill people to ensure a positive end of life experience that reflects what is important to the individual; understands that Marie Curie needs to raise £250,000 per week to support its frontline services; commends the vital care and support that Marie Curie provides across local authorities and hospices; praises the Marie Curie Information and Support services, which are available for everyone affected by terminal illness, including for bereavement support, and the volunteer Helper services, which have adapted during the pandemic to continue providing what it sees as vital emotional support, companionship, and information to terminally ill people, their carers, and families; believes that wearing the daffodil pin unites millions of people who consider that dying people should get the care and support that they need, and notes the calls encouraging as many people as possible to support the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal in March 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

## No. 92, Wednesday 16 March 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Refugees from Ukraine.

**3. A Person-centred, Trauma-informed Public Health Approach to Substance Use in the Justice System:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-03625—That the Parliament believes that every drug-related death is unacceptable and that drugs deaths are a public health emergency; commits to save and improve lives through the National Mission and supports the implementation of the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards; agrees with the Scottish Government’s long-term aim that imprisonment should be reserved for individuals who pose a risk of serious harm; determines that access to high-quality drug treatment, rehabilitation and recovery services at appropriate points in the justice system, including in prison and police care, is vital; recognises the stigma associated with services and service users and the need to tackle this; supports the transformation of community justice services such as bail supervision and community sentences; reinforces the commitment to continue to improve support for people leaving prison, including access to community services upon liberation, and throughcare; welcomes the decision by the Chief Constable to roll out the carriage of naloxone across Police Scotland and the support of officers to help preserve life and keep people safe; supports the exploration of options to deliver safer drug consumption facilities, within the existing legal framework, to help save lives, and agrees that the development of treatment targets will drive forward the expansion of protective treatment services alongside investment, and that further consultation is needed to gauge public attitudes and explore the limitations of a public health response restricted by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Russell Findlay moved amendment S6M-03625.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03625 in the name of Keith Brown (A Person-centred, Trauma-informed Public Health Approach to Substance Use in the Justice System), leave out from “drugs deaths” to end and insert “the high number of drug deaths in Scotland is a national shame; regrets that drug-related deaths are 3.5 times that of the UK as a whole; notes with concern that spending on drug and alcohol services is difficult to track and needs to be more transparent; agrees with Audit Scotland that more focus is needed on addressing the root causes of drug and alcohol dependency; supports Audit Scotland’s conclusion that more could be done to join up work and funding streams to demonstrate that they are collectively improving outcomes; agrees that the possession of class A drugs is a serious offence and should not be dealt with through warnings as it makes the police’s job tackling drug dealing more difficult; reinforces the commitment to continue to improve support for people leaving prison, including access to community services upon liberation, and throughcare; welcomes the decision by the Chief Constable to roll out the carriage of naloxone across Police Scotland and the support of officers to help preserve life and keep people safe; recognises that the Scottish Government’s effective decriminalisation of class B and C drugs

in 2016-17 has resulted in an increase in the number caught possessing such drugs; understands that admissions to psychiatric hospitals among cannabis users has soared since the effective decriminalisation of that drug; determines that access to high-quality drug treatment, rehabilitation and recovery services at appropriate points in the justice system, including in prison and police care, is vital; welcomes Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party proposals for a Right to Recovery Bill, which would provide a statutory right to addiction and recovery treatment services; supports the principle that individuals seeking addiction and/or substance misuse treatment should be able to quickly access their preferred treatment option, and regrets the Scottish Government's refusal to participate in Project ADDER, which is designed to tackle addiction and supply of illegal substances."

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

Claire Baker moved amendment S6M-03625.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03625 in the name of Keith Brown (A Person-centred, Trauma-informed Public Health Approach to Substance Use in the Justice System), leave out from “, and that further consultation” to end and insert “; further agrees that sufficient progress will not be made until the preventative policies are backed by sufficient investment and the Scottish Government addresses Scotland's socioeconomic inequalities; considers that efforts to support and provide treatment to prisoners who experience problematic drug use have been undermined by ongoing overcrowding and pressures facing healthcare staff in prisons; notes the positive impacts made by the specialist drug court in Glasgow, and calls on the Scottish Government to expand access to these courts across Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**4. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03639—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 23 March 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 24 March 2022

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

*followed by* Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: A Retail Strategy for Scotland

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Perinatal Mental Health

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 30 March 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 31 March 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* Stage 1 Debate: Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 21 March 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03640—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03641—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/46) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03642—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] 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-03643—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2022 [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-03644—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the British Sign Language Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. Tackling Dog Theft:** The Parliament debated S6M-02745 in the name of Maurice Golden—That the Parliament is concerned by reports that dog thefts have risen sharply during the COVID-19 pandemic, including across the North East Scotland region; understands that stealing a dog is not currently a specific offence in Scotland but is grouped along with other non-specific thefts, that there is no requirement to take into account the impact such thefts have on the wellbeing of either animal or owners, and that there is no requirement to collect specific information on dog theft offences, which it considers could aid prevention, and recognises the view regarding the merit of a specific offence of dog theft to address these issues.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

## No. 93, Thursday 17 March 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **Fair Trade Pledge:** The Parliament debated S6M-02864 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Fair Trade Forum works closely with parliamentarians from all parties to support actions to improve the livelihoods of farmers and workers who consumers, including those in the Motherwell and Wishaw constituency, rely on to produce many every-day foods and products; recognises what it understands to be the Fair Trade Pledge, to ensure better prices, safe working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers; understands that the pledge also includes the selling and buying of Fairtrade products, from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, and encouraging consumers to look for the Fairtrade Mark; welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government's commitment to further progress Scotland's potential to achieve inclusive growth through the delivery of increased sales and awareness of Fairtrade products, and notes the view that these actions, which were adopted in the International Development Strategy published in 2016 and are planned up to 2030, are key actions in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
5. **Subsidy Control Bill (UK Legislation):** The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved S6M-03647—That the Parliament notes the legislative consent memorandum lodged by the Scottish Government on 25 October 2021; agrees not to give consent to the Subsidy Control Bill, as recommended in the report by the Economy and Fair Work Committee of 9 February 2022, and calls on the UK Government to amend the Subsidy Control Bill to remove agriculture from its scope, to provide equivalent powers to ministers in devolved administrations to those proposed for UK ministers, and to make it a requirement for it to seek the consent of the Scottish Ministers if it plans legislation that would impinge on devolved areas, to properly respect devolved responsibilities.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

6. **Delivering on Active Travel Commitments:** The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights (Patrick Harvie) moved S6M-03650—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's record investment in active travel in 2022-23, which includes new funding for footpaths, significantly increased funding for local authorities and more than doubling the funding to the National Cycle Network; recognises the unprecedented ambition of the Co-operation Agreement commitment to invest at least £320 million, or 10% of the transport budget, for active travel by 2024-25 as a means of improving health and wellbeing, enhancing the quality of neighbourhoods, promoting social inclusion and tackling the climate emergency; further welcomes the commitment by Police Scotland to take forward the National Dashcam

Safety Portal Initiative; agrees that prioritising walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport and reducing private car trips will be essential to cutting transport emissions and achieving Scotland's climate targets; acknowledges the leadership shown to date by local and community partners, and hopes that all future local authority administrations will recommit to this leadership and achieve rapid delivery of active travel schemes on the ground.

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-03650.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03650 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Delivering on Active Travel Commitments), leave out from “the Scottish” to end and insert “increased spending on active travel as called for by the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and others; believes that cycling, walking and wheeling can contribute to people's health and wellbeing; further believes that every schoolchild should have the opportunity to benefit from cycle training; welcomes moves to encourage people to travel, particularly short distances, without the use of a motor vehicle, but accepts that for many people the car is essential; believes that increasing rates of active travel can help to fight climate change, but calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that local authorities have the necessary resources to improve their active travel infrastructure, and further believes that failing to do so will run the risk that there will be a postcode lottery of exemplar projects in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-03650.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03650 in the name of Patrick Harvie (Delivering on Active Travel Commitments), insert at end “; notes the cross-party support for 10% of the transport budget being allocated to active travel; recognises that wider cuts to local authority budgets hamper active travel, including safety concerns from a lack of adequate lighting; notes the important link between public transport and active travel and recognises that cutting train services will not encourage a reduction in car use; considers that improvements to roads and pavements are necessary to improve levels of active and sustainable travel, and further considers that, if the Scottish Government is serious about promoting active travel, it should fulfil its commitment to provide access to bikes for every child who cannot afford one by the end of 2022.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

**7. Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill - UK Legislation:** Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) moved S6M-03612—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 18 June 2021, relating to culture and protection of cultural objects, so far as these matters fall within the legislative

competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03677—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration at stage 1 of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the third sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Parliamentary Bureau Motions:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03678—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/53) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

**No. 94, Tuesday 22 March 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Mr Antoni Pia, Youth Development Worker, Tulloch, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03732—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 22 March 2022—

after

*followed by* Topical Questions

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Complex Care - Out-of-area Placements and Delayed Discharge

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Approval of SSIs

(b) that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be considered by the Parliament

(c) the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 23 March 2022—

after

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

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Ferguson Marine Update

delete

5.10 pm Decision Time

insert

5.40 pm Decision Time

(d) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 24 March 2022—  
after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: A Retail Strategy for Scotland

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26

after

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26

insert

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Building Safety Bill (UK Legislation)

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**4. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Mental Wellbeing and Social Care (Kevin Stewart) made a statement and answered questions on Complex Care – Out-of-area Placements and Delayed Discharge.

**5. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-03704—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Social Security and Local Government (Ben Macpherson) moved S6M-03722—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Clare Haughey) moved S6M-03688—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] 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-03736—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alteration of Expiry Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/40) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03737—That the Parliament agrees that the Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

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

**10. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03738—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

**11. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03741—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/74) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

**13. Scottish Tourism Month 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-02970 in the name of Evelyn Tweed—That the Parliament recognises that March is Scottish Tourism Month; understands that the aim of this is to engage, connect and inspire all of Scotland’s tourism businesses and organisations, as well as celebrate what it sees as the enormous contribution that tourism makes to Scotland; considers that the sector has been severely impacted over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic; understands what it sees as the importance of tourism to a sustainable recovery, with the sector reportedly worth £11.5 billion pre-pandemic and accounting for 8.5% of jobs in Scotland; welcomes the opportunities that the industry provides to people, places, businesses and communities by, it considers, acting as a stimulus for entrepreneurialism and investment, the benefits of which it believes spread far beyond tourism; further believes tourism to be a force for good across the country, enriching the economy, communities and environment; commends what it sees as Scottish tourism’s significant contribution toward Scotland’s profile on the world stage; considers that tourism can also play an important part in promoting wellness, particularly as people emerge from long periods of isolation brought about by the pandemic, and notes the view that it will take investment, support and time for the industry to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.



## No. 95, Wednesday 23 March 2022

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 Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson Marine Update.
- 3. Scotland's Ferries:** Graham Simpson moved S6M-03712—That the Parliament believes that islanders, island economies and all those reliant on vital ferry links are being severely let down by the failure to deliver a resilient ferry fleet; calls on the Scottish Government to increase funding to build new ferries in the next five years and to commit to spending £1.4 billion in the next 10 years in order to bring down the average age of ferries and to upgrade ports; is deeply alarmed and disappointed with the late arrival of new operational vessels for the Clyde and Hebridean routes; understands that the construction of vessels 801 and 802, which were due to be delivered in May and July 2018 respectively, are severely delayed; notes with disappointment that the Scottish Government has yet to confirm a revised timetable for the completion of vessels 801 and 802, following the identification of issues with the cabling; believes that the Scottish Government has made insufficient progress on acting on the recommendations set out in the report by the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, in Session 5, on ferry construction and procurement; calls upon the Scottish Government to publish an unredacted copy of the Project Neptune report compiled by Ernst and Young, and further calls for a full public inquiry into the Scottish Government's failure to renew the ageing ferry network based on a workable ferries plan.

The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-03712.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03712 in the name of Graham Simpson (Scotland's Ferries), leave out from "believes that islanders" to end and insert "agrees that ferry services provide an essential lifeline to island and remote rural communities and their economies; recognises that, through adverse weather events and COVID-19 causing many cancellations on the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services routes, this has been a challenging winter for island residents, businesses and communities; commends the vessel masters for the key role that they are trained to play in ensuring people's and vessels' safety with the decisions that they make about how and when ferries can sail; acknowledges that technical issues causing some vessels to be further laid up have added to people's frustrations and inconvenience; notes that, since 2007, over £2 billion has been invested in service contracts, new vessels and infrastructure and that, in the current five-year period, a further £580 million has been committed, enabling harbour investments, two new vessels for Islay to be built and the purchase of the MV Loch Frisa; further notes the Scottish Government commitment to publish the Islands Connectivity Plan by the end of 2022; welcomes that the Scottish Government saved Ferguson Marine, the last commercial shipyard on the Clyde, from closure, rescuing more than 300 jobs and ensuring that two new ferry vessels will be delivered, while noting the planned revised timetable and costs for completion of these two vessels; condemns the recent actions by P&O Ferries in

the strongest possible terms, and makes clear the Scottish Government's support for P&O Ferries employees, and agrees that "fire and rehire" practices should be outlawed and have no place in a fairer, greener Scotland."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-03712.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03712 in the name of Graham Simpson (Scotland's Ferries), insert at end " ; considers that a Scottish Government apology should be issued to island communities and the Ferguson Marine workforce, who have been affected by failures in the procurement and delivery of vessels 801 and 802; calls on the First Minister to lead government efforts to secure the completion of vessels 801 and 802 by taking ministerial responsibility for government investments in Ferguson Marine; believes that a national ferry building and procurement programme, developed in consultation with trade unions, should create new opportunities for Ferguson Marine to secure ferry contracts, and calls on the Scottish Government to protect jobs and promote sustainable growth and fair work in Scotland's marine economy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 79, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament agrees that ferry services provide an essential lifeline to island and remote rural communities and their economies; recognises that, through adverse weather events and COVID-19 causing many cancellations on the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services routes, this has been a challenging winter for island residents, businesses and communities; commends the vessel masters for the key role that they are trained to play in ensuring people's and vessels' safety with the decisions that they make about how and when ferries can sail; acknowledges that technical issues causing some vessels to be further laid up have added to people's frustrations and inconvenience; notes that, since 2007, over £2 billion has been invested in service contracts, new vessels and infrastructure and that, in the current five-year period, a further £580 million has been committed, enabling harbour investments, two new vessels for Islay to be built and the purchase of the MV Loch Frisa; further notes the Scottish Government commitment to publish the Islands Connectivity Plan by the end of 2022; welcomes that the Scottish Government saved Ferguson Marine, the last commercial shipyard on the Clyde, from closure, rescuing more than 300 jobs and ensuring that two new ferry vessels will be delivered, while noting the planned revised timetable and costs for completion of these two vessels; condemns the recent actions by P&O Ferries in the strongest possible terms, and makes clear the Scottish Government's support for P&O Ferries employees, and agrees that "fire and rehire" practices should be outlawed and have no place in a fairer, greener Scotland.

