



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 16, Session 6

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 18 June 2024

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Time for Reflection:** Bilal Wardak led Time for Reflection.

**2. Revision to Business Programme:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13692—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 18 June 2024—

delete

8.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

and insert

7.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 19 June 2024—

delete

*followed by* Stage 3 Debate: Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.00 pm Decision Time

Meghan Gallacher moved amendment S6M-13692.1—

As an amendment to motion S6M-13692 in the name of Jamie Hepburn (Revision to Business Programme), insert at end—

“(c) Thursday 20 June 2024—

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Applying the Cass Review Recommendations to Scotland

delete

4.25 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.55 pm Decision Time”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (by division: For 51 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 64 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Ministers.

**4. Stage 3 Timetable:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13670—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (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: 2 hours 10 minutes  
Groups 7 to 9: 3 hours 5 minutes  
Groups 10 to 12: 4 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

**5. Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 8, 9, 24, 25, 11, 10, 12, 50, 3, 13, 52, 14, 1, 60, 6, 7, 62, 65 and 16.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

22 (For 86 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 28, Abstentions 0)  
40 (For 104 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 7, Abstentions 0)  
42 (For 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)  
43 (For 88 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)  
49 (For 86 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)  
5 (For 103 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 8, Abstentions 0)  
15 (For 105 Including 2 proxy votes), Against 7, Abstentions 0)  
70 (For 85 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 26, Abstentions 0)  
17 (For 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 27, Abstentions 0)  
71 (For 108 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

18 (For 7, Against 104 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
19 (For 27, Against 83 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
20 (For 27, Against 86 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
2 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 64 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
8A (For 27, Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
8B (For 27, Against 87 (including 2 proxy votes), Abstentions 0)  
23 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
11A (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
10A (For 28 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 84 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
10B (For 28 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 85 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
10C (For 54 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 59 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
10D (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
10E (For 46(including 1 proxy vote), Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
28 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)

27 (For 49 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
30 (For 50 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 60 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
31 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 86 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
32 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
33 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
34 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
35 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 86 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
36 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
37 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
38 (For 25 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 84 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
39 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
51 (For 48 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
54 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 66 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
55 (For 46 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 65 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
56 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
58 (For 26(including 1 proxy vote), Against 88 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
61 (For 27 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
63 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 87 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
64 (For 56 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 58 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
67 (For 26 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 89 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
68 (For 47 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 68 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0)  
69 (For 45 (including 1 proxy vote), Against 67 (including 1 proxy vote), Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 41, 44 and 57.

The following amendments were not moved: 21, 8C, 26, 29, 45, 46, 47, 48, 4, 53, 59, 66 and 72.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time limit under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

Under Rule 9.8.5B, the Deputy Presiding Officer notified Members that Decision Time would take place at 8.22 pm.

**6. Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands (Mairi Gougeon) moved S6M-13663—That the Parliament agrees that the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 115 (including 2 proxy votes), Against 0, Abstentions 0).

**7. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13693—That the Parliament agrees that—

George Adam be appointed as a member of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

Ben Macpherson be appointed as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee

Michelle Thomson be appointed to replace Colin Beattie as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee

Willie Coffey be appointed to replace Evelyn Tweed as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee

George Adam be appointed to replace Ruth Maguire as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee

John Mason be appointed to replace Ben Macpherson as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee

Evelyn Tweed be appointed to replace Michelle Thomson as a member of the Education, Children and Young People Committee

Joe Fitzpatrick be appointed as a member of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Emma Roddick be appointed to replace Stephanie Callaghan as a member of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Fulton MacGregor be appointed to replace Willie Coffey as a member of the Public Audit Committee

Colin Beattie be appointed to replace Alasdair Allan as a member of the Rural Affairs and Island Committee

Kevin Stewart be appointed to replace John Mason as a member of the Social Justice and Social Security Committee

Ruth Maguire be appointed as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

Joe Fitzpatrick be appointed to replace Jackie Dunbar as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**8. Committee Membership:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13694—That the Parliament agrees that Lorna Slater be appointed to replace Maggie Chapman as a member of the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**9. Substitution on Committees:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Jamie Hepburn), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S6M-13695—That the Parliament agrees that Maggie Chapman be appointed to replace Ariane Burgess as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Economy and Fair Work Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

**David McGill**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
18 June 2024

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

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 14 June 2024—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 43rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 620)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th Report, 2024 (Session 6): Delegated powers in the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill (as amended at Stage 2) (SP Paper 621)

The following report was published on 18 June 2024—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 3rd Report, 2024 (Session 6): Stage 1 Report on the Scottish Elections (Representation and Reform) Bill (SP Paper 622)

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Laid Only Instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 June 2024 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Act 2024 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/168 (C. 15))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 June 2024 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Act 2024 (Commencement) (Scotland) Regulations 2024 (SSI 2024/170 (C. 16))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024) 2024 (SSI 2024/174)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 June 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scrutiny report on draft Regulations: the Disability Assistance (Scottish Adult Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 2024 (SCoSS/2024/04)** laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Commission on Social Security under sections 22 and 97 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 17 June 2024 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 - Towards a Better Place for Everyone 2023/24 Progress Report (SG/2024/123)** laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 18 June 2024 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

**Scottish Greenhouse Gas Statistics 2022 (SG/2024/99)** laid under Section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

**Audit Scotland Annual report and accounts 2023/24 year ended 31 March 2024 and independent auditor's report (SP Paper 625)** laid before the Parliament under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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