Foreword

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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Ms Maria McGill, Chief Executive, CHAS (Children’s Hospice Association Scotland) led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. **Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-13107—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12553—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

   (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

   (b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13122—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 13 May 2015—

   after

   followed by Portfolio Questions
   Education and Lifelong Learning

   insert

   followed by Ministerial Statement: Outcome of the UK General Election

   The motion was agreed to.

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
7. Marie Curie’s Changing the Conversation on Terminal Illness Report:
The Parliament debated S4M-12957 in the name of Nanette Milne—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Marie Curie report, *Changing the Conversation*; further welcomes the publication of research commissioned by Marie Curie and carried out by the London School of Economics, which estimates that nearly 11,000 people in Scotland, including in the north east, who need palliative care are not currently accessing such care; notes the finding that people with a terminal diagnosis other than cancer, over 85s, people living alone and people from black, Asian and other minority ethnic groups are less likely to be accessing palliative care; further notes that a palliative approach is often recommended for people living with a terminal illness and includes pain and symptom management as well as physical, emotional and spiritual support; considers that this approach is proven to benefit many different illnesses; believes that, with Scotland’s ageing population and with more and more people living longer with multiple conditions, this problem will get worse unless action is taken; understands that the Scottish Government has committed to developing a new strategic framework for action on palliative and end-of-life care by the end of 2015, and looks forward to considering the findings.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Ministerial Statement: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on the Outcome of the UK General Election.

3. Scottish Apprenticeship Week: The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-13112—That the Parliament recognises the success of the modern apprenticeship (MA) programme and how it contributes to addressing youth unemployment while allowing young people to earn while they learn; encourages employers to consider workforce development and higher workforce skills that support long-term sustainable growth; supports the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce’s ambitions for a world-class vocational education system; further supports the Scottish Government’s ambitions for the expansion of the programme to provide 30,000 new MA starts each year by 2020, and joins the Scottish Government in celebrating this success by supporting the activities taking place next week through the fifth annual Scottish Apprenticeship Week.

Siobhan McMahon moved amendment S4M-13112.3 to motion S4M-13112—

Insert at end—

“; further believes that the Scottish Government should use Scottish Apprenticeship Week as a platform to draw attention to the findings of the Equality and Human Rights Commission report, Modern Apprenticeships, Equality & The Economy: Spreading the Benefits, which raised concerns regarding low levels of disabled people in modern apprenticeships, and recognises that more work needs to be done in raising the number of apprenticeships being taken up by women and LGBT and black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-13112.2 to motion S4M-13112—

Insert at end—

“; urges the Scottish Government to have a renewed focus on delivering more higher level apprenticeships as promised in its response to the final report of the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce in June 2014; recognises that there is a gender imbalance in the delivery of modern apprenticeships, both across the frameworks and the levels, with significantly fewer women training to levels 4 and 5 and
in subjects including construction and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) industries; understands that less than 1% of apprentices in Scotland have a declared disability, compared with 7.8% in England, and considers that this disparity should be reviewed as a priority, and believes that the decision by the UK Government to abolish employers' national insurance contributions for apprentices aged under 25 from April 2016 will enable businesses to employ more apprentices”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 52, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the success of the modern apprenticeship (MA) programme and how it contributes to addressing youth unemployment while allowing young people to earn while they learn; encourages employers to consider workforce development and higher workforce skills that support long-term sustainable growth; supports the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce’s ambitions for a world-class vocational education system; further supports the Scottish Government’s ambitions for the expansion of the programme to provide 30,000 new MA starts each year by 2020; joins the Scottish Government in celebrating this success by supporting the activities taking place next week through the fifth annual Scottish Apprenticeship Week; further believes that the Scottish Government should use Scottish Apprenticeship Week as a platform to draw attention to the findings of the Equality and Human Rights Commission report, Modern Apprenticeships, Equality & The Economy: Spreading the Benefits, which raised concerns regarding low levels of disabled people in modern apprenticeships, and recognises that more work needs to be done in raising the number of apprenticeships being taken up by women and LGBT and black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13119—

Tuesday 19 May 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Allied Health Professionals, Enabling Active and Independent Living

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 May 2015

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Portfolio Question Time
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights
Fair Work, Skills and Training
followed by  Scottish Labour Party Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 21 May 2015

11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Questions
followed by  Members’ Business
2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 26 May 2015

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business
Wednesday 27 May 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Question Time
Finance, Constitution and Economy
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 28 May 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13118—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Additional Greenhouse Gas) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13117—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5 and 6 as noted above.
8. **Supporting See Me in Work**: The Parliament debated S4M-13077 in the name of Liam McArthur—That the Parliament notes that Mental Health Awareness Week 2015 runs from 11 to 17 May; supports all efforts during that week, and throughout the rest of the year, to stamp out stigma and discrimination regarding mental health issues of whatever kind; welcomes in particular the campaign, See Me in Work, which aims to end stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health issues in the workplace; understands that, while many businesses and organisations understand the impact of mental health in the workplace, it can be challenging to develop a mentally-healthy working environment; believes that See Me in Work, which has a programme that is designed to support staff and improve working environments, can make a positive contribution to improving conditions for people with mental health issues; understands that one in four will experience a mental health illness at some point in their lives; considers that such initiatives have the potential to be of real benefit to a great many people when they need it, and notes the calls for employers in Orkney and across Scotland to get involved with the programme.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Media, Society and Democracy:** The Parliament debated S4M-13064 in the name of Jean Urquhart—That the Parliament believes that there is widespread debate in Scotland about the relationship between the media, political power and democracy; believes that critical and well-supported journalism is essential to a thriving democracy; believes that many Scots have lost trust in a range of media institutions; notes the development of new methods of delivering news and commentary through the internet and social media; notes the importance of local media and press in areas such as the Highlands and Islands, which rely on the many and diverse local news services available, and welcomes the continuing public debate on how media can be held to account by citizens and civil society and how to sustain and develop diverse media outlets that contribute to generating positive engagement with politics, the Parliament and the important issues facing society.

4. **Circular Economy (Waste Management):** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-13134—That the Parliament notes the potential opportunities for Scotland of moving toward a more circular economy, in which products and materials are kept in high-value use for as long as possible; recognises that realising the substantial economic and environmental benefits means rethinking the way in which products and services are designed and procured; welcomes the progress made in establishing Resource Efficient Scotland, the Scottish Materials Brokerage Service and the Scottish Institute of Remanufacture, building on the Scottish Government’s Safeguarding Scotland’s Resources strategy, and believes that Scotland should continue to show leadership in this important area while proposals for EU-wide action emerge later this year.