**4. Revision to Business:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03768—That the

Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 24 March 2022—

after

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: A Retail Strategy for Scotland

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: NHS Scotland Pandemic Pressures

after

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Building Safety Bill - UK Legislation

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03746—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 March 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Perinatal Mental Health

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 30 March 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Moray Maternity Services

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Keeping the Promise Implementation Plan

*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 31 March 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* Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Vision for Trade - Annual Report

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 April 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Debate: National Planning Framework 4

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 20 April 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrats 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 21 April 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: Education and Skills

*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 28 March 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03750—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 0, Abstentions 4).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03747—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] 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-03748—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03749—That the Parliament agrees that the Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Roll) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

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. Industrial Relations in the College Sector:** The Parliament debated S6M-03609 in the name of Ross Greer—That the Parliament is concerned by the record of industrial relations in the college sector over the last decade; understands that nationwide industrial action by lecturers has taken place in six of the last eight years, largely due to the perceived failure to implement previous agreements on pay, conditions and status; further understands that one such example of industrial action was the “fire and rehire” incident at Forth Valley College in 2021, which, it believes, became the catalyst for a national strike and resulted in the affected lecturers being reinstated to their previous positions; notes with regret reports that the nationally agreed disputes resolution process is not yet in place at all colleges; believes that staff feel their extensive efforts to support students throughout the COVID19 pandemic have not been recognised and that this, in combination with frustration over pay awards to

senior management, has left many feeling demotivated; recognises what it sees as the pivotal role played by college teaching and support staff throughout the pandemic, and believes that colleges, including those in the West of Scotland, have a critical role to play in Scotland's economic recovery from COVID-19, efforts to tackle the climate emergency, and the eradication of child poverty.

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm.

## No. 96, Thursday 24 March 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
3. **World Tuberculosis Day 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-02874 in the name of Miles Briggs—That the Parliament notes that 24 March 2022 marks World Tuberculosis Day; understands that tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, killing 1.5 million people each year; believes that the COVID-19 pandemic has reversed decades of positive progress in tackling TB; understands that there has been uneven progress in the delivery of the commitments made at the UN High-Level Meeting on TB, including efforts to diagnose and treat 40 million people with TB by 2022 and to dramatically increase investments in research; considers that TB is a disease of poverty, with the most vulnerable and marginalised at greatest risk of both TB and drug-resistant TB, including in Scotland; believes that strong international health systems are vital for securing the UK's domestic health security; recognises what it sees as the importance of the upcoming seventh replenishment of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in tackling global TB, and notes what it sees as the vital work carried out by clinical staff, scientists and civil society organisations across Scotland and globally to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goal of ending TB by 2030.
4. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.
5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) made a statement and answered questions on A Retail Strategy for Scotland.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Scotland Pandemic Pressures.
7. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement on Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26.
8. **Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26:** The Parliament debated Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26.
9. **Building Safety Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-03702—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Building Safety Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 5 July 2021, relating to the New Homes Ombudsman Scheme, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament and alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.



The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved S6M-02793—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Good Food Nation (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).

**11. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

**No. 97, Tuesday 29 March 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Sheila Moir, Minister, Dryburgh District Churches, Scottish Borders, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Health, Social Care and Sport Committee Debate: Perinatal Mental Health:** The Parliament debated Perinatal Mental Health.
- 4. Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam) moved S6M-03818—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

- 5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03818— That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 31 March 2022—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

followed by Ministerial Statement: Interim Principles for Responsible Investment in Natural Capital

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-03853.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03853 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after “business for” insert “—

(a) Wednesday 30 March 2022—

after

2:00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Scottish Government Handling of Ferries Contracts;

(b)".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-03853.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03853 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), after "business for" insert "—

(a) Wednesday 30 March 2022—

after

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by First Minister's Statement: Ferry Procurement

(b)".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

**7. Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-03278 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament celebrates Commonwealth Day 2022 on 14 March 2022, which has the theme, Delivering a Common Future, and aims to highlight how the member countries in the Commonwealth family are "innovating, connecting and transforming" to help achieve goals such as tackling climate change, promoting good governance and boosting trade; recognises the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association over the last 12 months, mainly through virtual meetings, in discussing a range of issues, including the response to COVID-19, encouraging greater diversity in parliaments and the climate emergency; considers that these will be key themes across 2022, as will the work of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians and the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities networks, and believes that the Scottish Parliament, in its relations with Commonwealth legislatures this session, will continue to share ideas, thoughts, experiences and best practice on how to make parliaments work effectively in holding governments to account on behalf of the people that they serve.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

## No. 98, Wednesday 30 March 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. First Minister's Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on COVID-19 Update.
- 2. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care, and then Social Justice, Housing and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 3. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on Moray Maternity Services.
- 4. Motion without Notice:** The Presiding Officer accepted a motion without notice from Douglas Ross, under Rule 8.1.2, that the time allocated to the statement be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to. Members were subsequently advised that Decision Time would be moved by the same amount of time.
- 5. Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Clare Haughey) moved S6M-03837 in the name of the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney)—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan, published on 30 March 2022, recognising the additional challenges that have emerged since the Independent Care Review reported its conclusions in February 2020 and therefore the even greater importance in setting out actions that the Scottish Government must take to Keep The Promise to care-experienced children and young people and their families; believes that, to Keep The Promise, delivery must be undertaken in partnership with local government, The Promise Scotland, the third sector, NHS boards, and the care community across Scotland to enable progress towards keeping more families together through person-centred wraparound support at the right time and providing the right support to reduce the number of children in the care system where it is safe to do so; agrees that Scotland must shift the focus of its actions from reaction to prevention; recognises that where the care system is the right place to be, the experience of children and young people who do enter the care system must be based on love, relationships, compassion and consistency, and commits to work together across Scotland and on a cross-party basis to Keep The Promise to and with the care community, so that all children grow up loved, safe and respected so that they can realise their full potential.

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-03837.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03837 in the name of John Swinney (Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan), insert at end “; recognises concerns that not enough progress is being made, with stakeholders and campaigners claiming that little has changed in the first two years since its introduction; notes that organisations have witnessed a huge rise in the number of young people seeking support during the COVID-19 pandemic, and calls on the Scottish Government to listen to the concerns of local authorities, NHS boards, third party organisations and charities to ensure that The Promise is delivered in full.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Martin Whitfield moved amendment S6M-03837.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-03837 in the name of John Swinney (Keeping The Promise Implementation Plan), insert “, and believes that a successful delivery requires realisable and meaningful targets based on measurable outcomes for young people, interim annual targets, beginning in 2022, with an annual reporting regime to the Parliament, and a commensurate funding plan.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**6. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03858—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 April 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Transforming Scotland’s Tech Sector

*followed by* Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee Debate: National Planning Framework 4

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 April 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Displaced People from Ukraine - Update

*followed by* Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.40 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 21 April 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Long COVID

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 26 April 2022

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 Business

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 April 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 28 April 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 18 April 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03859—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03860—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 30 September 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Stage 1 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03861—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 April 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

**11. Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month:** The Parliament debated S6M-03472 in the name of Marie McNair—That the Parliament acknowledges that March is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; understands that ovarian cancer is the sixth most common cancer faced by women in the UK, with over 600 new diagnoses in Scotland each year; notes that the symptoms of ovarian cancer are persistent and frequent, and that they usually happen more than 12 times a month; understands that key symptoms include persistent bloating, feeling full quickly or loss of appetite, pelvic or abdominal pain and urinary symptoms; further understands that there is currently no screening test available for ovarian cancer; highlights what it sees as the need for better public awareness; believes that a woman's route to diagnosis is key to survival, and commends the organisations, campaigners and charities for their tireless efforts to raise awareness of ovarian cancer.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.



**No. 99, Thursday 31 March 2022**

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Impacts of Benefit Sanctions:** The Parliament debated S6M-03259 in the name of Kaukab Stewart—That the Parliament notes with concern a recent paper by researchers from the University of Glasgow examining the impact of social security sanctions internationally on the labour market, and wider social impacts; understands that it found that any temporary positive impacts on employment carry with them negative impacts for job quality and stability in the longer term, along with increased transitions to non-employment or economic inactivity; further understands that the studies reported significant associations between sanctions and increased material hardship and health problems, and found some evidence that sanctions were associated with increased child maltreatment and poorer child wellbeing, and considers that this is further evidence of what it sees as the ineffective and punitive nature of the sanctions regime in the UK, which it considers negatively impacts people across Scotland, including in the Glasgow Kelvin constituency.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Kaukab Stewart moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Màiri McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Interim Principles for Responsible Investment in Natural Capital.

**7. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Vision for Trade – Annual Report.

**8. Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S6M-03864—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03904—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 0, Abstentions 4).

**10. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03862—That the Parliament agrees that—

Graeme Dey be appointed to replace James Dornan as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Fergus Ewing as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee;

Marie McNair be appointed to replace Graeme Dey as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Paul McLennan be appointed to replace Marie McNair as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee;

Fergus Ewing be appointed to replace Ruth Maguire as a member of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**11. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03903—That the Parliament agrees that Annie Wells be appointed to replace Meghan Gallacher as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**12. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-03863—That the Parliament agrees that—

Graeme Dey be appointed to replace Fergus Ewing as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee;

Ruth Maguire be appointed to replace Emma Roddick as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee;

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace James Dornan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the COVID-19 Recovery Committee;

Fergus Ewing be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**13. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved— That the Parliament agrees that, with effect from 1 April 2022, for the purposes of committee meetings up to 1 July 2022—

- (a) in Rule 6.3A.1 after “member” the words “or members” be inserted;
- (b) Rule 6.3A.2 be suspended;
- (c) in Rule 6.3A.4 the first sentence be suspended;
- (d) after Rule 6.3A.5(d) be inserted “(e) a political party withdraws in writing to the Bureau that nomination of the member or members nominated for the purposes of committee meetings up to 1 July 2022.”; and
- (e) in Rule 12.1.15 the words “(other than a committee substitute)” be omitted in both instances where they occur.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**14. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.

**No.100, Tuesday 19 April 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** The Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a minister.

**3. Ministerial Statement:** Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) made a statement and answered questions on Transforming Scotland's Tech Sector.

**4. Reports and Correspondence on the Draft Fourth National Planning Framework:** Ariane Burgess, on behalf of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, moved S6M-03985—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee's 4th Report, 2022 (Session 6), National Planning Framework 4 (SP Paper 149), on the Scottish Government document, Scotland 2045: Our Fourth National Planning Framework, the letters from the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee and Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee included within that report and the Official Report of the Parliament's debate on the report and letters, should form the Parliament's response to the Scottish Government on the proposed framework.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04061—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 21 April 2022—

delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Long COVID

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Progressing Scotland's Leadership on Blue Carbon

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Approach to Managing the Global Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Care Bill - UK Legislation

Stephen Kerr moved amendment S6M-03853.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04061 in the name of George Adam (Revision to Business Programme), leave out "The Scottish Approach to Managing the Global Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance" and insert "Long COVID".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 52, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (by division: For 69, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

**7. Welcoming the Down Syndrome Bill:** The Parliament debated S6M-02795 in the name of Jeremy Balfour—That the Parliament welcomes the Down Syndrome Bill, introduced in the UK Parliament by Dr Liam Fox in June 2021; understands that it received cross-party support in the UK Parliament at its second reading in November 2021; welcomes what it considers the supportive comments made during the second reading from Douglas Chapman, the Scottish National Party MP for Dunfermline and West Fife; understands that, as introduced, the Bill extends to England and Wales, but that it could be extended further to apply to Scotland, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to facilitate this opportunity to, it considers, improve the services offered to people with Down syndrome and to place a duty on local authorities and public bodies to assess the likely support needs, including education, health and social care, employment and independent living needs, of people with Down syndrome, and plan provision accordingly.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

## No. 101, Wednesday 20 April 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) made a statement and answered questions on Displaced People from Ukraine - Update.

**3. Economy: Cost of Living Crisis:** Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S6M-04050—That the Parliament considers that both the Scottish and UK governments must immediately do much more to tackle the worst cost of living crisis for generations, and that without additional help this will have a devastating impact on household incomes and poverty; believes that every household could benefit from a cost of living rescue package; urges the UK Government to act through a cut to VAT to 17.5%, worth £600 to the average household, the reversal of the National Insurance rise, the doubling and expansion of the Winter Fuel Payment and Warm Home Discount, and a “Robin Hood” tax on the energy companies that are making super profits from the current crisis; urges the Scottish Government to use its wholly devolved powers to reverse the recent 3.8% rail fare hike and, instead, to expand the system of railcards so that everyone is eligible to get the benefit of rail discounts of at least one third off, based on the model that already exists throughout London and the south east of England; further urges the Scottish Government to increase the value of disability benefits, announce protection for households experiencing council tax rises due to the Scottish Government’s cuts to council budgets, and activate an emergency nationwide home insulation programme with reports provided monthly to Parliament on the impact of its interventions to increase household energy efficiency, and considers that together these steps would help insulate households from the cost of living crisis, where recent government decisions have added to their exposure.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved amendment S6M-04050.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04050 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Economy: Cost of Living Crisis), leave out from “considers that both” to end and insert “recognises the increasing pressures facing households during the current cost of living crisis; welcomes the significant actions taken by the Scottish Government to mitigate those pressures within the scope of devolved powers and budgets, and that these include doubling the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per week, with a further increase later in 2022, uprating eight Scottish benefits by 6%, mitigating where possible the impact of the UK Government’s so-called bedroom tax and benefit cap, substantially increasing free childcare, introducing free bus travel for under-22s, committing to a Fair Fares review, including the pricing of public transport and the availability of concessions and discounts, a £1.8 billion programme of heating and home energy efficiency in the current parliamentary session, an extension of eligibility for Warmer Homes Scotland, the expansion of Home Energy Scotland advice services, and increased grants for area-based schemes; recognises that, after these actions, considerable challenges to cost-of-living pressures remain, resulting from a combination of the impacts of the

COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit and the UK Government's failures to tackle spiralling energy costs, its removal of the £20 Universal Credit top-up, its failure to uprate benefits and pensions in line with current inflation, and its introduction of increased taxes on working people; calls on the UK Government to use its powers to reverse the National Insurance increase, increase benefits, increase all bands of the minimum wage to at least the real living wage, and tackle energy prices and increase UK-wide energy efficiency schemes, and further calls on the UK Government to put in place a windfall tax on excess profits made by large companies, including fossil fuel producers, to provide immediate financial help for families impacted by the cost of living crisis, or to transfer the powers to do so to the Scottish Parliament so that it can fully address the cost of living crisis and meet the needs of the people of Scotland."

