



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 28 March 2023
at 12:00 pm
Q1.03/MS Teams

Present:

- Alison Johnstone (Chair)
- Annabelle Ewing
- Liam McArthur
- George Adam
- Alexander Burnett
- Neil Bibby
- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Gordon MacDonald

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Catherine Fergusson
- Jo Hardy
- Mark Brough
- Rebecca Carradice
- Jason Nairn
- Jennifer Bell
- Irene Fleming
- Samantha Currie
- Gail Grant

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The minutes of 21 March 2023 were agreed. Alexander Burnett did not agree to the minutes on the basis that they did not record the detailed discussions on the proposed business programme.
2. The Bureau discussed the status of papers circulated for discussion at its meeting and the longstanding approach to recording decisions in minutes rather than detailed discussions. The Bureau also discussed the disclosure of proposals for business that were considered but not recommended to the Parliament. A range of views were expressed, including that in some circumstances, such as where there is disagreement to proposed business, that the minute could record more detail of discussions.
3. It was agreed that the Bureau would return to these matters at a future date.

Business Programme

4. The Bureau considered a programme of business for the week commencing 27 March and a revised programme of business for the weeks commencing 17 and 24 April 2023.
5. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Wednesday 18 April would be S6M-07890: Emma Harper: Wear a Hat Day 2023, on Wednesday 19 April S6M-07967: Alexander Stewart: Healthy AGEing in Scotland, and on Thursday 20 April S6M-07511: Foyso Choudhury: Damp Housing in Scotland and, (postponed from Thurs 23 March), S6M-07598: Kenneth Gibson: Bringing Back the Eurasian Lynx to Scotland.

Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee be designated as lead committee for consideration of the Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Approval of SSIs

7. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged inviting the Parliament to approve the following instruments—
 - the Budget (Scotland) Act 2022 Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2023
 - the Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003 (Designation of Participating Countries) (Scotland) Order 2023
 - the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 Amendment Regulations 2023
 - the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (Incidental Provision) Regulations 2023.

Referral of an LCM

8. The Bureau agreed to refer the LCM on the Powers of Attorney Bill to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee as lead committee.

Catherine Fergusson
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
28 March 2023