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S4M-13134.2 to motion S4M-13134—

After “procured” insert—

“; recognises the necessity of developing new and transferable skills with Skills Development Scotland and industry and educational partners; recognises concerns about the pressures experienced by those working in waste management services, as Scotland implements its waste strategy, leading to the circular economy, evidenced in Unison Scotland’s survey, *Dumped on: Working in Scotland’s waste management services*; further acknowledges the funding pressures
experienced by local authorities in meeting recycling targets and
developing new models; also recognises the role of the third sector in
developing the circular economy”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-13134.1 to motion S4M-13134—

After “strategy” insert—

“; urges the Scottish Government to work with Scottish businesses and
their representative organisations to ensure that unnecessary
regulations and bureaucracy are avoided”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against
6, Abstentions 35).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the potential
opportunities for Scotland of moving toward a more circular economy, in
which products and materials are kept in high-value use for as long as
possible; recognises that realising the substantial economic and
environmental benefits means rethinking the way in which products and
services are designed and procured; recognises the necessity of developing
new and transferable skills with Skills Development Scotland and industry and
educational partners; recognises concerns about the pressures experienced
by those working in waste management services, as Scotland implements its
waste strategy, leading to the circular economy, evidenced in Unison
Scotland’s survey, Dumped on: Working in Scotland’s waste management
services; further acknowledges the funding pressures experienced by local
authorities in meeting recycling targets and developing new models; also
recognises the role of the third sector in developing the circular economy;
welcomes the progress made in establishing Resource Efficient Scotland, the
Scottish Materials Brokerage Service and the Scottish Institute of
Remanufacture, building on the Scottish Government’s Safeguarding
Scotland’s Resources strategy; urges the Scottish Government to work with
Scottish businesses and their representative organisations to ensure that
unnecessary regulations and bureaucracy are avoided, and believes that
Scotland should continue to show leadership in this important area while
proposals for EU-wide action emerge later this year.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Reverend Dr Daniel Frank, Minister, Wallacewell Community Fellowship, Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions**: Questions were answered by a Minister.

3. **Allied Health Professionals, Enabling Active and Independent Living**: The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-13196—That the Parliament recognises that allied health professionals (AHPs) possess a diverse range of unique skills and expertise in rehabilitation and enablement that are key to supporting self-management and enabling active, independent and productive living; recognises and congratulates the increasing number of AHPs in Scotland on the important role that they play in prevention, early intervention and enablement in supporting the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland throughout their lives, and believes that this approach can be further strengthened through the ongoing integration of health and social care services.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-13196.2 to motion S4M-13196—

Insert at end—

“; further believes that the valued role of AHPs would be best supported by understanding the areas that are most in need and therefore calls for an audit of the *National Delivery Plan for the Allied Health Professions in Scotland, 2012 – 2015* with a specific focus on performance of self-referral as a primary route for access and musculoskeletal AHP waiting times; notes that the Chartered Society for Physiotherapy has concerns regarding declining numbers of band 7 physiotherapist clinicians, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a long-term plan to reverse this trend”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-13196.1 to motion S4M-13196—

After “living” insert—

“; believes that AHPs are crucial in the treatment and prevention not only of physical ill health but also of mental ill health; recognises the added value that AHPs can have in terms of preventative, upstream approaches; acknowledges that AHP interventions can significantly reduce unnecessary hospital admission and can help to reduce dependency on care services, resulting in savings to health and social care”.


After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that allied health professionals (AHPs) possess a diverse range of unique skills and expertise in rehabilitation and enablement that are key to supporting self-management and enabling active, independent and productive living; believes that AHPs are crucial in the treatment and prevention not only of physical ill health but also of mental ill health; recognises the added value that AHPs can have in terms of preventative, upstream approaches; acknowledges that AHP interventions can significantly reduce unnecessary hospital admission and can help to reduce dependency on care services, resulting in savings to health and social care; recognises and congratulates the increasing number of AHPs in Scotland on the important role that they play in prevention, early intervention and enablement in supporting the health and wellbeing of the people of Scotland throughout their lives; believes that this approach can be further strengthened through the ongoing integration of health and social care services; further believes that the valued role of AHPs would be best supported by understanding the areas that are most in need and therefore calls for an audit of the National Delivery Plan for the Allied Health Professions in Scotland, 2012 – 2015 with a specific focus on performance of self-referral as a primary route for access and musculoskeletal AHP waiting times; notes that the Chartered Society for Physiotherapy has concerns regarding declining numbers of band 7 physiotherapist clinicians, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a long-term plan to reverse this trend.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. World Whisky Day 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-12302 in the name of Kevin Stewart—That the Parliament notes that the 4th World Whisky Day will take place on 16 May 2015; understands that this global celebration of whisky last year saw 250,000 people attend whisky-themed events in over 40 countries; notes that the event is now managed by the Edinburgh-based Hot Rum Cow Publishing, supported by the founder of World Whisky Day, Blair Bowman; considers that World Whisky Day provides an amazing opportunity to highlight and promote Scotland’s national drink, and raises a dram to the event’s continued success.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights and on Fair Work, Skills and Training were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **The Future of Scotland’s Economy**: Jackie Baillie moved S4M-13203—That the Parliament believes that tackling Scotland’s attainment gap is crucial to future economic performance, in recognition of OECD research demonstrating that inequality has caused a cumulated loss in GDP of 8.5% over 25 years; notes with concern new analysis by Dr Jim Scott of the University of Edinburgh showing that the number of candidates gaining levels 3 to 5 qualifications in the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF), the replacement for standard grades, dropped by 20% between 2012-13 and 2013-14; notes that standards in literacy and numeracy in Scottish schools have fallen since 2012, with 75% of S2 pupils from the most disadvantaged backgrounds not having the numeracy skills that they should; further notes with concern that spending on education and training fell in Scotland between 2009-10 and 2013-14 whereas it rose across the rest of the UK; notes with concern the subsequent fall in both funding and students in Scotland’s colleges; believes that a renewed focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects is required from the Scottish Government; recognises the recent establishment of the Scottish Attainment Challenge; welcomes clarification from the First Minister that attainment advisers will indeed be placed in every local authority; further recognises that more must be done to address the attainment gap; welcomes proposals by Scottish Labour to tackle this with a further £25 million per year programme of investment, totalling £125 million over a five-year parliamentary session, including doubling the number of teaching assistants and 10 new literacy teachers in each of the associated primary schools of the 20 high schools facing the greatest challenges, in addition to the Scottish Government’s plans and paid for through a 50p top rate of tax; calls on the Office of the Chief Economic Adviser in the Scottish Government to undertake a distributional impact assessment of the attainment gap in Scotland’s schools, and believes that education is both key to addressing the scandal of inequality in Scottish society and a crucial investment in the future of Scotland’s economy.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved amendment S4M-13203.3 to motion S4M-13203—

Leave out from first “believes” to end and insert—

“agrees that reducing inequality, including the attainment gap, is not only important in itself, but is vital to create the conditions to deliver sustainable economic growth over the long term; welcomes the successful implementation of the curriculum for excellence ( CfE ); notes that, under CfE, pupils generally study a wider range of subjects in S3
than previously, before focussing on a smaller number of subjects for formal qualifications in S4; recognises that this approach is designed to ensure that pupils maximise their achievement by the time they leave school and commands the support of teachers, educationalists and the Parliament; condemns attempts to portray this change in the pattern of exams taken as a reduction in attainment; welcomes the reduction in the attainment gap noted by the OECD’s Pisa study; agrees that more needs to be done to raise attainment and close the attainment gap; supports the recent launch of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, backed by the £100 million Attainment Scotland Fund, the ongoing work with the Raising Attainment for All programme and the Access to Education Fund and specific work on literacy and numeracy, and calls on all parties to reaffirm their support for CfE.”