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-04050.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04050 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Economy: Cost of Living Crisis), leave out from "considers that both" to end and insert "recognises the significant economic challenges being faced by households and businesses as a result of the intense pressures from rising global inflation and increased costs of production; believes that the UK and Scottish governments need to work together to address these challenges, most especially for vulnerable groups and those on lower incomes, and welcomes the emphasis being placed by the UK Government on Levelling Up, Shared Prosperity and Community Renewal funds to assist those areas with weak economic growth, weak investment and lower employment levels."

After debate, amendment S6M-04050.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S6M-04050.1 was pre-empted.

Pam Duncan-Glancy moved amendment S6M-04050.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04050 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Economy: Cost of Living Crisis), insert at end "; further calls for the Scottish Government to support households struggling to pay their bills with a targeted fuel costs payment and a top up to the Welfare Fund; believes that the cash surplus stored up by Scottish Water should be utilised to give every household a £100 rebate on their water charges, and calls on the Scottish Government to cut ScotRail fares for three months to help address the cost of living crisis."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the increasing pressures facing households during the current cost of living crisis; welcomes the significant actions taken by the Scottish Government to mitigate those pressures within the scope of devolved powers and budgets, and that these include doubling the Scottish Child Payment to £20 per week, with a further increase later in 2022, uprating eight Scottish benefits by 6%, mitigating

where possible the impact of the UK Government’s so-called bedroom tax and benefit cap, substantially increasing free childcare, introducing free bus travel for under-22s, committing to a Fair Fares review, including the pricing of public transport and the availability of concessions and discounts, a £1.8 billion programme of heating and home energy efficiency in the current parliamentary session, an extension of eligibility for Warmer Homes Scotland, the expansion of Home Energy Scotland advice services, and increased grants for area-based schemes; recognises that, after these actions, considerable challenges to cost-of-living pressures remain, resulting from a combination of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit and the UK Government’s failures to tackle spiralling energy costs, its removal of the £20 Universal Credit top-up, its failure to uprate benefits and pensions in line with current inflation, and its introduction of increased taxes on working people; calls on the UK Government to use its powers to reverse the National Insurance increase, increase benefits, increase all bands of the minimum wage to at least the real living wage, and tackle energy prices and increase UK-wide energy efficiency schemes, and further calls on the UK Government to put in place a windfall tax on excess profits made by large companies, including fossil fuel producers, to provide immediate financial help for families impacted by the cost of living crisis, or to transfer the powers to do so to the Scottish Parliament so that it can fully address the cost of living crisis and meet the needs of the people of Scotland.

**4. Economy: Ferries:** Alex Cole-Hamilton moved S6M-04051—That the Parliament condemns the severe delays to the production of vessels 801 and 802 contracted by Scottish Government-owned Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL), paid for by the Scottish Government, built originally by a company celebrated by the Scottish Government and, since 2019, by the nationalised Scottish Government-owned company; believes that these delays have left islanders and communities without reliable services that are critical to island life; notes that the Scottish Government’s Open Government Action Plan 2021-25 states that “an open government gives the public information about the decisions it makes, supports people to understand and influence those decisions, and values and encourages accountability (responsibility for those decisions)”; considers that the Scottish Government has breached each of its own tests of open government, to the cost of taxpayers and the islanders waiting year after year for the ferries that they need; notes the impact on their local economies and the impact of the cost overrun on the spending available for other public service priorities; expresses regret that no Scottish minister has either resigned nor considered resigning despite all of these events, and believes that if vessels 801 and 802 are not completed within the revised timescale and cost, as provided to Parliament on 23 March 2022, the latest in a string of revisions, then the ministers responsible deserve to finally be held to account in the form of resignations, and calls on the Scottish Government to give this assurance.

The Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise (Ivan McKee) moved amendment S6M-04051.3—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04051 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Economy: Ferries), leave out from “condemns” to end and insert “supports the Scottish Government’s decision to deliver vessels 801 and 802 to serve island communities; recognises that saving Ferguson Marine from closure preserved over 300 skilled jobs and maintained commercial shipbuilding on the Clyde; notes with regret the delays to the completion of 801 and 802, but acknowledges recent progress with the updated schedule; further notes the continued significant



investment that the Scottish Government is making to ferry services to support lifeline services and remote communities, including the completion of the procurement of two new vessels to serve Islay; notes that the Scottish Government has made available to the Parliament and published significant information, in line with the commitment to open government, to allow the public to understand and contribute to the debate, with the proactive release of 210 documents, and recognises that much of the recent debate relates to information that has been in the public domain for two years.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

Graham Simpson moved amendment S6M-04051.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04051 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Economy: Ferries), insert at end “; further calls on the Scottish Government to set out why it ignored the advice of CMAL to award the contract for vessels 801 and 802 to Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited and to say which ministers were involved in that decision, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish Ernst and Young’s Project Neptune report immediately.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-04051.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04051 in the name of Alex Cole-Hamilton (Economy: Ferries), insert at end “; further calls on the First Minister to lead government efforts to secure the completion of vessels 801 and 802 by taking ministerial responsibility for government investments in Ferguson Marine; notes that the associated costs to the taxpayer include almost £2 million paid to a turnaround director of the yard; considers that, given the ongoing delays to the vessels, this cannot be considered value for money; notes that there remain unanswered questions with regards to the awarding of the contract for vessels 801 and 802, and calls on the Scottish Government to confirm whether a ministerial direction was issued and to publish a copy of any such direction.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government’s decision to deliver vessels 801 and 802 to serve island communities; recognises that saving Ferguson Marine from closure preserved over 300 skilled jobs and maintained commercial shipbuilding on the Clyde; notes with regret the delays to the completion of 801 and 802, but acknowledges recent progress with the updated schedule; further notes the continued significant investment that the Scottish Government is making to ferry services to support lifeline services and remote communities, including the completion of the procurement of two

new vessels to serve Islay; notes that the Scottish Government has made available to the Parliament and published significant information, in line with the commitment to open government, to allow the public to understand and contribute to the debate, with the proactive release of 210 documents, and recognises that much of the recent debate relates to information that has been in the public domain for two years.

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04077—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 April 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Reducing the Cost of the School Day for Low Income Families

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: British Sign Language Bill - UK Legislation

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 27 April 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Implications for Scotland

*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 28 April 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 May 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 4 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm General Questions

2.20 pm First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by Ministerial Statement*

*followed by Business Motions*

*followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions*

*followed by Approval of SSIs (if required)*

4.50 pm Decision Time

*followed by Members' Business*

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 25 April 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04078—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04079—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04080—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04081—That the Parliament agrees that the Prohibition of Smoking Outside Hospital Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. Sexism in Football:** The Parliament debated S6M-03367 in the name of Joe FitzPatrick—That the Parliament condemns the findings of a recent investigation, undertaken by the *Courier and Press & Journal*, which, it believes, shows the scale of sexist abuse facing those involved in women’s football in Scotland; notes with concern that the investigation found that 60% of female respondents had experienced sexism in football, and that sexism was the most commonly encountered form of abuse experienced by female players; highlights that, according to the investigation, just 8% of respondents believe that the football industry does enough to reduce discriminatory behaviour towards women; notes that 86% of respondents think that increasing media coverage of women’s football could attract more people to the sport; welcomes increased participation in women’s football in Scotland, including in Dundee; understands that the number of registered female players in Scotland increased by 21% during 2019; notes the physical and mental health benefits of participation in sport; commends the work of HerGameToo which, it understands, strives to support, empower and progress women’s football; strongly believes that discrimination of any kind has no place in sport; applauds journalists Sophie Goodwin and Stephen Stewart for conducting this important work, and notes the calls for action to be taken now to stamp out what it sees as the culture of misogyny in football.

The meeting closed at 6.52 pm.

## No. 102, Thursday 21 April 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Keeping CalMac Public and Publicly-owned Ferry Services:** The Parliament debated S6M-02902 in the name of Katy Clark—That the Parliament notes the view that lifeline ferry services should be in the public sector; is alarmed by the Scottish Government's reported contract with Ernst & Young to review governance of Scotland's public ferry contracts, including Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services (CHFS); understands that the current operator, CalMac Ferries, the entire fleet and the majority of harbours on the CHFS network are publicly owned, employing 1,600 people; considers that unbundling of CHFS routes would mean privatisation; is concerned at reports that the Scottish Government has reneged on the commitment it gave the RMT in 2017 to build the case for permanent in-house operation of the CHFS contract; agrees with the reported view of the RMT that the CHFS network lacks resilience and capacity due to vessel procurement failures and not due to the public ownership model; understands that the contract with the public sector operator, CalMac Ferries, ends in October 2024; further understands that CalMac staff have helped carry over 47 million passengers and 12 million cars in the last decade and that the Road Equivalent Tariff fares subsidy drove a 20% increase in passengers, pre-COVID-19 pandemic, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to categorically rule out extending private ferry operations or privatisation of any routes in the CHFS contract and to commit to keeping CalMac Ferries public and expanding ferry capacity and resilience in the public sector.

**4. Motion Without Notice:** Katy Clark moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment and Land Reform (Mairi McAllan) made a statement and answered questions on Progressing Scotland's Leadership on Blue Carbon.

**7. The Scottish Approach to Managing the Global Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-04070—That the Parliament recognises the extraordinary positive impact of antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs in the health and social care system; recognises the terrible costs, in terms of morbidity and mortality and wider societal and economic impact, of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and notes the ongoing risk posed to Scotland and the world if AMR continues unchecked; acknowledges the effective One Health approach to tackling AMR taken by Scotland; welcomes the ongoing commitment of the Scottish Government to contain and control AMR, including through

participation in the UK's 20-year vision for antimicrobial resistance and five-year National Action Plan; recognises the hard work and commitment of those working to contain and control AMR within the NHS and across all One Health sectors in Scotland, and acknowledges that everyone in Scotland has a role to play in antimicrobial stewardship, preserving the effectiveness of antimicrobial drugs in the years to come.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S6M-04070.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04070 in the name of Humza Yousaf (The Scottish Approach to Managing the Global Risk of Antimicrobial Resistance), insert at end “, and believes that the Scottish Funding Council should be tasked with a review of domestic and global funding streams available to Scottish universities and research groups to contribute to the global research efforts in AMR and avenues to UK and international research partnerships.”

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

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the extraordinary positive impact of antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs in the health and social care system; recognises the terrible costs, in terms of morbidity and mortality and wider societal and economic impact, of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), and notes the ongoing risk posed to Scotland and the world if AMR continues unchecked; acknowledges the effective One Health approach to tackling AMR taken by Scotland; welcomes the ongoing commitment of the Scottish Government to contain and control AMR, including through participation in the UK's 20-year vision for antimicrobial resistance and five-year National Action Plan; recognises the hard work and commitment of those working to contain and control AMR within the NHS and across all One Health sectors in Scotland; acknowledges that everyone in Scotland has a role to play in antimicrobial stewardship, preserving the effectiveness of antimicrobial drugs in the years to come, and believes that the Scottish Funding Council should be tasked with a review of domestic and global funding streams available to Scottish universities and research groups to contribute to the global research efforts in AMR and avenues to UK and international research partnerships.

**8. Health and Care Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care (Humza Yousaf) moved S6M-04074—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provision of the Health and Care Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 6 July 2021, relating to commercial dealings in organs for transplantation: extra-territorial offences, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.55 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.57 pm.



**No. 103, Tuesday 26 April 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Billy Kay, Writer and Broadcaster, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.
- 3. Reducing the Cost of the School Day for Low Income Families:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (Shirley-Anne Somerville) moved S6M-04138—That the Parliament recognises the actions being taken to support children and young people in low-income families to access school education; notes that Scottish Government commitments include expansion of free school meals, provision of free school milk, removal of core curriculum charges, ensuring low-income families do not face costs for curriculum-related trips, abolition of fees for instrumental music tuition, increasing the school clothing grant, producing guidance to reduce school uniform costs, provision of a digital device and connectivity to every pupil, and services to support income maximisation, and recognises that this complements the wide range of policy initiatives set out in the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland, to maximise household resources and improve children's wellbeing and life chances.

Oliver Mundell moved amendment S6M-04138.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04138 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Reducing the Cost of the School Day for Low Income Families), leave out from “recognises the” to end and insert “notes the actions being talked about again by the Scottish Government to support children and young people in low-income families to access school education; further notes that the SNP administration has had 15 years in office to make a difference, but has failed to meaningfully improve the life chances of Scotland's young people; expresses concern at the sharp decline in Scotland's once world-leading education system and the widening of the attainment gap under this First Minister, and the significant cuts to council budgets, which have left schools short of resources, and believes that it is disappointing that Scottish ministers only make education and young people a priority at election time.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Michael Marra moved amendment S6M-04138.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04138 in the name of Shirley-Anne Somerville (Reducing the Cost of the School Day for Low Income Families), insert at end “; believes that accessible childcare is critical to poverty reduction to ensure access to education and the labour market, that this must be full wrap-around, affordable provision with qualified staff, and centred on the needs of the child; recognises that extracurricular and after-school activities are key to the mental health of young people, as well as ensuring children have a wide range of skills, but that this must be affordable and accessible to all children, particularly those from low-income backgrounds; calls for the Scottish Government to ensure the universal availability of summer clubs with activities, learning and free school meals, and

further calls for the publication of up-to-date baseline data on child poverty, as well as a post-COVID-19 pandemic assessment of the health of the early years sector.”

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

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 29, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises the actions being taken to support children and young people in low-income families to access school education; notes that Scottish Government commitments include expansion of free school meals, provision of free school milk, removal of core curriculum charges, ensuring low-income families do not face costs for curriculum-related trips, abolition of fees for instrumental music tuition, increasing the school clothing grant, producing guidance to reduce school uniform costs, provision of a digital device and connectivity to every pupil, and services to support income maximisation; recognises that this complements the wide range of policy initiatives set out in the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Strategy for Scotland, to maximise household resources and improve children's wellbeing and life chances; believes that accessible childcare is critical to poverty reduction to ensure access to education and the labour market, that this must be full wrap-around, affordable provision with qualified staff, and centred on the needs of the child; recognises that extracurricular and after-school activities are key to the mental health of young people, as well as ensuring children have a wide range of skills, but that this must be affordable and accessible to all children, particularly those from low-income backgrounds; calls for the Scottish Government to ensure the universal availability of summer clubs with activities, learning and free school meals, and further calls for the publication of up-to-date baseline data on child poverty, as well as a post-COVID-19 pandemic assessment of the health of the early years sector.

