



# GIBRALTAR PARLIAMENT PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS TIMETABLE

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Wednesday 15th February 2023

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## SUMMARY AGENDA: CHAMBER

5.30pm

- (i) THE ORDER OF THE DAY

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**GOVERNMENT BILLS**

**FIRST AND SECOND READING**

**The Hon the Minister for Health, Digital and Financial Services**

- 1 A Bill for an Act to amend the Medical (Group Practice Scheme) Act to ensure that the dependants of persons registered on the Group Practice Medical Scheme by virtue of undertaking a fulltime academic course at the University of Gibraltar will not be considered dependants under the Medical (Group Practice Scheme) Act. (B29/22)

**The Hon Minister for Business, Tourism and the Port**

- 2 A Bill for an Act to amend the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety, etc.) Act 1995 in order to extend the functions of the Maritime Administrator for the purposes of compliance with instruments of the International Maritime Organisation, and in particular, the IMO Instrument Implementation Code (III Code, Resolution A.1070(28)). (B22/2020)
- 3 A Bill for an Act to amend the Gibraltar Port Authority Act 2005 in order to extend the functions of the Gibraltar Port Authority for the purposes of compliance with instruments of the International Maritime Organisation, and in particular, the IMO Instrument Implementation Code (III Code, Resolution A.1070(28)). (B23/2020)

**COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING**

- 1 The Medical (Group Practice Scheme) (Amendment) Bill 2022;
- 2 The Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Safety, etc.) (Amendment) Bill 2020;
- 3 The Gibraltar Port Authority (Amendment) Bill 2020;

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**The Hon E J Phillips**

NOTES that Gibraltar legislation does not currently provide for a legal right to paid leave for parents who are grieving the loss of a pregnancy before 24 weeks.

NOTES that His Majesty's Government previously introduced a legal entitlement to two weeks paid leave for working parents in respect to the loss of a child of any age or those who suffer a stillbirth from 24 weeks of pregnancy commonly referred as 'Jack's Law'.

NOTES the introduction of groundbreaking legislation in New Zealand to provide workers with three days' paid leave in the event of miscarriage.

NOTES that a Bill for the provision of miscarriage leave has been presented by Angela Crawley Member of Parliament for Lanark and Hamilton East before the British Parliament.

NOTES that the loss of a baby by miscarriage is a devastating experience for families and for some in our community miscarriage is tragically not a singular event.

NOTES that whilst employers and organisations in Gibraltar are sensitive to the grief and loss associated with miscarriage and may have made provision in the context of their employment policies and practices, it is important that support by way of paid leave be enshrined in Gibraltar law for those persons who have suffered the devastating loss of a pregnancy before 24 weeks.

AND CALLS on His Majesty's Government to present either: (1) a Bill before the House to make provision by way of: (i) the introduction of new legislation; or (ii) amendment to employment and/or benefits legislation for paid leave for people who have experienced miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or molar pregnancy; or in the alternative (2) to amend secondary legislation such as for example, the Employment (Maternity and Parental Leave and Health & Safety) Regulations 1996, amongst others, pursuant to powers provided to the Minister responsible under any Act(s) to widen the scope of the same to make provision for paid miscarriage leave."

**To be adjourned sine die**

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