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-13203.1 to motion S4M-13203—

Leave out from “welcomes clarification” to end and insert—

“, and is concerned about the high percentage of secondary schools that have reduced the number of certificate subjects available in S4, which, in turn, has reduced the total number of presentations, including in English and Maths, and which, by definition, means that there are fewer pupils who are properly schooled in the literacy and numeracy skills required in the world of work.”

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-13203.2 to motion S4M-13203—

Leave out from “welcomes proposals” to end and insert—

“recognises research that shows that investment in the first three years of a child’s life is the most influential in changing an individual’s life chances; believes that quality early years education is crucial to closing the attainment gap; further believes that targeted funding for school-aged pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds should be explored in Scotland as a means to give disadvantaged pupils a better chance of reaching their potential; considers that education is the best means to create a strong economy with sustainable jobs, and is concerned that the unemployment level in Scotland is bucking the trend seen across the UK by increasing in the last quarter.”

After debate, amendment S4M-13203.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 4). As a result, amendments S4M-13203.1 and S4M-13203.2 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 53, Abstentions 4).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that reducing inequality, including the attainment gap, is not only important in itself, but is vital to create the conditions to deliver sustainable economic growth.
over the long term; welcomes the successful implementation of the curriculum for excellence (CfE); notes that, under CfE, pupils generally study a wider range of subjects in S3 than previously, before focusing on a smaller number of subjects for formal qualifications in S4; recognises that this approach is designed to ensure that pupils maximise their achievement by the time they leave school and commands the support of teachers, educationalists and the Parliament; condemns attempts to portray this change in the pattern of exams taken as a reduction in attainment; welcomes the reduction in the attainment gap noted by the OECD’s Pisa study; agrees that more needs to be done to raise attainment and close the attainment gap; supports the recent launch of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, backed by the £100 million Attainment Scotland Fund, the ongoing work with the Raising Attainment for All programme and the Access to Education Fund and specific work on literacy and numeracy, and calls on all parties to reaffirm their support for CfE.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13227—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the fourth sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13212—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 May 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Equity and Excellence in Education

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 27 May 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Portfolio Question Time

Finance, Constitution and Economy

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 28 May 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 June 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 3 June 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Question Time
Rural Affairs, Food and Environment; Justice and the Law Officers
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
5. **Business Motions:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

**S4M-13213**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 November 2015.

**S4M-13214**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 June 2015.

**S4M-13215**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 9 October 2015.

**S4M-13216**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 June 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

6. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13218—That the Parliament agrees that the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Constables in Scotland: Code of Practice) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. Protecting Rent-tied Pub Tenants in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-12348 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament notes calls for a statutory code of practice for pub companies to be implemented in Scotland; understands that members of the UK Parliament recently amended the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill to introduce a code of practice designed to govern the relationship between pub companies and their tenants in England and Wales; notes the view that Scotland should have an adjudicator to protect hard-working licensees, including in Glasgow Provan, and that this would allow licensees to offer a wider selection of beers and promote market competition, and recognises that a Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) survey found that 99% of rent-tied pub tenants in Scotland would support such a move.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Scottish Fire Sprinkler Coordination Group:** The Parliament debated S4M-12535 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Fire Sprinkler Coordination Group to the Parliament for its awareness-raising event on 21 May 2015; notes the success of the Fire Sprinklers in Residential Premises (Scotland) Bill in securing a commitment from the administration in relation to the fitting of automatic fire sprinklers to all new care homes and sheltered housing developments following the tragic deaths at Rosepark Care Home in Uddingston; welcomes all developments that improve fire safety, and recognises that several countries, such as Finland, Norway, Sweden and New Zealand, have begun retrofitting automatic sprinklers to buildings.


After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Reverend Neil Urquhart, Minister, Fullarton Parish Church, Irvine led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions**: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

3. **Equity and Excellence in Education**: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-13246—

   That the Parliament agrees that there is much to be proud of in Scotland’s schools, with children achieving record exam results, fewer young people leaving school with no or few qualifications and record numbers securing positive destinations on leaving school; recognises that Scotland currently sits mid-table in the international rankings for school education; believes therefore that much more needs to be done to make all of Scottish education truly excellent; further believes that tackling inequity by delivering excellence is a key priority for the Scottish Government; acknowledges that, while the Scottish Government is committed to doing all that it can to eradicate poverty and that poverty can be a barrier to attainment, it should not be used as an excuse for failure; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government has said that all options will be considered and that the evidence of what works will determine future policy, and calls on all involved, including parents, teachers, school leaders, employers and politicians, to play their part in overcoming barriers to delivering an education system that ensures that every child in every community has every chance to succeed at school and in life.

   Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-13246.2 to motion S4M-13246—

   Leave out from “with children” to end and insert—

   “particularly the patience, hard work and dedication of teachers to their pupils’ futures; recognises that this has been delivered under the severe strain of over 4,000 fewer teachers in Scotland’s schools, leaving teacher workload pressure at an all-time high; acknowledges that, despite these efforts, numeracy and literacy standards are declining at all stages and the attainment gap remains persistent; notes concerns from teachers, headteachers, educationalists and parents regarding the implementation of new national exams, and recognises that these cannot be addressed by simply asking teachers to do more; welcomes the Scottish Government’s attainment fund and widening access commission but believes that change requires targeted resources and attention to lift the standards and aspirations of those young people who need the most help, and calls on all involved, including the Scottish Ministers, parents, teachers, school leaders, employers and local government, to play their part in overcoming barriers to delivering an education system that ensures that every child in every community has every chance to succeed at school and in life.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 58, Abstentions 4).