**4. British Sign Language Bill - UK Legislation:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Clare Haughey) moved S6M-04115—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the British Sign Language Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 June 2021, relating to the encouragement of the use of British Sign Language, so far as they fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04172—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 28 April 2022—

after

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs and Islands

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Scotland's Census 2022

and after

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Financial Resolution: Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

**7. MS Awareness Week 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-03062 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament welcomes MS Awareness Week, taking place from 25 April to 1 May 2022; understands that Scotland has one of the highest rates per head of population of multiple sclerosis (MS) in the world, with more than 15,000 people living with the condition; notes that MS can cause a range of often fluctuating physical and mental symptoms, which impact the way people move and feel; understands that MS affects everyone with the condition differently; welcomes the work of charities, such as the MS Society and the MS Trust, in raising awareness of MS; believes that their work to fund research is of critical importance to stop MS; understands that there are now 17 treatments available for MS in NHS Scotland, when, 20 years ago, there were none, and notes the calls on MSPs across the Parliament to help raise awareness to stop MS.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

## No. 104, Wednesday 27 April 2022

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. UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Implications for Scotland:** The Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work (Richard Lochhead) moved S6M-04159—That the Parliament agrees that the UK Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund fails to meet the Conservative manifesto commitment to replace Scotland’s EU Structural Funds in full; understands that Scotland will receive only £212 million, which is £337 million short of the £549 million estimated to be an appropriate replacement for EU Structural Funds, and calls on the UK Government to immediately increase the value of the fund to at least the level provided previously by Scotland’s EU Structural Funds; believes that the failure to do this will leave communities and third sector organisations across Scotland without important resources needed to tackle poverty and inequality; further believes that the lack of decision making for the Scottish Government in the governance of the Fund undermines devolution; considers that this approach will fail Scotland’s communities, which have benefited substantially from decades of EU investment, and further calls on the UK Government to fully devolve control of the Fund to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government.

Liz Smith moved amendment S6M-04159.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04159 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Implications for Scotland), leave out from “agrees” to end and insert “warmly welcomes the UK Government’s Levelling Up agenda, including the Shared Prosperity Fund, which will replace previous EU Structural Funds and which will provide £212 million of funding to Scotland by 2024-25, and further welcomes the UK Government’s focus on boosting productivity, skills, innovation, jobs and sustainable economic growth across Scotland, and on increasing the transparency of funding and the accountability for decision-making across Scotland’s local communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Daniel Johnson moved amendment S6M-04159.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04159 in the name of Richard Lochhead (UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Implications for Scotland), leave out from “further believes” to end and insert “recognises the importance of joint working between the Scottish and UK governments in order to achieve the common goal of strengthening Scotland’s communities; notes the benefits of previous EU funding, but also the concerns with the transparency in how it was administered and awarded in Scotland; further notes that cuts to the structural funding equivalent by the UK Government coincide with cuts to local government budgets by the SNP administration in cooperation with the Scottish Green Party to the detriment of communities across Scotland, and calls for the replacement for EU funding to fully

match what has been available in the past and be administered as close to communities as possible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 91, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

**3. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04176—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 4 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm General Questions

2.20 pm First Minister's Questions

3.05 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: National Walking Month - Improving Health and Strengthening Communities

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Tuesday 10 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate:  
Inquiry into the Scottish Government's international work

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 11 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 12 May 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 2 May 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.

Jamie Greene moved amendment S6M-04176.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04176 in the name of George Adam (Business Programme), leave out—

*"followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill"

and insert—

*"followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Long COVID".

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 47, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

**4. Suspension of Standing Orders:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04208—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 17.2.1(b) of Standing Orders, for the purposes of consideration of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill at stage 1, Rule 9.6.3A of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 63, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

**5. Approval of SI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04178—That the Parliament agrees that the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04179—That the Parliament agrees that the Education, Children and Young People Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Designation of Lead Committee:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04180—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum in relation to the Online Safety Bill (UK Legislation).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Committee Meeting Times:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04181—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Public Audit Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 11.40 am and 12.00 pm on Thursday 28 April 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

**10. Honouring Emergency Workers:** The Parliament debated S6M-03442 in the name of Graham Simpson—That the Parliament recognises the campaign by the Lanarkshire Police Historical Society for officers murdered in the line of duty, including Constable George Taylor and Detective Sergeant William Ross Hunt, both of Strathclyde Police Force, to receive posthumous UK bravery awards; further recognises what it sees as the need for those who lose their lives while on public duty to receive recognition; notes the view that the UK Government should agree to create a new award for all emergency workers who are killed while serving the public, and that this should be retrospective; recognises what it sees as the sterling bravery shown by Constable George Taylor and Sergeant William Ross Hunt in the face of what it understands was horrific violence; congratulates the Chief Constable of Police Scotland, Iain Livingstone, on agreeing to honour both men, and notes with sadness the long wait that their families have had for both men to be acknowledged.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.



## No. 105, Thursday 28 April 2022

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Global Intergenerational Week 2022:** The Parliament debated S6M-04039 in the name of Jackie Dunbar—That the Parliament notes that Global Intergenerational Week runs from 25 April until 1 May 2022; understands that the campaign originally started at a local level, before growing to a national level event and is now going global for its third year; further understands that the aim for the week is to inspire individuals, groups, organisations, local and national government as well as non-government organisations to fully embrace Intergenerational Week, which, it believes, will help connect people of all ages, particularly the younger and older generations; understands that in 2022, eight countries will participate, including Ireland, America, Australia, Mexico, Spain, Canada, Sweden and the UK, with a different theme set for each day of the week; notes that over 80 organisations have signed up to support the week, while also attracting the attention of international partners; understands that intergenerational practice aims to bring people together in purposeful, mutually beneficial activities, which, it believes, promotes greater understanding and respect between generations and helps to contribute to building more cohesive communities; understands that Generations Working Together is working in partnership with organisations from across the UK; further understands that Generations Working Together is a nationally recognised centre of excellence, which supports the development and integration of intergenerational work across Scotland, and understands that the vision of the charity is for a country where all generations are more connected and everyone can build relationships, which it believes, will help to create a fairer society.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Rural Affairs and Islands were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture (Angus Robertson) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland's Census 2022.

**6. Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth (Tom Arthur) moved S6M-04162—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-03794—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any increase in the revenue from non-domestic rates arising in consequence of the Act in relation to which Rule 9.12.3B(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.49 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm.

**No. 106, Tuesday 3 May 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev. Canon Sarah Shaw, Christ Church, Falkirk, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

**3. Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Regan) moved S6M-04236—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-04236.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04236 in the name of Ash Regan (Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill), insert at end ", and, in so doing, expresses reservations in line with paragraph 386 of the Criminal Justice Committee's 5th Report, 2022 (Session 6), Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 164)."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution :** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-03944—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**5. Motion Without Notice:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.56 pm.

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

**7. World Press Freedom Day:** The Parliament debated S6M-04002 in the name of Russell Findlay—That the Parliament recognises that 3 May is World Press Freedom Day, as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993; considers this to be an important opportunity to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom and to defend the world's media from attacks on their independence; understands that

this day is also one of remembrance of the 1,516 journalists who have been killed worldwide, with seven of those in Britain, according to the UNESCO observatory of killed journalists; believes that World Press Freedom Day serves as a reminder that, in countries around the world, newspapers and other media organisations are subject to censorship, with journalists harassed, unjustly imprisoned, attacked and murdered, and considers it to be a date to encourage support in favour of press freedom.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.

**No. 107, Wednesday 4 May 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
- 2. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health and Social Care; Social Justice, Housing and Local Government; and then Constitution, External Affairs and Culture were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 4. Walking – Improving Health and Strengthening Communities:** The Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport (Maree Todd) moved S6M-04256—That the Parliament recognises National Walking Month and agrees that everyday walking and wheeling play a huge role in improving the health and wellbeing of people in Scotland; notes that the Scottish Government is committed to inclusive opportunities for everyone to walk and wheel, helping to connect and strengthen communities, reduce some of Scotland's biggest health inequalities and reduce pressure on the NHS, and further notes that the Scottish Government is committed to doubling investment across sport and active living, allocating record levels of investment to active travel, working with partners to reduce barriers to walking and wheeling and helping to make these the default choice for short journeys, leisure, socialising or as part of longer public transport journeys in Scotland, which will also contribute to Scotland's journey to net zero.

Paul O'Kane moved amendment S6M-04256.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04256 in the name of Maree Todd (Walking - Improving Health and Strengthening Communities), insert at end “; recognises that wider cuts to local authority services hamper active travel and the implementation of a gendered approach to safety; considers that improvements to roads and pavements are necessary to improve levels of walking and wheeling, particularly in more deprived areas, and calls again on the Scottish Government to provide access to a bike for every child who cannot afford one by the end of 2022.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04270—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee Debate:  
Inquiry into the Scottish Government's International Work

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 11 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 12 May 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: Education and Skills

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Tuesday 17 May 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 18 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*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 19 May 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Long Covid

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that, for the purposes of Portfolio Questions in the week beginning 9 May 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Stage 2 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04271—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 24 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (George Adam), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04272—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/123) be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 7 as noted above.

**9. International Day of the Midwife, 100 Years of Progress:** The Parliament debated S6M-03813 in the name of Audrey Nicoll—That the Parliament recognises the International Day of the Midwife on 5 May, which will celebrate 100 years of progress throughout the global midwife community; understands that this has included advocating for quality midwifery care to improve newborn and maternal health; recognises the vital role of midwives in Scotland in aiming to deliver person-centred, high-quality care for mothers and babies throughout pregnancy, birth and following birth; commends the positive impact that midwives can have on the health and life chances of women and babies; recognises what it considers the commitment of midwives caring for women during the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact on maternal mental health as midwifery services were modified, thereby impacting women's choices during pregnancy and birth; acknowledges the policy, The Best Start: A Five Year Forward Plan for Maternity and Neonatal Care in Scotland, to make care locally accessible, with midwives providing high-quality care to women across Scotland in homes, communities and midwifery-led and consultant-level services, and recognises



what it sees as the pivotal role of educators, researchers and students, including those based at the Robert Gordon University in the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency, in supporting the delivery of midwifery services in Scotland and beyond.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm.

**No. 108, Tuesday 10 May 2022**

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Rev Alan Kimmitt, Minister, St Columba's Parish Church of Scotland, Glenrothes, led Time for Reflection.

**2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.

**3. Inquiry into the Scottish Government's International Work:** Clare Adamson, on behalf of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, moved S6M-04294—That the Parliament notes the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee's 3rd Report, 2022 (Session 6), Inquiry into the Scottish Government's International Work (SP Paper 154).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**4. Revision to Business Programme:** Stephen Kerr, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04333—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) that the Private Landlord Registration (Modification) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] and the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be considered by the Parliament;

(b) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 12 May 2022—

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Education and Skills

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Update on Cladding Remediation Programme

and after

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Committee Meeting Times:** Stephen Kerr, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04334—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee can meet, if

necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament between 1.00 pm and 2.55 pm on Thursday 12 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 5 as noted above.

**7. Women in Business:** The Parliament debated S6M-03137 in the name of Michelle Thomson—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the vital role played by women in business, including in the Falkirk East constituency; believes that diversity in business leadership is vital for a healthy economy; notes reports that female entrepreneurs and business leaders often face particular barriers in accessing finance and investment; recognises what it sees as the pioneering research undertaken by Women’s Enterprise Scotland; understands that the research shows that women reportedly start their businesses with 53% less capital than men do, ask for 30% less funding and consequently, it believes, are often hugely under-capitalised from the outset; further understands that, according to the research, only 14% of all capital raised went to women-led businesses, and that less than 15% of the UK’s business angels are women; notes the initiatives taken by the Scottish Government to support and promote women in business, and further notes the growing recognition that removing barriers to women will enhance leadership, decision making, ethics and performance in the business community.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.

## No. 109, Wednesday 11 May 2022

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

**2. Ferry Problems:** Graham Simpson moved S6M-04319—That the Parliament believes that the way the Scottish Government has been running ferry services has been a scandal; calls on the Scottish Government to say why it awarded the contract for ferries 801 and 802 to Ferguson Marine Engineering Limited against the advice of its own experts; is concerned about why 15 stage payments were agreed for each ferry; notes concerns that the deal may have broken EU state aid rules; further notes concerns that the lack of documentary evidence to explain the contract award could be in breach of the law; is disappointed that the Scottish Government failed to listen to the experienced workforce who had concerns about the management of the yard; believes that the yard could have survived without the orders for vessels 801 and 802; agrees with the view of the majority of people in Scotland who think that the Scottish National Party administration has done a bad job of running ferries; is concerned that this will contribute to island depopulation, and calls on the Scottish Government to spell out how it plans to run and procure ferry services in the future.

The Minister for Transport (Jenny Gilruth) moved amendment S6M-04319.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04319 in the name of Graham Simpson (Ferry Problems), leave out from "the way the" to end and insert "ferry services provide an essential lifeline to island and remote rural communities and their economies; acknowledges that the delays and cost overruns to vessels 801 and 802 are regrettable; notes the findings of the Audit Scotland report, that all of its recommendations have been accepted, and that improvements, including changes to procurement practices, have already been made; recognises the progress that is being made at Ferguson Marine under the recently appointed chief executive, including the milestone reached at the end of April 2022 with the fitting of Hull 802's bow unit, with both dual fuel vessels being scheduled for delivery in 2023; further recognises the role that Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd is playing in that progress, not least through the involvement of an experienced secondee in Ferguson Marine's senior management team, and welcomes that the Scottish Government saved Ferguson Marine, the last commercial shipyard on the Clyde, from closure, rescuing more than 300 jobs, with over 400 people currently employed at the yard, and ensuring that two new ferry vessels will be delivered to maintain and enhance connectivity to Scotland's islands."

After debate, amendment S6M-04319.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S6M-04319.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04319 in the name of Graham Simpson (Ferry Problems), insert at end ", and further calls on the Scottish Government to waive any non-disclosure requirements preventing public and parliamentary scrutiny of the procurement of vessels 801 and 802."

After debate, amendment S6M-04319.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament believes that ferry services provide an essential lifeline to island and remote rural communities and their economies; acknowledges that the delays and cost overruns to vessels 801 and 802 are regrettable; notes the findings of the Audit Scotland report, that all of its recommendations have been accepted, and that improvements, including changes to procurement practices, have already been made; recognises the progress that is being made at Ferguson Marine under the recently appointed chief executive, including the milestone reached at the end of April 2022 with the fitting of Hull 802's bow unit, with both dual fuel vessels being scheduled for delivery in 2023; further recognises the role that Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd is playing in that progress, not least through the involvement of an experienced secondee in Ferguson Marine's senior management team, and welcomes that the Scottish Government saved Ferguson Marine, the last commercial shipyard on the Clyde, from closure, rescuing more than 300 jobs, with over 400 people currently employed at the yard, and ensuring that two new ferry vessels will be delivered to maintain and enhance connectivity to Scotland's islands.

