

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2010 AT 2.00 PM

Attending: Alex Fergusson (chair), Brian Adam, Paul Martin, David McLetchie, Alison McInnes, Alasdair Morgan, Trish Godman

Apologies: Bruce Crawford, Mike Rumbles

Observing: Bill Kidd, David Stewart

Officials present: Paul Grice, Ken Hughes, Joanne Clinton, Katherine Wright, Jane McEwan, Nicola Dove

1. Item 1a: Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of 15 December 2009 were agreed.
2. Future Business Programme – The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a revised business programme for the week beginning 4 January 2010 and a business programme for the weeks beginning 11 January 2010 and 18 January 2010.
3. It was noted that Members' Business on Wednesday 13 January 2010 would be S3M-5419 David Whitton: Scotland's Investment Management Industry and on Thursday 14 January 2010 would be S3M-5098 Aileen Campbell: Save Lesmahagow's Jubilee Hall.

Procedural motions

4. Designation of Lead Committee – The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament that the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee be designated lead committee in consideration of the draft Census (Scotland) Order 2010.

Legislation

5. Home Owner and Debtor Protection (Scotland) Bill – Stage 2 referral – The Bureau agreed to refer the Home Owner and Debtor Protection (Scotland) Bill back to the Local Government and Communities Committee for consideration at Stage 2.
6. Legislative Consent Memorandum – Equality Bill – The Bureau agreed to refer the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Equality Bill to the Equal Opportunities Committee for consideration.
7. Rural Affairs and Environment Committee – appointment of adviser – The Bureau approved a request from the Rural Affairs and Environment Committee to appoint an adviser to assist with its scrutiny of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

8. Publication Scheme – It was agreed that all papers considered at the meeting should be published.
9. Date of next meeting – The next meeting of the Bureau would be held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 12 January 2010.

Joanne Clinton
Senior Assistant Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
5 January 2010