



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

~~Parliamentary Year 4, No. 68, Session 6~~

~~Meeting of the Parliament~~

~~Wednesday 15 January 2025~~

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Deputy First Minister Responsibilities, Economy and Gaelic and then Finance and Local Government were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**2. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16102—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limits indicated, those time limits being calculated from when the stage begins and excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended (other than a suspension following the first division in the stage being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Groups 1 to 3: 1 hour 15 minutes

Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 40 minutes

Groups 7 and 8: 1 hour 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill- Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 10, 11, 4, 16, 17, 5, 6, 1, 7, 8, 2, 3 and 9.

The following amendment was disagreed to (by division)—

14 (For 46, Against 70 (including 4 proxy votes), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 12, 28.

The following amendments were not moved: 13, 15, 18, 24, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27.

**4. Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs (Angela Constance) moved S6M-16093—That the Parliament agrees that the Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 1).

**5. Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16113—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 January 2025

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Compensation for WASPI Women

*followed by* Committee Announcements

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 22 January 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands; Health and Social Care

*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 23 January 2025

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: Social Justice

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 January 2025

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 29 January 2025

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Constitution, External Affairs and Culture, and Parliamentary Business; Justice and Home Affairs

*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 30 January 2025

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 Finance and Public Administration Committee Debate: Scottish Budget 2025-26*

*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 20 January 2025, 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 (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16114—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (additional amount: transactions relating to second homes etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2024 (SSI 2024/367) be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88 (including 4 proxy votes), Against 29, Abstentions 0).

**7. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16115—That the Parliament agrees that the Electronic Monitoring (Use of Devices and Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Approval of SSI:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16116—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2025 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16117—That the Parliament agrees that—

Katy Clark be appointed to replace Daniel Johnson as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee; and

Mark Griffin be appointed to replace Katy Clark as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-16118—That the Parliament agrees that Carol Mochan be appointed to replace Mark Griffin as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Social Justice and Social Security Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

**12. Compensation for the WASPI Women:** The Parliament debated S6M-15947 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes the belief that women born in the 1950s, also known as the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI), who were not properly informed of the rise in their state pension age, thousands of whom are in the Cunninghame North constituency, should be compensated by the UK Government.

**13. Motion without Notice:** Kenneth Gibson 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 7.08 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
15 January 2025

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

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 15 January 2025 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Administration of Scottish income tax 2023-24 (SG/2025/6)** laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Finance Act 2014

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