**3. Tackling Violent Crime:** Jamie Greene moved S6M-04320—That the Parliament notes with concern that the number of police-recorded violent crimes is at its highest level in a decade; further notes that Scottish Government decisions have contributed to this rise by underfunding the police, which has led to full-time police officer numbers being at their lowest level since 2008; recognises that the Scottish Government's justice strategy is failing victims of crime, as is evident through the 931,991 hours of community sentences that have been written off or not yet carried out; notes that organised crime and domestic abuse contribute to a deteriorating picture of crimes of violence in Scotland, and urges the Scottish Government to take action to address this; recognises that the Scottish Government's justice strategy is failing to keep the public safe by diverting dangerous criminals away from prison, instead allowing them to carry out inadequate non-custodial alternatives; believes that proposals such as those outlined in the Scottish Government's consultation on bail and release from custody arrangements, which include proposals to automatically release offenders after serving just a third of their prison sentence, do not address the shift in balance in the justice system away from victims, and further distil a lack of confidence in sentencing, and calls, therefore, on the Scottish Government to change strategy by acknowledging that punishment remains an important part of the criminal justice system, and to support proposals contained in the proposed Victims, Criminal Justice and Fatal Accident Inquiries (Scotland) Bill, such as the introduction of Michelle's Law and Suzanne's Law, to improve the landscape of support for the victims of crime, which it believes is currently letting down too many in society.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved amendment S6M-04320.2—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04320 in the name of Jamie Greene (Tackling Violent Crime), leave out from "notes with concern" to end and insert "recognises that a majority of the Parliament supported the justice vision and strategy on 8 February 2022; further recognises the need to focus on prevention and early intervention, taking a whole-government approach to reduce crime and make communities safer; supports making services person centred and trauma informed, in line with the aims set out in the justice vision; believes that improving support for victims and survivors should be among the highest priorities for the justice system; notes that recorded crime is at one of the lowest levels since 1974; acknowledges that there is more to do to address violent crime and improve the experiences of women in communities and within the justice system; welcomes the sustained investment in the justice system in 2022-23; believes that, while there will always be a place for restricting people's liberty in society, the balance should be shifted to ensure that custody is used only when no alternative is appropriate, making greater use of alternative options in communities, and contrasts this progressive and evidence-based approach with the strategy adopted by the UK Government."

After debate, amendment S6M-04320.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 29, Abstentions 21). As a result, amendment S6M-04320.1 was pre-empted.

Pauline McNeill moved amendment S6M-04320.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-04320 in the name of Jamie Greene (Tackling Violent Crime), leave out from "recognises that the Scottish Government's justice strategy is failing victims" to end and insert "notes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the criminal justice system, but considers the substantial court backlog, which, according to the latest figures from the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service, currently stands at 43,016, and issues in the delivery of community justice to be the consequences of long-term policy failures of the current Scottish Government; notes that organised crime and domestic abuse contribute to a deteriorating picture of crimes of violence in Scotland, and urges the Scottish Government to take action to address this; believes that sentencing guidelines and policy should be clear and understandable to victims, their families and the public; recognises the role of custodial sentences in the justice system with regard to serious and violent crime, and further recognises that custody should not be a substitute for effective mental health, drug or alcohol services; calls on the Scottish Government to consider proposals which seek to improve the landscape of support for the victims of crime, such as Michelle's Law and Suzanne's law; believes that no victim of serious, violent or sexual crime should face barriers when accessing justice, and calls upon the Scottish Government to bring forward proposals to ensure that every victim in cases involving rape, attempted rape or serious sexual offences can access non-means-tested advice and legal representation from the initial stage; notes the success of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit, established by a Labour-led administration in 2006, and understands that the model of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit is now being followed in other parts of the UK."

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 29, Abstentions 20).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—

That the Parliament recognises that a majority of the Parliament supported the justice vision and strategy on 8 February 2022; further recognises the need to focus on prevention and early intervention, taking a whole-government approach to reduce crime and make communities safer; supports making services person centred and trauma informed, in line with the aims set out in the justice vision; believes that improving support for victims and survivors should be among the highest priorities for the justice system; notes that recorded crime is at one of the lowest levels since 1974; acknowledges that there is more to do to address violent crime and improve the experiences of women in communities and within the justice system; welcomes the sustained investment in the justice system in 2022-23; believes that, while there will always be a place for restricting people's liberty in society, the balance should be shifted to ensure that custody is used only when no alternative is appropriate, making greater use of alternative options in communities, and contrasts this progressive and evidence-based approach with the strategy adopted by the UK Government.

**4. Business Programme:** Stephen Kerr, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04345—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 May 2022

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Scotland's Islands on Their Journey to Become Carbon Neutral

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 18 May 2022

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Approval of SSIs (if required)

5.10 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 19 May 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: Rural Affairs and Islands

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Long COVID

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 May 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 25 May 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 26 May 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 16 May 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.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Approval of SSI:** Stephen Kerr, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04346—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**6. Approval of SSI:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) moved S6M-04300—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Landlord Registration (Modification) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development and Minister with special responsibility for Refugees from Ukraine (Neil Gray) moved S6M-04301—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

**9. LGBTQ+ People's Experiences of Alcohol Services in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S6M-03631 in the name of Emma Roddick—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the report, What are LGBTQ+ people's experiences of alcohol services in Scotland? A qualitative study of service users and service providers, which was carried out by Prof Carol Emslie and colleagues at Glasgow Caledonian University, and funded by Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP); understands that the report highlights significant alcohol-related health inequalities experienced by LGBTQ+ people in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands region; further understands that people who identify as LGBTQ+ are more likely to experience problems with alcohol; considers that the central role of alcohol in the community, combined with barriers to accessing treatment and support, are the key areas that surfaced with regards to alcohol misuse; notes the calls for alcohol services to demonstrate appropriate inclusivity and diversity policies, LGBTQ+ training, and work towards the LGBT Charter; further notes the view that alcohol services need stronger links to mental health services, and notes the recommendations to policy makers that LGBTQ+ people should be considered in the forthcoming Alcohol Treatment Guidelines, that alcohol-free spaces for LGBTQ+ people should be supported, and that the Parliament should show leadership on LGBTQ+ issues to help tackle the stigma that people face.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm.

## No. 110, Thursday 12 May 2022

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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

**3. Supporting Striking University Staff:** The Parliament debated S6M-04187 in the name of Maggie Chapman—That the Parliament notes reports that staff are taking part in two sets of industrial action in two industrial disputes at a number of universities in the North East Scotland region, and across the country; understands that these are over pension cuts and falling pay, gender and ethnicity pay gaps, precarious employment practices, and unsafe workloads, known as the Four Fights; believes that cuts to pensions of an average of 35% are going ahead on the basis of an outdated valuation of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) pension fund; understands that this valuation was made during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the economy, and that the health of the fund has recovered significantly since then; appreciates that the trustee that manages the scheme has reportedly confirmed that a new valuation at this point could result in benefits being increased, rather than cut; notes with regret that university management has reportedly rejected proposals made by the Universities and College Union (UCU) that are deemed to be “viable and implementable” by the USS; understands that, in a recent survey of UK higher education staff, two thirds said that they were considering leaving the sector over cuts to pensions and attacks on pay and working conditions; notes the calls on the management of all educational institutions involved in both the pensions and Four Fights disputes to engage constructively with staff and the unions to resolve the disputes, and notes the view that reversals of pension and pay cuts and urgent action against casualisation, gender and ethnicity inequalities in pay and promotions, and against unsafe workloads, are in the best interests of university staff, students, Scottish universities and Scotland as a whole.

**4. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Skills were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Cladding Remediation Programme.

**6. Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery (John Swinney) moved S6M-04310—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

**7. Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-04263—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3A of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Parliament's Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to. (DT)

**8. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-04335—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Professor Graeme Roy be appointed as Chair of the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to. (DT)

**9. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-04336—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Dr Domenico Lombardi be appointed to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to. (DT)

**10. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-04337—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Professor Francis Breedon be reappointed to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to. (DT)

**11. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy (Kate Forbes) moved S6M-04338—That the Parliament agrees with the recommendation of the Scottish Government and the Finance and Public Administration Committee that Professor David Ulph be reappointed to the Scottish Fiscal Commission.

The motion was agreed to. (DT)

**12. Stage 2 Timetable:** Stephen Kerr, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-04375—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 31 May 2022.

The motion was agreed to.

**13. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 as noted above.

**14. Celebrating Nurses on International Nurses Day:** The Parliament debated S6M-04202 in the name of Jackie Baillie —That the Parliament recognises that 12 May

2022 is International Nurses Day; understands that International Nurses Day is celebrated across the world every year on the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth; believes that this day is an opportunity to celebrate the contribution nursing staff make to people's lives and thank those working in health and social care across the country for all that they do; understands that the Royal College of Nursing is marking the day by asking staff and members of the public to share stories that demonstrate the best of nursing and, in Scotland, will launch the inaugural RCN Scotland Nurse of the Year Awards; acknowledges what it sees as the challenges and pressures nursing staff continue to be under as the country emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic; believes that nursing staff will play a critical role in the recovery from the pandemic, and notes the calls to urgently address the reported high levels of nursing vacancies in the Dumbarton constituency, and across the country, including by the implementation of the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019.

**15. Motion Without Notice:** Jackie Baillie 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 6.10 pm.

## Annex A: Bills Introduced

18 June 2021

**Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to extend the period for which Part 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and Part 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020 are in force; to provide for the expiry of certain provisions of those Parts; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 1-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 1-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 1-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 1-DPM) and statements on legislative competence (SP Bill 1-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

22 June 2021

**Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill** — A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about increasing the amount of the carer's allowance supplement.

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 2-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 2-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 2-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 2-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 2-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

23 June 2021

**Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill** — A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enable the Scottish Ministers to reimburse costs relating to the removal of transvaginal mesh.

Introduced by: Humza Yousaf

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 3-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 3-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 3-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 3-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 3-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

7 October 2021

**Good Food Nation (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to require the Scottish Ministers to prepare and publish a national good food nation plan; to require certain authorities to prepare and publish their own good food nation plans; and to provide as to the effect of all of those plans.

Introduced by: Mairi Gougeon

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 4-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 4-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 4-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 4-DPM)

and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 4-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

27 October 2021

**Miners' Strike (Pardons) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to pardon miners convicted of certain offences committed during the 1984-85 miners' strike.

Introduced by: Keith Brown

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 5-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 5-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 5-PM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 5-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

15 November 2021

**Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to temporarily modify sections of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 which require health boards to pay compensation for self-isolation so that, where self-isolation is for a reason relating to coronavirus, health boards have discretion as to whether to pay compensation; and to provide for the expiry of a provision of the Coronavirus Act 2020 which temporarily modified the same sections of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008.

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 6-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 6-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 6-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 6-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 6-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

9 December 2021

**Budget (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2022/23, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2023/24, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Kate Forbes

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon, George Adam

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill7-EN), A Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 7-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 7-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

14 December 2021

**Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the effect of coronavirus on the

calculation of the net annual value and rateable value of lands and heritages for the purpose of non-domestic rates.

Introduced by: Kate Forbes  
Supported by: Tom Arthur

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 8-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 8-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 8-PM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 8-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

25 January 2022

**Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about public health protection powers; to make provision about educational establishments and school consultations; to make miscellaneous public service reforms; to modify the law on tenancies; to make temporary modifications to the law in relation to the justice system; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 9-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 9-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 9-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 9-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 9-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

1 February 2022

**Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for licensing the purchase, acquisition, possession and use of certain fireworks; to prevent the supply of certain fireworks and pyrotechnic articles to persons under the age of 18; to limit the supply and use of certain fireworks to particular 5periods; to provide for the creation of firework control zones; to make provision prohibiting possession of fireworks and pyrotechnic articles in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Keith Brown  
Supported by: Ash Regan

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 10-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 10-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 10-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 10-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 10-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

7 February 2022

**Scottish Local Government Elections (Candidacy Rights of Foreign Nationals) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to give to certain foreign nationals the right to stand as candidates at local government elections in Scotland in accordance with international treaty agreements entered into by the United Kingdom.

Introduced by: John Swinney  
Supported by: George Adam



Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 11-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 11-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 11-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 11-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 11-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

24 February 2022

**Hunting with Dogs (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the prohibition of hunting wild mammals using dogs; to make provision about the prohibition of trail hunting; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 12-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 12-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 12-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 12-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 12-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

2 March 2022

**Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to reform the grounds and procedure for obtaining gender recognition; and for connected purposes.

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 13-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 13-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 13-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 13-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 13-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

20 April 2022

**Disabled Children and Young People (Transitions to Adulthood) (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to require the Scottish Ministers to introduce, and to implement, a National Transitions Strategy to improve outcomes for disabled children and young people in the transition to adulthood; to require the Scottish Ministers to assign to a member of the Scottish Government, or to a junior Scottish Minister, special responsibility in relation to the exercise of their functions under this Act; and to require local authorities to introduce a transitions plan for each disabled child and young person.

Introduced by: Pam Duncan-Glancy

Explanatory Notes (SP Bill 14-EN), a Financial Memorandum (SP Bill 14-FM), a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 14-PM), a Delegated Powers Memorandum (SP Bill 14-DPM) and Statements on Legislative Competence (SP Bill 14-LC) were published to accompany the Bill.

