



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Minutes of Parliamentary Bureau meeting

19 March 2024

Present:

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

Apologies:

- Gillian Mackay

Also attended:

- Rona Mackay

Officials present:

- David McGill
- Tracey White
- Katy Orr
- Fran Iwanyckyj
- Matthew Linden
- Joanna Hardy
- Jason Nairn
- Irene Fleming
- Callum Thomson
- Jennifer Griffin
- Gail Grant
- Samantha Currie

Agenda item 1 - Previous minutes and matters arising

1. The Bureau agreed the minutes of its meeting on Tuesday 12 March.



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Agenda item 2 - Business Programme

2. The Bureau agreed to recommend a revised programme of business for the week commencing 18 March and a programme of business for the weeks commencing 25 March and 15 April.
3. The Bureau agreed that Members' Business on Tuesday 26 March would be Foysof Choudhury: Brain Tumour Awareness Month; on Wednesday 27 March Audrey Nicoll: The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2023 Update and on Thursday 28 March Christine Grahame: Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards: Congratulating Crystal FM Penicuik as the Best Community Radio Broadcaster at the SME News Scottish Enterprise Awards

Agenda item 3 – Referral of a Bill at Stage 1

4. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

Agenda item 4 – Timetabling of a Bill at Stage 1

5. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that consideration of the Scottish Languages Bill at Stage 1 be completed by Friday 20 September 2024.

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of SSIs

6. The Bureau noted that motions would be lodged to recommend to the Parliament that the following SSIs be approved—
 - The National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024
 - The Social Security (Up-rating) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024
 - The Social Security Up-rating (Scotland) Order 2024
 - The Budget (Scotland) Act 2023 Amendment Regulations 2024
7. Martin Whitfield reserved his party's position on the National Bus Travel Concession Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2024.

Agenda item 6 – Request to meet at same time as Parliament



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8. The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Public Audit Committee be given permission to meet at the same time as the Chamber during General Questions on Thursday 21 March

Agenda item 7 – Correspondence from the SPPA Committee

9. The Bureau discussed correspondence from the SPPA Committee.

Agenda item 8 – Correspondence from the SPPA Committee

10. The Bureau agreed to defer discussion of correspondence from the SPPA Committee to a later meeting.

Agenda item 9 – Committee Membership

11. The Bureau agreed to lodge a motion proposing the appointment of committee Members, with the question on this motion to be taken at Decision Time on Thursday 21 March and to take effect from that point forward

Katy Orr
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
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