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-13246.1 to motion S4M-13246—

Leave out from “with children” to end and insert—

“but believes that these qualities are undermined by the persistent failure to close the attainment gap, declining standards of literacy and numeracy and the failure of the Scottish Government to introduce more rigorous testing of these basic skills, and further believes that, in order to achieve both excellence and greater equity in education, there has to be much more focus on tailoring the learning experience to the best educational interests of individual children, which, in turn, demands greater diversity in the school system, one which allows full autonomy for headteachers and is more responsive to parental choice.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-13246.3 to motion S4M-13246—

Leave out from “further believes” to end and insert—

“recognises that the early years of a child’s life are the most influential in shaping an individual’s life chances and that quality early years education is therefore crucial to closing the attainment gap and creating equality in education; believes that targeted funding for school-aged pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds in the form of a ‘pupil premium’ should be explored in Scotland as a means of giving disadvantaged pupils a better chance of reaching their potential; further believes that targeted funding should be available for students from cradle to college to ensure equality of opportunity regardless of background; views the loss of 130,000 college places, which has hit female, mature and part-time learners hardest, as a regressive step in the drive for educational equality and excellence; notes the Scottish Government’s failure to deliver on its promise to ‘dump’ student debt, with loans having more than doubled while bursaries have been cut; believes that such funding arrangements are disproportionately affecting poorer students, and considers that, if equality and excellence are to be available to all, the Scottish Government must consider its approach to education funding from the early years through to student support.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 64, Abstentions 29).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 13, Abstentions 30).
4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13264—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 27 May 2015

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.00 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 28 May 2015

delete

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill

and insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Historic Child Abuse Inquiry

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

6. **Through Our Eyes:** The Parliament debated S4M-13110 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the invaluable role of grandparents and other kinship carers throughout Scotland but, in particular, Grandparents Parenting Again and Kinship Carers (Midlothian), which was formed in 2005 and provides a listening ear, peer support, direction and guidance to kinship carers and the children they look after, carers who can find themselves raising children at a moment’s notice; commends the charity’s book, *Through Our Eyes*, which is a collection of stories and poems by individuals telling their unique experience of becoming kinship carers, stories such as *I don’t want this, Where do I begin?, It was Only for a Couple of Weeks!, Our Precious Grandchildren, Life Changes, A Long Road Ahead, It’s Hard Thinking Back* and the many heartfelt poems, and commends this book to all involved with the welfare of looked-after children for the insight that it brings to the trials and sacrifices of the kinship carers but more importantly their selflessness and love of the children and young people they find themselves caring for, often with hardly a moment’s warning.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.
Parliamentary Year 5, No. 8 Wednesday 27 May 2015

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Finance, Constitution and Economy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill**: Patrick Harvie moved S4M-13258—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

3. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13265—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   **Tuesday 2 June 2015**
   
   2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
   
   *followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   *followed by*  Topical Questions (if selected)
   
   *followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Can Do
   
   *followed by*  Business Motions
   
   *followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   5.00 pm  Decision Time
   
   *followed by*  Members’ Business

   **Wednesday 3 June 2015**
   
   2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   *followed by*  Portfolio Question Time
   
   *followed by*  Rural Affairs, Food and Environment; Justice and the Law Officers
   
   *followed by*  Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
   
   *followed by*  Business Motions
   
   *followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   5.00 pm  Decision Time
   
   *followed by*  Members’ Business
Thursday 4 June 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Making Progress on Changing Scotland’s Relationship with Alcohol
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 June 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 10 June 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Question Time
Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 11 June 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13266—That the Parliament agrees that the Enhanced Enforcement Areas Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13268—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Remit of Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13269—That the Parliament agrees that the remit of the Welfare Reform Committee is—

To monitor the implementation of the UK Welfare Reform Act 2012 and other social security legislation as it affects provision in Scotland and to consider relevant Scottish legislation and other consequential arrangements.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Growing Islamophobia in Scotland and Graffiti on the New Central Gurdwara Glasgow: The Parliament debated S4M-12934 in the name of Hanzala Malik—That the Parliament is concerned at the reported growing Islamophobia in Scotland and notes calls for cross-party action to ensure community cohesion, with funding made available to enable a range of outreach events that will help communities live together; understands that
Sikhs are often victimised by extremists who believe that they are Muslims, which causes a divide between Muslims and other ethnic minorities, and notes calls for all faiths to come together with a view to cleaning the racist graffiti from what it considers the gorgeous new Central Gurdwara Glasgow and all other religious buildings in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Peat Extraction for Horticulture:** The Parliament debated S4M-13158 in the name of Rob Gibson—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the importance of peatlands for biodiversity, carbon and water and also toward cultural identity and in serving as historical archives and notes the view that stronger measures are needed to end the commercial extraction of peat for horticulture in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross and across the country to ensure the restoration and protection of peatlands and to help develop a long-term viable industry that can provide sustainable soil and growing conditions to help amateur and professional gardeners and growers.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on the Historic Child Abuse Inquiry.

5. **Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13285—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13146—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13267—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Extension) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 99, Against 2, Abstentions 0).
8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.
Parliamentary Year 5, No. 10 Tuesday 2 June 2015

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Donald G Macdonald, Portree Free Church of Scotland, Isle of Skye led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. **Scotland Can Do, a Framework for Entrepreneurship and Innovation:**
   The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13338—That the Parliament acknowledges the progress that has been made to date in implementing the Scotland Can Do framework, which makes clear Scotland’s ambition and sets out the priority areas where the Scottish Government continues to support and act to see Scotland become a world-leading entrepreneurial and innovative nation, a can do place for business; commends the collaborative impact of all the stakeholders in the Scotland Can Do ecosystem to date, and welcomes the enthusiasm and commitment received at the inaugural annual Scotland Can Do assembly on 20 February 2015.

   Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-13338.1 to motion S4M-13338—

   Insert at end—

   “; expresses concern that Scotland lags behind the rest of the UK in business start-ups, with only 49 new business registrations per 10,000 of the adult population in 2013, compared with a UK figure of 67, contributing to Scotland having a lower underlying number of business enterprises compared with the rest of the UK, where Scotland accounts for a 7% share of the UK total, lower than its population share should merit, and believes that Scotland’s ambition should be to raise its level of entrepreneurship to at least the UK average”.

   After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 58, Abstentions 31).

   The motion was then agreed to (DT).

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. **Youth Football’s Contribution to Men’s and Women’s Football:** The Parliament debated S4M-13199 in the name of Chic Brodie—That the Parliament recognises the contribution made by youth football to developing both men’s and women’s football in South Scotland region and across the country; considers that creating the right environment for developing players is important in all levels of youth football, and believes that youth football can
not only develop players in a sporting manner but also in terms of teamwork, discipline and drive.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, and Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, Ministers and a Scottish Law Officer.