## **Annex B: Subordinate Legislation**

### **Made affirmative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the made affirmative procedure—

13 May 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/168)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/179)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/180)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/181)  
laid under 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 20) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/186)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/191)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 21) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/193)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 22) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/202)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/204)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

14 May 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/208)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

17 May 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 23) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/209)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

21 May 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 24) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/211)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

24 May 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/212)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

27 May 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 25) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/224)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

3 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 26) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/227)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

4 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/230)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

10 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/237)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

11 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 27) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/238)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

17 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 28) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/242)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

24 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 29) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/252)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

25 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/254)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

29 June 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 30) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/255)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

1 July 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 14) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/256)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

7 July 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/261)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 31) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/262)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

15 July 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 32) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/263)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

16 July 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/264)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

19 July 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/265)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

30 July 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 15) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/275)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

5 August 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/277)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

6 August 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/278)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

27 August 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 16) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/290)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

2 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/299)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

3 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 17) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/301)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

10 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 18) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/307)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

15 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 19) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/319)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

16 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/322)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 and paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

21 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/328)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

22 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/329)  
laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

29 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/343)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

30 September 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/349)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

1 October 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/350)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

8 October 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/357)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

14 October 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) 2021 (SSI 2021/359)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

29 October 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/382)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/384)

laid under paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

19 November 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/425)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

29 November 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/440)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/441)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

30 November 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 10) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/443)

laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

6 December 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 11) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/454)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

7 December 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 12) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/455)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

15 December 2021

Public Health (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/470)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

16 December 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/475)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

17 December 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 13) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/478)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

23 December 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/496)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/497)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

29 December 2021

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/498)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

7 January 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/2)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 and paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

13 January 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/6)  
laid under paragraph 1(1) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

20 January 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/13)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

26 January 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/25)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

27 January 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/29)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

3 February 2022

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Alteration of Expiry Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/40)  
laid section 95(2) and (6) of the Coronavirus Act 2020

9 February 2022

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/46)  
laid under section 41(3) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

10 February 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/53)  
laid under section 122(6) and (7) of the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008

24 February 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/74)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

31 March 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/123)  
laid under paragraph 6(2) and (3) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

### **Affirmative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

20 August 2021

Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968



European Union and European Atomic Energy Community (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

23 August 2021

National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 [draft]

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

26 August 2021

Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 17(4)(b)(ii) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Shetland Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 17(4)(b)(ii) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Orkney Islands (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 17(4)(b)(ii) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

27 August 2021

Argyll and Bute (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 17(4)(b)(ii) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Highland (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 17(4)(b)(ii) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

North Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under 17(4)(b)(ii) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

30 August 2021

Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

Social Security (Advocacy Service Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

6 September 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 107(2) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

8 September 2021

Forestry (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 76(2)(a) of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018

10 September 2021

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

13 September 2021

Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Afghanistan) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

14 September 2021

Representation of the People (Postal Voting for Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 201(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 16(5) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

21 September 2021

Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

22 September 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 107(2) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Valuation and Rating (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 6(7) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

27 September 2021

Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2021

28 September 2021

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 79(2)(a) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

30 September 2021

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 210(2) and (6) of the Equality Act 2010

Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 210(2) and (6) of the Equality Act 2010

5 October 2021

Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2021

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 5 October 2021.*

7 October 2021

Independent Reviewer (Modification of Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 82(3)(c) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

20 October 2021

Relevant Adjustments to Common Parts (Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 210(6) of the Equality Act 2010

27 October 2021

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

28 October 2021

Scottish Dog Control Database Order 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 17(2) of the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010

29 October 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Payments Materially Affected by Error) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under section 107(2) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Plant Health (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 [draft]  
laid under paragraph 1(6) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

2 November 2021

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 95(1) of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 126(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

10 November 2021

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 126(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

12 November 2021

Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

22 November 2021

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under sections 3A(3) and 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Town and Country Planning (Short-term Let Control Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 275(7BA) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

29 November 2021

Scottish Child Payment Regulations 2020 and the Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 [draft]

laid under paragraph 6(1) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

30 November 2021

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under sections 3A(3) and 44(3) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 30 November 2021.*

7 December 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Reconsideration and Review of Determinations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 107(2) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

15 December 2021

Climate Change (Nitrogen Balance Sheet) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Deposit and Return Scheme for Scotland Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

16 December 2021

Registers of Scotland (Digital Registration, etc.) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 116(3)(j) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 and section 9E(4) of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995

Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 1(3) of the Court of Session Act 1988

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under paragraph 11 of schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

17 December 2021

Social Security Information-sharing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

23 December 2021

Consumer Scotland (Transfer of Functions) Regulations 2022 [draft]

*The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn on 23 December 2021.*

7 January 2022

Aquaculture and Fisheries etc. (Scheme for Financial Assistance) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 51(4)(b) and paragraph 1(8) of schedule 6 of the Fisheries Act 2020

21 January 2022

National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

26 January 2022

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

27 January 2022

Forensic Medical Services (Modification of Functions of Healthcare Improvement Scotland and Supplementary Provision) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under sections 13(4)(a) and 19(3)(a) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

Forensic Medical Services (Self-Referral Evidence Retention Period) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 8(7) of the Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 165(5) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Roll) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 2A(10)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

28 January 2022

Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under sections 150(2) and 150A(2) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Financial Limit) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

2 February 2022

Digital Government (Scottish Bodies) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under sections 54(5) and 62(5) of the Digital Economy Act 2017

3 February 2022

Budget (Scotland) Act 2021 Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2021

9 February 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under paragraph 6(1) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Directions by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under paragraph 6(1) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

21 February 2022

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

23 February 2022

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Amendment of Expiry Dates) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 12(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

2 March 2022

Prohibition of Smoking Outside Hospital Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 40(3)(a) of the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005

10 March 2022

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (Amendment) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

11 March 2022

Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

17 March 2022

Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

21 March 2022

Social Security (Residence Requirements) (Ukraine) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

29 March 2022

Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 53(3)(a) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

26 April 2022

Cross-border Placements (Effect of Deprivation of Liberty Orders) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under sections 190(2)(c) and 197(2) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

29 April 2022

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment, Surrender and Compensation) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 141(11J) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988

Surrender of Offensive Weapons (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 68(4) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

Companies Act 2006 (Scottish public sector companies to be audited by the Auditor General for Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 483(5) of the Companies Act 2006

4 May 2022

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Non-Domestic Rates (Valuation Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 23(1) of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

6 May 2022

Private Landlord Registration (Modification) (Scotland) Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 141(4) of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 [draft]

laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 96(2) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

11 May 2022

Surrender of Offensive Weapons (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 [draft]

laid under section 68(4) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019



*The affirmative instrument was withdrawn and re-laid before the Parliament on 11 May 2022.*

## **Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

13 May 2021

Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/206)

laid under section 15A(2) of the Social Security Act 1988 and section 36 and paragraph 2 of schedule 4 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020 (Championship Period and Transitory Provision etc.) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/207)

laid under section 32(3) of the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Act 2020

21 May 2021

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (Modification) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/210)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

26 May 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/214)

laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

27 May 2021

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/220)

laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

Welfare Foods (Best Start Foods) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/221)

laid under section 13(1) of the Social Security Act 1988

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) (Modification and Revocation) (Coronavirus) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/222)

laid under section 29(5) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms and Sheriff Officers) (Amendment) 2021 (SSI 2021/225)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 June 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/236)

laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

11 June 2021

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Register of Child Interview Rights Practitioners) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/233)

laid under section 82(2) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019

15 June 2021

National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/241)

laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

25 June 2021

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/249)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Registration of Independent Schools (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/251)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

28 July 2021

Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/274)

laid under section 15A(2)(b) of the Social Security Act 1988

20 August 2021

Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Evidence) (Saving Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/280)

laid under section 10(3)(b) of the Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021

26 August 2021

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/282)

laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

27 August 2021

Meat Preparations (Import Conditions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/288)

laid under paragraph 10A(3) of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

30 August 2021

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/289)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

31 August 2021

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/292)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, section 12 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Town and Country Planning (Cairnryan Border Control Posts) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Special Development Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/293)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

2 September 2021

Official Controls (Transitional Staging Period) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/297)

laid under Article 144(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

7 September 2021

National Health Service (General Medical Services and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/302)

laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

10 September 2021

Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/305)

laid under section 190(3) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992

14 September 2021

Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/310)

laid under section 76A(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983

15 September 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/312)

laid under section 91 & 107 of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Payment of Legal Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/313)

laid under section 107(3) and (4) of the Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/317)

laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/318)  
laid under section 96(5) & (7) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

23 September 2021

NHS Education for Scotland Amendment Order 2021 (SSI 2021/330)  
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/333)  
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/337)  
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

24 September 2021

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/335)  
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

27 September 2021

Fish Farming Code of Practice (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/340)  
laid under section 43(2) of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

28 September 2021

Scottish Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/341)  
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

Official Controls (Transitional Staging Period) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/342)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

1 October 2021

Traffic Regulation Orders (Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/348)  
laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

7 October 2021

Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/253)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/354)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

28 October 2021

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/367)  
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

29 October 2021

Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Thresholds etc.) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/378)  
laid under regulation 83A(1) of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, regulation 108A(1) of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016, regulation 60ZA(1) of the Concession Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the Trade Act 2021

1 November 2021

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/379)  
laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/380 (C. 28))  
laid under section 91(4) of the Disclosure (Scotland) Act 2020

2 November 2021

Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/383)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

5 November 2021

Private Storage Aid Scheme (Pigmeat) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/398)  
laid under article 229(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 1308/2013

8 November 2021

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/397)  
laid under section 7(5) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

9 November 2021

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/402)  
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

11 November 2021

Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/410)  
laid under section 161(2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/412)  
laid under section 36(5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

12 November 2021

Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/409)  
laid under section 104(1) of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Coronavirus)  
(Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/411)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997  
and section 122 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

18 November 2021

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Supplementary Provision)  
(Jurisdiction) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/420)  
laid under section 82(2)(f) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act  
2019

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Places of Safety) Regulations  
2021 (SSI 2021/421)  
laid under section 82(2)(b) of the Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act  
2019

22 November 2021

Public Procurement (Agreement on Government Procurement) (Thresholds etc.)  
(Amendment) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/424)  
laid under regulation 108A(1) of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations  
2016 and paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the Trade Act 2021

25 November 2021

Scottish Road Works Commissioner (Imposition of Penalties) Amendment  
Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/431)  
laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Animal Products (Transitional Import Conditions) (Miscellaneous Amendment)  
(Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/432)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal)  
Act 2018 and paragraph 10A of schedule 2 of the Trade in Animals and  
Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests)  
Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/438)  
laid under section 7(5) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland)  
Act 2000

30 November 2021

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Act 2020  
(Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2021 (SSI  
2021/442 (C. 31))  
laid under section 17(3) of the Social Security and Tribunal Membership  
(Scotland) Act 2020 and section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative  
Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/446)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

9 December 2021

Abortion (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/457)

laid under section 2(4) of the Abortion Act 1967

Red Rocks and Longay Urgent Marine Conservation (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/463)

laid under section 165 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

16 December 2021

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme (Amendment) Order 2021 (SI 2021/1455)

laid under schedule 3 of the Climate Change Act 2008

17 December 2021

Food (Withdrawal of Recognition) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/477)

laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

20 December 2021

Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/481)

laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

22 December 2021

Council Tax (Dwellings and Part Residential Subjects) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/489)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Private Storage Aid Scheme (Pigmeat) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/492)

laid under article 229(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 1308/2013

Official Controls (Transitional Staging Period) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/493)

laid under Article 144(5) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 and paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

12 January 2022

Workplace Parking Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/4)

laid under section 128(5) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019

13 January 2022

Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/5)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

19 January 2022

Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/8)

laid under section 160A (1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribes Fees) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/9)

laid under section 163 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

20 January 2022

Parole Board (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/10)

laid under section 45 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/11)

laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

24 January 2022

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/18)

laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

28 January 2022

M8/M73/M74 Motorways (30mph, 40mph and 50mph Speed Limit) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/26)

laid under section 134(3) and (8) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Carer's Allowance Up-rating (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/28)

laid under section 176(3)(b) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/30)

laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

31 January 2022

Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendment and Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/31)

laid under section 96(4) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

1 February 2022

Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees) (Coronavirus) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/34)

laid under section 125 of the Police Act 1997 and section 100 of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Sea Fish (Prohibition on Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) (No. 2) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/35)

laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967



3 February 2022

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/36)

laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/37)

laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956 and section 27(11) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Red Rocks and Longay Urgent Marine Conservation (No. 2) Order 2021 (Urgent Continuation) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/39)

laid under section 165 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

7 February 2022

Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/42)

laid under section 176(3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992

9 February 2022

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/45)

laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

10 February 2022

Non-Domestic Rates (Coronavirus Reliefs) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/47)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/48)

laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Relief for New and Improved Properties) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/49)

laid under section 14 of the Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/51)

laid under section 24(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/52)

laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

11 February 2022

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/50)

laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

23 February 2022

Coronavirus (Scotland) Acts (Early Expiry of Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/64)

laid under section 13(3) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 10(4) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

24 February 2022

Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/66)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, section 12 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and section 9 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No. 2) Act 2020

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/70)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/71)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/72)

laid under section 63 of the National Assistance Act 1948

25 February 2022

Registration Services (Fees, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/68)

laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/73)

laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

3 March 2022

Firemen's Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/79)

laid under section 35 of Fire Services Act 1947

Police Pensions (Commutation) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/80)

laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

10 March 2022

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/86)

laid under section 18(3) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995

17 March 2022

Official Controls (Transitional Staging Period) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/90)

laid under paragraph 1(1) and (3) of schedule 2 and paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/97)

laid under sections 113B(2)(b) and 125(5) of the Police Act 1997

National Health Service Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/100)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Police Pensions (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/101)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Teachers' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/102)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/103)

laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

18 March 2022

Electronic Monitoring (Relevant Disposals) (Modification) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/93)

laid under section 15 of the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019

Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Freezing Order) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/95)

laid under paragraph 1(7) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

24 March 2022

Rural Support (Controls) (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/107)

laid under article 115C(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 1306/2013 and section 2(3) of the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020

Traffic Signs Amendment (Scotland) Regulations and General Directions 2022 (SSI 2022/111)

laid under section 134(6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/114)

laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

25 March 2022

National Health Service Superannuation and Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/117)  
laid under section 12 of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

31 March 2022

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/119)  
laid under section 88(3) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/124)  
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Council Tax Reduction and Council Tax (Discounts) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/125)  
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

8 April 2022

National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts and Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/130)  
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/131)  
laid under Article 39(5) of Regulation (EU) 576/2013

21 April 2022

Genetically Modified Food and Feed (Authorisations) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/137)  
laid under Article 35 of Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003

22 April 2022

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/136)  
laid under section 54(5) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Environment and Trade in Animals and Related Products (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/138)  
laid under paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

29 April 2022

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Prescribed Documents) (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/148)  
laid under section 68(3) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

3 May 2022

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/153)  
laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

6 May 2022

Education (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/156)  
laid under section 1(5) of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

Student Support (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/157)  
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme)  
(Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/158)  
laid under section 125 of the Police Act 1997

11 May 2022

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2022 (SSI  
2022/161)  
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

12 May 2022

First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Social Security Chamber and Upper Tribunal for  
Scotland (Rules of Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022 (SSI  
2022/162)  
laid under paragraph 5(2) of schedule 9 of the Tribunal (Scotland) Act 2014

### **Laid only instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and  
are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

1 June 2021

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and  
Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Qualified One-Way Costs Shifting) 2021 (SSI  
2021/226)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

10 June 2021

Valuation Timetable (Coronavirus) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 (SSI  
2021/231)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Act 2020  
(Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/232 (C. 12))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

