



## The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minute of Parliamentary Bureau meeting 2 May 2023  
at 12:00 pm  
Q1.03/MS Teams

### Present:

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

### Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

### Officials present:

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

Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meetings on Tuesday 25 April.

## Business Programme

2. The Bureau considered a revised programme of business for the week commencing 1 May and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 8 and 15 May 2023.
3. Alexander Burnett noted that he had emailed to request a statement on the grounding of MV Pentalina. The Minister for Parliamentary Business indicated that he was not minded to agree to the request and noted that a Topical Question had been selected on the issue. Alexander Burnett reserved his party's position on the business programme.
4. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Wednesday 9 May would be S6M-07973: Jackie Dunbar: VAT Burn Campaign, on Wednesday 10 May: S6M-08317: Fiona Hyslop: The Future of St Michael's Hospital in Linlithgow, West Lothian and on Thursday 11 May would be S6M-06107: Supporting Mental Health in Rural Communities.

## Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Regulation of Legal Services (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

## Substitution on Committees

6. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that Keith Brown be appointed to replace Fergus Ewing as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance and Public Administration Committee

## Correspondence from the SPCB: Late Sittings

7. The Bureau discussed correspondence from the SPCB regarding late sittings, agreed to consider further data from the Clerks, and agreed to meet with the SPCB in due course to discuss the issues raised.

## Correspondence to the SPPA Committee: Portfolio Questions

8. The Bureau agreed a letter to the SPPA Committee regarding Standing Order Rule changes on Portfolio Questions.

Catherine Fergusson  
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau  
2 May 2023