2. Scotland’s Universities: Liz Smith moved S4M-13313—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution that Scottish universities make to the academic, economic, social and cultural life of Scotland and to the enhancement of Scotland’s international reputation; believes that their ability to achieve excellence is dependent on their longstanding ability to attract both students and staff of the highest quality, their international competitiveness, their ability to act with versatility to take advantage of opportunities for the institution and the fact that they are autonomous institutions; recognises that current mechanisms of higher education governance are inclusive of staff and students, including them as members of the governing body, and are a central part of what is an open and transparent process for recruiting a university’s principal and chair for the annual appraisal of those roles, and is concerned that the current funding arrangements for higher education and the principles that underpin the Scottish Government’s proposals to reform university governance threaten to undermine the ability of Scottish universities to remain world class institutions and diminish the autonomy that has been the main driver of their success.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved amendment S4M-13313.2 to motion S4M-13313—

Leave out from “dependent on” to end and insert—

“linked strongly to their longstanding ability to attract both students and staff of the highest quality, their international competitiveness, their ability to act with versatility to take advantage of opportunities for the institution and the fact that they are autonomous institutions; further believes that autonomy should not, in the words of Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski, the Principal of Robert Gordon University and author of the Report of the Review of Higher Education Governance in Scotland, which was published in 2012, ‘shield them from legitimate expectations that they engage with staff, students and external partners, or from the need to behave in an accountable manner’; agrees that access to university should be based on the ability to learn not the ability to pay; recognises the commitment that the Scottish Government has made to higher education, investing over £4 billion in the sector in the last four years, enabling universities to lever in money from other sources and helping Scotland maintain its reputation as a leading nation in higher education; calls for the restoration of the post-study work visa and continued membership of the European Union to ensure that universities continue to flourish, and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with
Scotland’s world-renowned universities to support their continued success.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-13313.1 to motion S4M-13313—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“welcomes their continued successes in attracting high-quality students and staff from all over the world and in producing research of global renown; notes that they do so against a backdrop of budget pressures, including the loss of £21 million from the Scottish Government in research funding and a planned €2.2 billion cut to EU Horizon 2020 funding, and through the efforts of hard-working staff and researchers, some of whom are on zero-hours contracts and many facing significant pressure to win funding grants and publish papers; further notes the 150 planned job losses at the University of Aberdeen, as well as recent industrial action at the University of Dundee following the announcement of 170 job losses; supports the University and College Union’s call for the Scottish Government to step in and save vital jobs at the Scottish Association for Marine Science, which is planning to make redundant 15 members of staff at the remote marine research centre near Oban, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the higher education sector in Scotland remains internationally competitive.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the outstanding contribution that Scottish universities make to the academic, economic, social and cultural life of Scotland and to the enhancement of Scotland’s international reputation; believes that their ability to achieve excellence is linked strongly to their longstanding ability to attract both students and staff of the highest quality, their international competitiveness, their ability to act with versatility to take advantage of opportunities for the institution and the fact that they are autonomous institutions; further believes that autonomy should not, in the words of Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski, the Principal of Robert Gordon University and author of the Report of the Review of Higher Education Governance in Scotland, which was published in 2012, ‘shield them from legitimate expectations that they engage with staff, students and external partners, or from the need to behave in an accountable manner’; agrees that access to university should be based on the ability to learn not the ability to pay; recognises the commitment that the Scottish Government has made to higher education, investing over £4 billion in the sector in the last four years, enabling universities to lever in money from
other sources and helping Scotland maintain its reputation as a leading nation in higher education; calls for the restoration of the post-study work visa and continued membership of the European Union to ensure that universities continue to flourish, and looks forward to ongoing collaboration with Scotland’s world-renowned universities to support their continued success.

3. Nursery Vouchers: Liz Smith moved S4M-13312—That the Parliament notes the recent survey by the Family and Childcare Trust, which stated that fewer than one in six councils in Scotland had enough childcare capacity to meet the needs of working parents; recognises that most council-run nurseries do not provide the flexibility needed by working parents; believes that, in order to help more parents remain in, or re-enter, the workforce, parents need to be able to take up their child’s nursery entitlement at an establishment offering hours that fit in with their working patterns; welcomes the Scottish Government’s pledge to give every three and four-year-old 600 hours of government-funded nursery provision, but is concerned that too many parents are unable to access their entitlement due to the hours or location on offer from local authorities, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to introduce greater flexibility into the system through a virtual childcare voucher to ensure that all children in Scotland are guaranteed their entitlement by allowing parents to use any nursery that meets Education Scotland’s and the Care Inspectorate’s standards.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Fiona McLeod) moved amendment S4M-13312.3 to motion S4M-13312—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“welcomes that, under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, all children aged three and four are now legally entitled to receive 600 hours of free early learning and childcare a year, more than under any previous administration; notes that local authorities have received £329 million in new money to fund implementation of this groundbreaking policy; further notes that local authorities are developing plans to engage with parents and families to ensure that the design and delivery of provision is flexible enough to meet families’ needs; welcomes that this unprecedented investment in early learning and childcare enables more parents, and in particular women, to return to work, as evidenced by Scotland now having the lowest rate of female unemployment of any country in Europe; condemns the UK Government’s proposals to only increase provision in England for parents who work, excluding those who need help most, and supports proposals to extend universal, free early learning and childcare in Scotland to 30 hours per week for the school year by the end of the next parliamentary session.”

Cara Hilton moved amendment S4M-13312.2 to motion S4M-13312—

Leave out from “and therefore” to end and insert—
“; pays tribute to the work of Fair Funding for our Kids and its campaign to raise awareness of the difficulties that parents are facing when trying to access their legal entitlement to 600 hours of free childcare; further notes the vital work of the Commission for Childcare Reform, and highlights the comments expressed in its interim report, which was published in March 2015, ‘The relentless focus of the Scottish Government and local authorities on establishing and expanding the free provision has resulted in universal, high quality provision for 3- and 4-year olds in Scotland, and increasingly for vulnerable 2-year olds. This is valuable. We believe that this free provision should continue to be available. However, that sharp focus has not been matched by coordinated investment in, and attention to, the needs of working families for pre-school childcare, out of school care and holiday provision.’”

After debate, amendment S4M-13312.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 18, Abstentions 33). As a result amendment S4M-13312.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 19, Abstentions 33).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes that, under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, all children aged three and four are now legally entitled to receive 600 hours of free early learning and childcare a year, more than under any previous administration; notes that local authorities have received £329 million in new money to fund implementation of this groundbreaking policy; further notes that local authorities are developing plans to engage with parents and families to ensure that the design and delivery of provision is flexible enough to meet families’ needs; welcomes that this unprecedented investment in early learning and childcare enables more parents, and in particular women, to return to work, as evidenced by Scotland now having the lowest rate of female unemployment of any country in Europe; condemns the UK Government’s proposals to only increase provision in England for parents who work, excluding those who need help most, and supports proposals to extend universal, free early learning and childcare in Scotland to 30 hours per week for the school year by the end of the next parliamentary session.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13346—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 June 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
Ministerial Statement: Publication of the 2013 Greenhouse Gas Inventory
followed by Scottish Government Debate: EU Referendum
followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body: Appointment of a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 10 June 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 11 June 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Protecting Employee Rights and Access to Justice
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 16 June 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 17 June 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Questions
Culture, Europe and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
7.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 18 June 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13347—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 June 2015.