11 June 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021  
(Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/234 (C. 13))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

15 June 2021

Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (Commencement) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/239 (C. 14))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 June 2021

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/244 (C. 15))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 June 2021

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension: Disposal of Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/250)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

31 August 2021

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/291 (C. 16))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 September 2021

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Civil Online) 2021 (SSI 2021/295)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 September 2021

UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/304 (C. 18))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 September 2021

Animals and Wildlife (Penalties, Protections and Powers) (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/303 (C. 17))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 September 2021

Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 (Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/308 (C. 19))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 September 2021

Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2020 (SSI 2021/309)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Elections (Reform) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional  
Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/311 (C. 20))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006  
(Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/314 (C.  
21))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

15 September 2021

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension: Children and Young Persons Social Care)  
(Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/315)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

16 September 2021

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Extradition) 2021  
(SSI 2021/316)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

20 September 2021

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Company  
Insolvency Rules Amendment) (Insolvency) 2021 (SSI 2021/324)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

24 September 2021

Fuel Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019  
(Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/332 (C. 22))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

27 September 2021

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Act 2020  
(Commencement No. 3) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/338 (C. 23))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Children (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI  
2021/339 (C. 24))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

1 October 2021

Social Security (Switzerland) (Further provision in respect of Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/345)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 October 2021

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/352 (C. 26))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

7 October 2021

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 4, Saving and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/351 (C. 25))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 October 2021

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 16) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/355 (C.27))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 November 2021

Lands Tribunal for Scotland (Miscellaneous Amendments) Amendment Rules 2021 (SSI 2021/386)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 November 2021

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Suspension: Disposal of Bodies) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/391)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 November 2021

Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/419 (C. 29))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 November 2021

Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/428 (C. 30))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 November 2021



Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) (No.2) 2021 (SSI 2021/434)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 December 2021

Avian Influenza (H5N1 in Birds etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation) (Scotland) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/444)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 December 2021

Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/449 (C. 32))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals etc. Rules 1999 and Sheriff Appeal Court Rules Amendment) (Age of Criminal Responsibility (Scotland) Act 2019) 2021 (SSI 2021/452)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 December 2021

Animal Health (Notification and Control Measures) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/456)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 December 2021

Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2021 (SSI 2021/472 (C. 34))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 December 2021

Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement No. 9) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/474 (C. 35))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 December 2021

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 8) Regulations 2021 (SSI 2021/480 (C. 36))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 January 2022

Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 9) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/22 (C. 1))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Non-Domestic Rates (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and  
Saving Provisions (Amendment) and Commencement No. 3 and Saving Provision)  
Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/23 (C. 2))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Forensic Medical Services (Victims of Sexual Offences) (Scotland) Act 2021  
Commencement Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/24 (C. 3))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

9 February 2022

Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No.  
5) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/43 C.4))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

24 February 2022

Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision)  
Amendment Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/67 (C.5))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

28 February 2022

Prescription (Scotland) Act 2018 (Commencement, Saving and Transitional  
Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/78 (C. 6))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

3 March 2022

Act of Sederunt (Simple Procedure Amendment) (Civil Online) 2022 (SSI 2022/81)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

4 March 2022

Coronavirus Act 2020 (Transitional Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI  
2022/82)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

16 March 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations  
2022 (SSI 2022/92)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

17 March 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (International Travel and Operator Liability) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/99)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 March 2022

Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 (Commencement No. 6 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/94 (C. 7))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

31 March 2022

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Electronic Monitoring) 2022 (SSI 2022/120)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 April 2022

Extradition Act 2003 (Part 2 Territories) (Designation of Prosecutors) (Scotland) Order 2022 (SSI 2022/127)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 April 2022

Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Requirements) (Scotland) Revocation (No. 2) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/133)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 April 2022

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Appeal Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2022 (SSI 2022/135)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 April 2022

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 (SSI 2022/139)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 April 2022

Social Security Administration and Tribunal Membership (Scotland) Act 2020 (Commencement No. 6) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/146 (C. 8))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 April 2022

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/150 (C. 9))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

5 May 2022

Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021 (Commencement and  
Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022 (SSI 2022/154 (C.10))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

## **Annex C: Legislative Consent Memorandums**

The following memorandums were lodged on the dates indicated—

22 June 2021

Mairi Gougeon, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-1)

9 July 2021

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Environment Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-2)

12 July 2021

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-3)

31 August 2021

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-5)

2 September 2021

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-6)

10 September 2021

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Social Security (Up-rating of Benefits) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-7)

21 September 2021

John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Elections Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-8)

25 October 2021

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Subsidy Control Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-9)

17 November 2021

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Judicial Review and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-10)

18 November 2021

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-6a)

1 December 2021

Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Cultural Objects (Protection from Seizure) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-11)

6 December 2021

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-4a)

21 December 2021

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-12)

26 January 2022

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Building Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-13)

27 January 2022

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-3a)

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-5b)

1 February 2022

Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Nationality and Borders Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-14)

7 February 2022

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-15)

28 February 2022

Kate Forbes, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Professional Qualifications Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-3b)

4 March 2022

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-16)

9 March 2022

Shirley-Anne Somerville, Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the British Sign Language Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-17)

31 March 2022

Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Online Safety Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-18)

12 April 2022

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM-S6-5c)

## **Annex D: Other Documents**

### **Documents subject to approval**

2 September 2021

Code of Conduct for Councillors (SG/2021/229)

laid under section 1(5) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (SG/2021/230)

laid under section 2(4) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life Etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

### **Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

13 May 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Fifth report on the steps taken to ensure that the solemnisation of marriages and the registration of civil partnerships continues to be available, and on the number of marriages and civil partnerships that have taken place during the reporting period. SG/2021/25

laid under paragraph 24 of schedule 1 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Scottish Local Government Finance Statistics 2019-20 SG/2021/88

laid under section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

Postal Voting Arrangements For The Scottish Parliament Election On 6 May 2021 SG/2021/94

laid under section 4 of the Scottish General Election (Coronavirus) Act 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Fifth report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2021/97

laid under 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – 31 March 2021 SG/2021/110

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – 14 April 2021 SG/2021/111

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – 28 April 2021 SG/2021/112

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010



Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – 12 May 2021 SG/2021/113

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

SLCC/2021/01

laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

14 May 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 28 March 2021

SG/2021/115

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 4 April 2021

SG/2021/116

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 12 April 2021

SG/2021/117

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 19 April 2021

SG/2021/118

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 26 April 2021

SG/2021/119

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 3 May 2021

SG/2021/120

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 9 May 2021

SG/2021/121

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 May 2021

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic plan 2020-25: year two SG/2021/122

laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

19 May 2021

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued Investigations- Compendium of Case Reports for May 2021 SPSO/2021/04

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 16 May 2021  
SG/2021/124

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 May 2021

Coronavirus Acts: sixth report to Scottish Parliament SG/2021/52

laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 23 May 2021  
SG/2021/130

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections – Laid before Parliament 26 May 2021 SG/2021/131

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 May 2021

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Electricity SG/2021/101

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Buildings SG/2021/102

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Transport SG/2021/103

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Industry SG/2021/104

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Waste and the Circular Economy  
SG/2021/105

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Land Use, Land Use Change and  
Forestry (LULUCF) SG/2021/106

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Agriculture SG/2021/107

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Climate Change Plan Monitoring Report 2021: Negative Emissions Technologies  
(NETS) SG/2021/108

laid under Section 35B of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme: Progress Report 2021  
SG/2021/109

laid under section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

2 June 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 30 May 2021  
SG/2021/133

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 June 2021

HMICS Thematic Inspection of Hate Crime HMICS/2021/02

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

4 June 2021

Statutory Duties in Secure Accommodation: Unlocking Children's Rights

CCYP/2021/01

laid under section 11(4) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People  
(Scotland) Act 2003

9 June 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Sixth report on the Scottish Ministers'  
responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland)  
Act 2002 SG/2021/134

laid under paragraph 12 of schedule 4 to the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2)  
Act 2020

Coronavirus Acts: seventh report to Scottish Parliament SG/2021/114

laid under Section 15(5) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 6 June 2021  
SG/2021/138

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections – Laid before Parliament 9 June 2021 SG/2021/139

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 June 2021

Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2020/21 year ended 31 March 2021 and  
independent auditor's report SP Paper 1

laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)  
Act 2000

15 June 2021

Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions 2019 SG/2021/136

laid under Section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

16 June 2021

The Electoral Commission Performance standards for Electoral Registration Officers  
June 2021 SG/2021/140

laid under Sections 9AA(2)(b) of the Political Parties, Elections and  
Referendums Act 2000

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 13 June 2021  
SG/2021/143

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 June 2021

The Inquiries Into Fatal Accidents And Sudden Deaths Etc. (Scotland) Act 2016 – reporting requirement SG/2021/146

laid under section 29(2)(a) of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Act 2016

The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Investigations and External Orders and Requests) (Amendment) Order 2021 SI 2021/638

laid under section 459(7) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, which requires the Scottish Ministers to lay a copy of every SI containing an Order in Council made under section 444 or 445 of that Act before the Scottish Parliament

23 June 2021

Scottish Fiscal Commission: Supplementary Costing – Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill SFC/2021/5

laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

NDA Designation of Hunterston B AGR Station Site SG/2021/148

laid under section 3(8) of the Energy Act 2004

NDA Designation of Torness AGR Station Site SG/2021/149

laid under section 3(8) of the Energy Act 2004

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Discontinued Investigations- Compendium of Case Reports for June 2021 SPSO/2021/05

laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 23 June 2021 SG/2021/154

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 20 June 2021 SG/2021/155

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scotland's Climate Assembly: Recommendations for Action SG/2021/132

laid under Part 2A, Paragraph 32A and section (8)b of the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019

24 June 2021

HMICS Assurance Review of Policing of the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) HMICS/2021/03

laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts 2020/2021 SG/2021/127

laid under Paragraph 16(2) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Professional Standards Authority Business Plan 2021/22 SG/2021/128  
laid under Paragraph 16(1B) of Schedule 7 to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2020-2021 SG/2021/156  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Climate Change Committee: Progress in reducing emissions 2021 Report to Parliament SG/2021/157  
laid under Section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008

Climate Change Committee: Progress in adapting to climate change 2021 Report to Parliament SG/2021/158  
laid under Section 36(1) of the Climate Change Act 2008

Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan Third year progress report 2020-21 SG/2021/160  
laid under section 10(7)(a) of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan Third year progress report 2020-21 Annex A SG/2021/161  
laid under section 10(7)(a) of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

25 June 2021

Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001  
Section 70(4) Financial Year 2020-21 SG/2021/125  
laid under Section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

2019/20 Report on the BWMB Agricultural Marketing Scheme SG/2021/162  
laid under Section 30 of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958

29 June 2021

HMICS Assurance Review of Demand Analysis and Management HMICS/2021/04  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

30 June 2021

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/98  
laid under schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2020-21 Annual Accounts SG/2021/99  
laid under schedule 9A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 27 June 2021 SG/2021/163  
laid under section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 July 2021

Press Recognition Panel Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/129

laid under sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

5 July 2021

General Pharmaceutical Council Annual report: Annual fitness to practise report and Annual accounts 2020/21 SG/2021/166

laid under Paragraph 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

MG ALBA Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 20/21 SG/2021/168

laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

6 July 2021

BBC Group Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 BBC/2021/01

laid by the BBC under the Memorandum of Understanding

7 July 2021

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) Report of the trustees and accounts for the year-ended 31 December 2020 SG/2021/137

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 4 July 2021 SG/2021/170

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 7 July 2021 SG/2021/171

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 July 2021

The Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts For the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 SG/2021/123

laid under paragraph 12(4) of Schedule 1 to the Office of Communications Act 2002

13 July 2021

Transport Focus Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/144

laid under paragraph 11(6) of schedule 5 of the Railways Act 2005

14 July 2021

The Electoral Commission: Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 ELC/2021/01

laid under Paragraph 20 A (1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Annual Report 2020-2021 SG/2021/174

laid under section 42(11)(b) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2020 SG/2021/126

laid under section 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain and VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/153  
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 11 July 2021  
SG/2021/175  
laid under section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/141  
laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The National Lottery Heritage Fund: National Heritage Memorial Fund National Lottery Distribution Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021  
SG/2021/142  
laid under section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

15 July 2021

Scottish Fiscal Commission Forecast Evaluation Report – July 2021 SFC/2021/6  
laid under section 5(3) of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Act 2016

Financial Reporting Advisory Board Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/169  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

Gambling Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021 SG/2021/84  
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21  
SG/2021/95  
laid under section 5(5A) of the Utilities Act 2000

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 UKSA/2021/01  
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

Government Chemist Review 2020 SG/2021/177  
laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

16 July 2021

British Transport Police Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2021 SG/2021/100  
laid under section 46 of the Scotland Act 2016

26 July 2021

National Crime Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 (SG/2021/184)  
laid before the Scottish Parliament under Paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013

28 July 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 25 July 2021 (SG/2021/187)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 July 2021

Education Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 (SG/2021/92)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002: Report of the Appointed Person for Scotland for 2017/18 (SG/2021/192)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under sections 127I and 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and article 17H of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) Order 2005

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002: Report of the Appointed Person for Scotland for 2018/19 (SG/2021/193)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under sections 127I, 291 and 303F of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and article 17H of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) Order 2005

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002: Report of the Appointed Person for Scotland for 2019/20 (SG/2021/194)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under sections 127I, 291 and 303F of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and article 17H of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) Order 2005

Proceeds of Crime Act 2002: Report of the Appointed Person for Scotland for 2020/21 (SG/2021/195)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under sections 127I, 291 and 303F of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 and article 17H of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) Order 2005

4 August 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 1 August 2021 SG/2021/199

laid under Section 79A(3) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 4 August 2021 SG/2021/200

laid under Section 53A of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 August 2021

Risk Management Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2020-2021 SG/2021/93

laid under Section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 August 2021



The Scottish Commission on Social Security report on The Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021  
SCoSS/2021/03

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10 August 2021

Restitution Orders for victims of assaults on police - Restitution Fund Operational Guidance SG/2021/186

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11 August 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 8 August 2021 SG/2021/205

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13 August 2021

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16 August 2021

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18 August 2021

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SPCPF/2021/01

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Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 18 August 2021 SG/2021/209  
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Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 15 August 2021 SG/2021/210  
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19 August 2021

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report & Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/211  
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20 August 2021

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23 August 2021

Scottish Civil Justice Council Eighth Annual Report and Programme 2021 (SCJC/2021/01)  
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25 August 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 22 August 2021: (SG/2021/214)  
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26 August 2021

Scotland's Fiscal and Economic Forecasts– August 2021 (SFC/2021/7)  
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Fiscal Update - August 2021 (SFC/2021/8)

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27 August 2021

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30 August 2021

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service- Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21  
SCTS/2021/01

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Scottish Housing Regulator - National Report on the Scottish Social Housing Charter, Headline Findings 2020-21, 31 August 2021 SG/2021/204

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31 August 2021

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Queen's & Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/190

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South of Scotland Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 16 October 2019 – 31 March 2021 SG/2021/213

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1 September 2021

Scottish Water Annual Report & Accounts 2020/21: Performance and Prospects SG/2021/198

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Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 01 September 2021 SG/2021/225

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Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 29 August 2021 SG/2021/226

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2 September 2021

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3 September 2021

The Coronavirus (Extension and Expiry) (Scotland) Act 2021 – Report to the Scottish Parliament, 3 September 2021 SG/2021/222

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8 September 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 5 September 2021 SG/2021/235

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10 September 2021

Standards Commission for Scotland: Annual Report 2020/21 SCfS/2021/01  
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etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary  
Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security  
report on the draft Disability Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland)  
Amendment Regulations 2021 SG/2021/236  
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15 September 2021

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 12 September  
2021 SG/2021/240  
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Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate  
inspections – Laid before Parliament 15 September 2021 SG/2021/239  
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16 September 2021

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Human Rights Act 2006 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and  
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The Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the Winter Heating Assistance  
for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021  
SCoSS/2021/04  
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2018

The Scottish National Investment Bank Annual Report and Accounts 2021  
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Act 2000

21 September 2021

Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/228  
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Act 2000

22 September 2021

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued  
Investigations - Compendium of Case Reports for September 2021 SPSO/2021/08  
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Ombudsman Act 2002

Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 19 September 2021 SG/2021/245

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23 September 2021

The Scottish Ministers response to the Scottish Commission on Social Security report on the draft Winter Heating Assistance for Children and Young People (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2021 SG/2021/246

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27 September 2021

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2021-22 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2022 SG/2021/231

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29 September 2021

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/234

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Care Inspectorate: Weekly Care Home deaths report – periods up to 26 September 2021 SG/2021/249

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Care Inspectorate: Fortnightly report to the Scottish Parliament on Care Inspectorate inspections – Laid before Parliament 29 September 2021 SG/2021/248

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30 September 2021

The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local Authorities' Functions: 2020-2021 SG/2021/250

laid under Section 12(1)(c) of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Government: Fiscal Framework Outturn Report - September 2021 SG/2021/223

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1 October 2021

The Scottish Commission on Social Security: scrutiny report on The Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Scotland) Regulations SCoSS/2021/05

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6 October 2021

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/224

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7 October 2021

Annual Report of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland EMBS/2021/01  
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Ending Homelessness Together: Annual report to the Scottish Parliament, October 2021 SG/2021/252  
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8 October 2021

Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Eighth report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2021/253  
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Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Revised Strategic Plan 2021 - 2024 CES/2021/01  
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11 October 2021

GTC Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements-Year to 31 March 2021 GTCS/2021/01  
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12 October 2021

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NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the year to 31 March 2021 SG/2021/262  
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13 October 2021

Coronavirus Acts: ninth report to Scottish Parliament SG/2021/237  
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Crofting Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2020/21 SG/2021/178  
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The 2020/21 audit of the Crofting Commission SG/2021/179  
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Act 2000

14 October 2021

Fair Start Scotland Annual Report Year 3 SG/2021/244  
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Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21  
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and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act  
2000

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2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2020-21 SPSO/2021/AR  
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Act 2002

15 October 2021

Scottish Animal Welfare Commission Annual Report of SAWC Activity 2020-2021  
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Regulations 2020

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/259  
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Act 2000

19 October 2021

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021  
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20 October 2021

HMICS Thematic Inspection of Police Scotland Training and Development-Phase 2  
HMICS/2021/07  
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Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Discontinued Investigations:  
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21 October 2021

Benefit Take-up Strategy: October 2021 SG/2021/207

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National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/280

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National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 SG/2021/279

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National Galleries of Scotland Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/278

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Scottish Forestry Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/282

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25 October 2021

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Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 (SG/2021/260)

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26 October 2021

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report 2020-21 (SHRC/2021/01)

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27 October 2021

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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration 2020-21 Performance and Accounts Report (SG/2021/254)

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Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2020/21 (SG/2021/255)  
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Act 2000

28 October 2021

Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 (SG/2021/265)  
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Act 2000

HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2020-21  
(SG/2021/270)  
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Act 2007

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2020/21 (SG/2021/159)  
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Scottish Fiscal Commission Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31  
March 2021 (SFC/2021/10)  
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Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 (SG/2021/267)  
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Act 2000

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29 October 2021

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(Scotland) Act 2003

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report  
2020/21 (CES/2021/02)  
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Commissioners etc. Act 2010

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(SG/2021/288)  
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environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2021/289)  
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Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts and Report 2020/21

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laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

2 November 2021

Northern Lighthouse Board Annual Report and Accounts to 31 March 2021

SG/2021/203

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HM Inspectorate of Prisons for Scotland: HM Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/273

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3 November 2021

Social Security Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 SG/2021/202

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5 November 2021

Scottish Land Commission Annual Report & Accounts 2020 – 2021 SG/2021/281

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The Scottish Commission on Social Security: scrutiny report on The Best Start Grants and Scottish Child Payment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2021 SCoSS/2021/06

laid under 97(8)(a)(ii) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

9 November 2021

Report on the Scottish Ministers' duties under section 23(1) (funding for alternative dispute resolution) and section 24(1) (pilot scheme for mandatory alternative dispute resolution meetings) of the Children (Scotland) Act 2020 SG/2021/308

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Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland Annual Report & Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/306

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Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland – A Strategic Approach – Technical Annex SG/2021/290

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10 November 2021

Social Security Scotland (Act) 2018: progress report 2020-2021 SG/2021/287  
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11 November 2021

Scottish Land Commission: Scottish Government's approach to the reappointment  
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12 November 2021

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15 November 2021

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2021 SCoSS/2021/07  
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16 November 2021

Scottish Sentencing Council Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/311  
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2010

17 November 2021

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium Report of Discontinued  
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18 November 2021

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19 November 2021

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Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/276

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22 November 2021

Historic Environment Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements 2020-21 SG/2021/96

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Scottish Sentencing Council Business Plan 2021-24 SG/2021/298

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23 November 2021

Scottish Public Pensions Agency (SPPA) Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/302

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24 November 2021

Scottish Commission on Social Security Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/315

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Student Awards Agency Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021 SG/2021/266

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25 November 2021

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 2020 - 2021 SG/2021/275

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Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts and Financial Statements Year ended 30 June 2021 SG/2021/274

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29 November 2021

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30 November 2021

Revenue Scotland Corporate Plan 2021-2024 RS/2021/01

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National Records of Scotland Annual Report & Accounts 2020-21 SG/2021/51  
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1 December 2021

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2 December 2021

Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan consultation 2022/23 CMA/2021/01  
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sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 SG/2021/310  
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Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021 SG/2021/303  
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Transport Scotland Annual Report & Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/283

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Creative Scotland Group Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/341

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Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2020-21 SG/2021/361  
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Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report & Accounts 2020-21  
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Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/321

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NHS Lanarkshire Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

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NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/325

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National Waiting Times Centre Board (also known as the NHS Golden Jubilee) Annual Report and Accounts For Year ended 31 March 2021 SG/2021/338

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Water Industry Commission for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21  
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Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts for 2020/21  
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Administration of Scottish income tax 2020-21 SG/2022/12

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17 January 2022

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Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021  
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Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: Tenth report on the Scottish Ministers' responses to requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 SG/2022/18

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Press Recognition Panel Annual report on the recognition system February 2022 SG/2022/11

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Senior Inspector of Burial, Cremation and Funeral Directors Annual Report April 2020 – September 2021 SG/2022/24 ,

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The Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish) Annual Report & Accounts 2020/21 SG/2022/31  
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The Hydro Nation Annual Report 2021 SG/2022/26  
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Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2020-2021 SG/2022/10  
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Competition and Markets Authority Annual Plan 2022/23 CMA/2022/01

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Moray College UHI Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31  
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Authority Annual Reports 2020-21 SG/2022/14

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March 2021 SG/2022/42  
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Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2020/21 SG/2022/27  
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Coronavirus (Scotland) (No.2) Act 2020: eleventh report on the Scottish Ministers'  
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Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Annual Report 2021-2022 SG/2022/80

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The Electoral Commission Corporate Plan ELC/2022/01

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laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

6 May 2022

Response to Scottish Commission on Social Security's Scrutiny Report on the Disability Assistance for Working Age People (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2022 SG/2022/86

laid under section 97(9)(a) of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

10 May 2022

Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 29 March 2021 – 31 August 2021 and the intended future use of the power under Section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period SG/2022/90

laid under Section 10(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Document describing how the Scottish Ministers have had regard to representations on the draft statement of policy and draft annual report on the Scottish Ministers exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 SG/2022/89

laid under Sections 7(4) and 11(5) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

Statement of Policy by The Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 SG/2022/88

laid under Section 7(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to parliamentary procedure—

29 October 2021

Draft Report by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1(1) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 for the reporting period 29 March 2021 – 31 August 2021 and the intended future use of the power under Section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period (SG/2021/291)

laid before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with section 11(3) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

*The report is laid in draft for a period of 28 days during which time the Scottish Ministers will have regard to any representations made to them regarding how they intend to use the power under section 1(1) in the upcoming reporting period.*

Draft Statement of policy by the Scottish Ministers in exercise of the power in Section 1 of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021 (SG/2021/292)

laid before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with section 7(3) of the UK Withdrawal from the European Union (Continuity) (Scotland) Act 2021

*This statement is laid in the Scottish Parliament in draft for a period of 28 days, during which time the Scottish Ministers will have regard to any representations made to them regarding it.*

24 November 2021

Scottish Biometrics Commissioner: Strategic Plan 2021-2025 SBC/2021/01

laid under section 28 (1) (b) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act

## **Annex E: Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on the dates indicated—

23 June 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 22 June 2021 (SP Paper 1)

6 September 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 2 September 2021 (SP Paper 4)

8 September 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 8)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 September 2021 (SP Paper 3)

9 September 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Committee on 9 September 2021 (SP Paper 8)

13 September 2021

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Bill Stage 1 Report (SP Paper 10)

14 September 2021

Education Children and Young People Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation - The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2021 (SP Paper 6)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (SP Paper 11)

16 September 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Committee on 16 September 2021 (SP Paper 12)

20 September 2021

Criminal Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Criminal Justice Committee on 15 September 2021 (SP Paper 14)

22 September 2021



Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 21 September 2021 (SP Paper 15)

23 September 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Committee on 23 September 2021 (SP Paper 17)

24 September 2021

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): The Children's Legal Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 17)

29 September 2021

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Report on Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the UK Environment Bill (SP Paper 20)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 28 September 2021 (SP Paper 22)

4 October 2021

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Report on The National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Young Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021 (SP Paper 25)

5 October 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 24)

6 October 2021

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Code of Conduct for Councillors (SP Paper 28)

7 October 2021

Criminal Justice Committee 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (SP Paper 7)

8 October 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 12th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 5 October 2021 (SP Paper 27)

21 October 2021

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Model Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies (SP Paper 31)

26 October 2021

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (SP Paper 30)

28 October 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 28 October 2021 (SP Paper 32)

29 October 2021

Education and Skills Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Scotland) Act 2021 (Form and Content of Waiver etc.) Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 33)

Education and Skills Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 34)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 26 October 2021 (SP Paper 35)

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 28 October 2021 (SP Paper 36)

3 November 2021

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee (SP Paper 38)

4 November 2021

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland (Chambers) Amendment Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 40)

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5 November 2021

Finance and Public Administration Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Pre-Budget Scrutiny 2022-23: Scotland's Public Finances in 2022-23 and the Impact of COVID-19 (SP Paper 39)

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11 November 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 14th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 9 November 2021 (SP Paper 43)

16 November 2021

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, 2nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Transvaginal Mesh Removal (Cost Reimbursement) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 44)

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COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 7th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 18 November 2021 (SP Paper 42)

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19 November 2021

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on 16 November 2021 (SP Paper 46)

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 50)

22 November 2021

Criminal Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Pre-budget scrutiny: priorities in 2022-23 for the Scottish Government's budget in the justice sector (SP Paper 32)

Economy and Fair Work Committee, 1st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum – Professional Qualifications Bill (SP Paper 49)

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Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee, 3rd report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 17 November 2021 (SP Paper 52)

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee, 4th report, 2021 (Session 6): Legislative Consent Memorandum: The Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (SP Paper 53)

25 November 2021

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 23 November 2021 (SP Paper 51)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 17th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 23 November 2021 (SP Paper 54)

30 November 2021

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee on 24 November 2021 (SP Paper 56)

1 December 2021

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2021 (Session 6): The Independent Reviewer (Modification of Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 [draft] (SP Paper 57)

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2 December 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 8th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 2 December 2021 (SP Paper 55)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 4th Report, 2021, Session 6: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the UK Advanced Research and Invention Agency Bill (SP Paper 59)

3 December 2021

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 5th Report, 2021, Session 6: Subordinate Legislation - The Redress for Survivors (Historical Child Abuse in Care) (Exceptions to Eligibility) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 60)

6 December 2021

Social Justice and Social Security Committee, 5th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate legislation considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee on 2 December 2021 (SP Paper 62)

8 December 2021

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee, 3rd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee on 30 November 2021 (SP Paper 58)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 19th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 7 December 2021 (SP Paper 65)

9 December 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 9th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 9 December 2021 (SP Paper 63)

Education, Children and Young People Committee, 6th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation - The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Applications for Removal from List and Late Representations) Amendment Regulations 2021 (SP Paper 64)

14 December 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 21st Report, 2021 (Session 6): Report on Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill: Stage 1 (SP Paper 67)

16 December 2021

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 22nd Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee on 14 December 2021 (SP Paper 68)

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 10th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 16 December 2021 (SP Paper 69)

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21 December 2021

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22 December 2021

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23 December 2021

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 11th Report, 2021 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation Considered by the COVID-19 Recovery Committee on 23 December 2021 (SP Paper 76)

10 January 2022

Criminal Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Judged on Progress: The need for urgent delivery on Scottish justice sector reforms (SP Paper 75)

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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Subordinate Legislation on Short-term lets considered by the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee on 21 December 2022 (SP Paper 77)

13 January 2022

COVID-19 Recovery Committee, 1st Report, 2022 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on The Coronavirus (Discretionary Compensation for Self-isolation) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 78)

14 January 2022

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18 January 2022

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19 January 2022

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20 January 2022

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27 January 2022

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Education Children and Young People Committee, 2nd Report, 2022 (Session 6):  
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Scotland in the Health and Care Bill (SP Paper 99)

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Qualifications Bill (SP Paper 100)

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