The motion was agreed to.
6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13348—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13349—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill:

(a) Rules 9.5.3A and 9.5.3B of Standing Orders be suspended; and

(b) in—

(i) Rule 9.7.8B, the words “third sitting day before the day” be substituted for the words “end of the second week before the week”;

(ii) Rule 9.7.10, the word “second” be suspended;

(iii) Rule 9.10.2A, the word “third” be substituted for the word “fourth”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Encouraging Good Employment Practices in Wales: The Parliament debated S4M-12703 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament congratulates the Welsh Government on its publication of the policy advice notes, Blacklisting in the construction industry and Employment practices on publicly funded projects; understands that these provide clear guidance to contractors on what is expected of them if they are to be engaged on publicly-funded projects; considers this to be a welcome and proactive approach, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to follow what it sees as this example of good practice and to stop awarding public contracts to companies that engage in poor employment practices in Lothian and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Caledonian Canal, World First:** The Parliament debated S4M-13221 in the name of Dave Thompson—That the Parliament appreciates that the Caledonian Canal, in the parliamentary constituency of Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch, was the most technically advanced trans-sea ship canal when it fully opened in 1822 and was unsurpassed in scale until the Panama Canal opened 92 years later in 1914; acknowledges that the canal, which is now seven years short of its bicentenary year, took 17 years to complete, providing employment to some 1,800 Highlanders, and is currently used by ships to avoid perilous routes around the north of Scotland; understands that its construction advanced engineering knowledge and that it remained the preeminent canal of its kind until the Panama Canal, which is 12 miles shorter than its Highland rival, opened, and celebrates that the canal, from the Moray Firth to the Atlantic, remains a major Highland tourist attraction to this day.

4. **SPCB Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

5. **Making Progress on Changing Scotland's Relationship with Alcohol:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-13358—That the Parliament recognises the progress to date on tackling alcohol misuse in Scotland and the impact of the Scottish Government’s comprehensive 2009 strategy, *Changing Scotland’s Relationship with Alcohol: A Framework for Action*; further recognises the valuable contribution made to tackling alcohol misuse by local alcohol and drug partnerships, the third sector and the public sector, including the NHS and Police Scotland; welcomes the recent decline in some alcohol-related harms, especially in lower income areas; further agrees that substantial preventative action to tackle alcohol misuse remains essential, given the wholly unacceptable average of 20 alcohol-related deaths and 700 alcohol-related hospital admissions each week in Scotland; welcomes views on additional measures to help tackle alcohol misuse, and acknowledges the importance of price in any long-term strategy to tackle alcohol misuse and the Scottish Government’s commitment to introducing minimum unit pricing.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-13358.1 to motion S4M-13358—

After “help tackle alcohol misuse” insert—
“including restrictions on alcohol retailing and advertising, changes to licensing laws and improved alcohol-related rehabilitation for offenders”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the progress to date on tackling alcohol misuse in Scotland and the impact of the Scottish Government’s comprehensive 2009 strategy, Changing Scotland’s Relationship with Alcohol: A Framework for Action; further recognises the valuable contribution made to tackling alcohol misuse by local alcohol and drug partnerships, the third sector and the public sector, including the NHS and Police Scotland; welcomes the recent decline in some alcohol-related harms, especially in lower income areas; further agrees that substantial preventative action to tackle alcohol misuse remains essential, given the wholly unacceptable average of 20 alcohol-related deaths and 700 alcohol-related hospital admissions each week in Scotland; welcomes views on additional measures to help tackle alcohol misuse, including restrictions on alcohol retailing and advertising, changes to licensing laws and improved alcohol-related rehabilitation for offenders, and acknowledges the importance of price in any long-term strategy to tackle alcohol misuse and the Scottish Government’s commitment to introducing minimum unit pricing.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend David Mumford, St Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Brechin led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13421—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 June 2015—

   delete

   *followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of the 2013 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: EU Referendum

   and insert

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: EU Referendum

   *followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of the 2013 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 97, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

4. **EU Referendum:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-13404—That the Parliament notes the publication of the European Union Referendum Bill on 28 May 2015 and the Prime Minister’s intention to renegotiate the UK’s terms of membership with the EU before a referendum; advocates the bill’s amendment to extend the voting franchise in the referendum to 16 and 17-year-olds and all EU citizens resident in the UK; calls for the introduction of a double majority to ensure that none of the four constituent parts of the UK can be taken out of the EU against the will of its people; recognises the great value of Scotland’s place in the EU and will make a positive case for Scotland and the UK remaining in the EU by highlighting the economic, social, cultural and educational benefits of EU membership, and advocates the constructive reform of the EU from within the existing treaty framework.

   Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-13404.4 to motion S4M-13404—

   Leave out from “calls for” to end and insert—

   “believes that the EU referendum should not be held on the same date as any other election in Britain, including the Scottish Parliament election in 2016, as recommended by the Electoral Commission in its briefing, *Referendum on the United Kingdom’s membership of the European Union*; highlights the substantial benefits of EU membership to Scotland...”
and the UK’s economy through access to its single market; acknowledges the social, cultural and educational benefits of continued EU membership, and will make a positive progressive case for continued membership during the referendum while advocating constructive reform of the EU from within the existing treaty framework as strong and active members.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 60, Abstentions 19).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-13404.2 to motion S4M-13404—

Leave out from first “advocates” to end and insert—

“believes that the UK Parliament has the right to determine the franchise for such a referendum; recognises the vital importance of renegotiating the UK’s relationship with the EU, and pledges to work with the Prime Minister in order to achieve these changes and their subsequent approval in a UK-wide referendum.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 104, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-13404.1 to motion S4M-13404—

Leave out from “calls for” to end and insert—

“believes that the UK is best served being a part of the EU and recognises the positive impact that membership has on Scotland; considers the pro-European case to be strong across the UK but recognises that pro-EU does not equate to anti-reform; is certain that EU membership is important for jobs, given that the EU is the UK’s largest export market; believes that pulling up the drawbridge on the EU and the single market would be a sure way to damage the economy of Scotland and the whole UK; further believes that withdrawal from the EU would be damaging to the UK’s social and cultural diversity; celebrates the UK’s membership of the EU, and looks forward to making the positive case for its continued membership in the months ahead.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 18, Abstentions 40).

6. Appointment of Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland: Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-13384—That the Parliament agrees, under section 8 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, to appoint Kevin Dunion as a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.

8. 10th Anniversary of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005: The Parliament debated S4M-13316 in the name of Angus MacDonald—That the Parliament notes the 10th anniversary on 1 June of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 receiving Royal Assent; welcomes progress being made in bringing to fruition the priorities of the National Gaelic Language Plan; believes that Gaelic education has helped to reverse the decline of Scotland’s indigenous language; welcomes research conducted for Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE), which found the value of Gaelic to businesses and communities to be up to £148.5 million per annum, demonstrating that what it considers the currently modest investment in Gaelic translates into a significant economic contribution, not just in the Highlands and Islands but in the central belt of Scotland; congratulates Bòrd na Gàidhlig on its work to promote the Gaelic language and culture and to encourage the many community groups that are creating opportunities for speakers of all ages and backgrounds while acknowledging that it is today’s young children who will keep Gaelic alive and flourishing in the future, and notes calls for all of Scotland to participate in the task already underway of stemming and reversing the decline of the Gaelic language to ensure its survival in the long term.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Sport were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. **Health**: Jenny Marra moved S4M-13416—That the Parliament commends the hard work of staff at every level of NHS Scotland and Scotland’s care services; recognises that delivering the healthcare that the Parliament would want for the people of Scotland in a time of straitened budgets and an ageing population presents one of the country’s biggest challenges; further recognises that NHS boards and staff across the country are finding it increasingly difficult to meet some of these key challenges; notes the recent report commissioned by the BMA Scottish consultants committee, which questions the future sustainability of the NHS unless more resources are found; further notes the report, *Building a More Sustainable NHS in Scotland*, by the medical and nursing royal colleges speaking for the first time in a single voice, insisting that transformation is needed to put the NHS on a sustainable footing and calling for “a genuine public debate on change”; welcomes the comments this week by the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport that she wants to “look beyond short-term demands and foster a consensus around how we best manage our NHS to ensure it meets the considerable challenges of the future”, and looks forward to the Scottish Government setting out a process that involves all political parties, professionals and the public in how to improve the health, care and wellbeing of Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S4M-13416.2 to motion S4M-13416—

Leave out from first “recognises” to end and insert—

“notes the joint call by the Royal College of Nursing and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland for a public debate on what are considered to be the difficult decisions that need to be made about future investment in Scotland’s NHS; considers that, while the NHS budget is protected and the number of staff employed by the NHS has increased, demand for care from Scotland’s growing and older population has increased; welcomes the plans of the Scottish Government to foster a mature debate, involving the public, health and care professionals and MSPs from all political parties, to develop a 10 to 15-year plan for the NHS beyond the 2020 Vision, and believes that this consensual approach to future changes to Scotland’s beloved NHS will help ensure that it evolves to meet the future needs of the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 39, Abstentions 0).
The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the hard work of staff at every level of NHS Scotland and Scotland’s care services; notes the joint call by the Royal College of Nursing and the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland for a public debate on what are considered to be the difficult decisions that need to be made about future investment in Scotland’s NHS; considers that, while the NHS budget is protected and the number of staff employed by the NHS has increased, demand for care from Scotland’s growing and older population has increased; welcomes the plans of the Scottish Government to foster a mature debate, involving the public, health and care professionals and MSPs from all political parties, to develop a 10 to 15-year plan for the NHS beyond the 2020 Vision, and believes that this consensual approach to future changes to Scotland’s beloved NHS will help ensure that it evolves to meet the future needs of the people of Scotland.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13434—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Tuesday 16 June 2015**

2.00 pm Time for Reflection  
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)  
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Harbours (Scotland) Bill  
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Marine Tourism  
followed by Business Motions  
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
followed by Members’ Business  

**Wednesday 17 June 2015**

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
followed by Members’ Business  
followed by Portfolio Questions  
Culture, Europe and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities  
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill  
followed by Business Motions
Thursday 18 June 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 June 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 24 June 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Mental Health (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business
Thursday 25 June 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13436—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved

S4M-13437—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-13438—That the Parliament agrees that the Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-13439—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Voluntary Registration, Amendment of Fees, etc.) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.


The motions were agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4 and 5 as noted above.
7. **Carers Week 2015**: The Parliament debated S4M-13261 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament welcomes Carers Week 2015, which runs from 8 to 14 June and is supported by Carers Scotland, Carers Trust Scotland, Independent Age, Macmillan Cancer Support and the MS Society; notes that the week aims to raise awareness of carers at national, regional and local levels in order to improve their lives and the lives of the people that they care for; further notes that this year’s focus is on building carer-friendly communities that aim to support carers in looking after their loved ones while at the same time recognising that they are individuals with needs of their own; understands that around 759,000 people in Scotland, one in eight of the population, are caring for a loved one, and that many face challenges, including financial hardship and ill health; recognises what it sees as the contribution that they make to families and communities in the Highlands and Islands and throughout Scotland, including saving the NHS a reported £10.3 billion annually; hopes that the week will be a success in promoting both carer and young carer awareness, and considers and values carers as esteemed members of society.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (John Swinney).

3. **Celebrating the Work of Home-Start in North Glasgow and across Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-12898 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament commends the charity, Home-Start, on its work with families across Glasgow and Scotland who are going through difficult times; understands that it does this by promoting resilience and confidence and by providing advice and support that enables families to cope better and successfully move on; congratulates the charity on, it understands, helping more than 2,000 families and around 4,000 children in Scotland; acknowledges that it is a UK-wide organisation and tailors each of its 32 Scottish locations to meet the specific needs of each community that it serves; recognises its work in its new priority areas in Glasgow, such as in the north of the city, that has allowed vulnerable families to get support; understands that, over the last year, it has successfully helped 108 families in north Glasgow; considers that, despite its limited funding, it has made excellent progress in offering aid to young and struggling families, and hopes that Home-Start is successful in its aim to continue to bring about positive social change in Scotland’s communities.

4. **Motion without Notice:** Bob Doris moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

5. **Protecting Employee Rights and Access to Justice:** The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-13442—That the Parliament calls for the full and swift devolution of powers over employment law to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights and responsibilities of workers in Scotland; opposes the UK Government’s plans to further restrict the right to strike; encourages employers to pay the living wage; supports effective tackling of unacceptable employment practices, such as exploitative zero-hours contracts; further supports the work of the Fair Work Convention to produce a blueprint for fair work in Scotland that will help to deliver a better deal for workers, and agrees that this should be underpinned by the powers to deliver better employment services and fair access to employment tribunals in Scotland with the support of active and involved trade union representation in a fair, equitable and inclusive Scotland.

Siobhan McMahon moved amendment S4M-13442.2 to motion S4M-13442—
“welcomes the wide-ranging debate that is taking place about the pros and cons of the devolution of employment rights and the potential impact on working people; understands that there are a number of views held by individual trades unions, the STUC, TUC and others on the issue; further notes that the UK Government has indicated its intention to further restrict the ability of trades unions and individual employees across the UK to access redress to legitimate industrial grievance with a continuation of attacks on fundamental employment rights, including the right to strike; considers that higher turnouts in industrial ballots are as desirable as higher turnouts in any other democratic election but rejects entirely the UK Government’s suggested approach, which makes no attempt to support overdue reforms such as the introduction of online balloting, which might achieve this aim, and rejects the thresholds proposed for ballots; notes that good industrial relations should be considered essential to a more productive economy and to more satisfying work in which employees are properly rewarded for their labour through the extension of collective bargaining, for example in sectors such as independent social care or contract cleaning, and stronger action on the living wage with the creation of a unit in the Scottish Government to actively promote the payment of the living wage, including via public procurement; further notes calls for the devolution of other workplace protections, including the power to abolish the employment tribunal fees regime, and calls on the Scottish Government to deliver genuine improved access to justice by committing to a Scottish inquiry into the blacklisting of construction workers and the awarding of public contracts to contractors that are alleged to have been complicit in such practices, a review of the convictions of miners arrested during the 1984-85 strike, the creation of a Scottish hazards centre, an improved fatal accident inquiry process, a review of culpable homicide legislation and action to use fully the powers of the Scottish Government to address bogus self-employment and its abuses by agencies.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-13442.3 to motion S4M-13442—

Leaf out from “calls for” to end and insert—

“recognises that more than two million new private sector jobs were created over the course of the last UK Parliament and that the employment rate in Scotland has increased by 42,000 over the past year alone; attributes high employment rates across the UK and Scotland to the UK Government’s fiscal discipline and robust economic plan over the last five years; supports the conclusion of the all-party Smith Commission that employment law should remain reserved to the UK Parliament within a UK-wide framework; further supports the Smith Commission recommendation that, while the underlying reserved rights
and duties of tribunals will continue to be reserved, the management and operation of reserved tribunals will be devolved; agrees that, while good relations between employers and employees are good for the workforce and good for the economy, the rights of trade unions require to be balanced with the rights of hardworking taxpayers; further agrees that businesses should pay the living wage when it is affordable for them to do so, and welcomes that the UK Government has legislated to ban exclusivity clauses in zero-hours contracts, ensuring that workers throughout the UK get a fairer deal and greater flexibility in choosing a work pattern suited to their individual needs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 18, Abstentions 31).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr David Strang, guest speaker, National Prayer Breakfast for Scotland and Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13536—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

   (a) Tuesday 16 June 2015

   after

   *followed by*     Topical Questions

   insert


   (b) Wednesday 17 June 2015

   delete

   7.00 pm     Decision Time

   and insert

   8.00 pm     Decision Time

   (c) Thursday 18 June 2015

   after

   2.30 pm     Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   insert

   *followed by*     Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Vale of Leven Inquiry

   *followed by*     Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2014-15

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Harbours (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-13511—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Harbours (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Marine Tourism: The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-13510—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that marine tourism makes to Scotland and the Scottish economy; acknowledges the efforts made by the Scottish Government and its agencies to encourage marine tourism alongside the physical benefits of participating in sport, and urges them to continue those efforts; further acknowledges the objectives and policies for marine tourism and recreation as set out in Scotland’s National Marine Plan, adopted in March 2015; highlights the potential for destinations creating strategic linkages and expanding market opportunities; acknowledges the efforts of the Scottish Marine Tourism Development Group in its engagement with stakeholders around the strategic framework for Scotland’s marine tourism sector, Awakening the Giant, and encourages local authorities and other key stakeholders to engage in the consultation process.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-13510.1 to motion S4M-13510—After “2015” insert—

“; recognises the importance of environmental standards in Scotland’s marine areas, including beaches, coastal and inland waterways, and the potential offered by marine biodiversity for growing eco-tourism”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that marine tourism makes to Scotland and the Scottish economy; acknowledges the efforts made by the Scottish Government and its agencies to encourage marine tourism alongside the physical benefits of participating in sport, and urges them to continue those efforts; further acknowledges the objectives and policies for marine tourism and recreation as set out in Scotland’s National Marine Plan, adopted in March 2015; recognises the importance of environmental standards in Scotland’s marine areas, including beaches, coastal and inland waterways, and the potential offered by marine biodiversity for growing eco-tourism; highlights the potential for destinations creating strategic linkages and expanding market opportunities; acknowledges the efforts of the Scottish Marine Tourism Development Group
in its engagement with stakeholders around the strategic framework for Scotland’s marine tourism sector, *Awakening the Giant*, and encourages local authorities and other key stakeholders to engage in the consultation process.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Remembering Srebrenica: The Parliament debated S4M-13309 in the name of Ruth Davidson—That the Parliament remembers the massacre of more than 8,000 men and boys in Srebrenica in 1995; recognises that the International Court of Justice declared it to be an act of genocide, the last recorded on Europe’s shores; acknowledges the Scottish contribution to the aid effort in Bosnia, the identification of victims and the rebuilding of the country; welcomes the work of the Scottish board of Remembering Srebrenica to inform and educate people of the events of 20 years ago; thanks the First Minister for agreeing to participate in a special service of remembrance at St Giles’ Cathedral in Edinburgh on 10 July 2015, and offers the hand of friendship to the Bosnian diaspora in Glasgow and across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.
The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13530—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 and 2: 30 minutes
Groups 3 to 6: 55 minutes
Groups 7 to 10: 1 hour 20 minutes
Groups 11 to 14: 1 hour 50 minutes
Groups 15 and 16: 2 hours 35 minutes
Groups 17 to 20: 3 hours 10 minutes
Groups 21: 3 hours 40 minutes
Groups 22 to 27: 4 hours 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

2. 30th Anniversary of the Scottish Cot Death Trust: The Parliament debated S4M-12916 in the name of Gil Paterson—That the Parliament acknowledges that 2015 marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Scottish Cot Death Trust; understands that the aims of the trust have remained consistent during this time; notes that it is committed to funding medical research in the hope of finding an answer to why babies and young children die, reducing the number of deaths by promoting the “reduce the risk” message and supporting people who have experienced such a tragedy; believes that it carries out vitally important work, not only by raising public awareness and through the use of multiagency professionals, but also in its support for parents, sometimes for years, who have lost a healthy child without explanation; understands that the trust works in partnership with NHS boards to provide the Next Infant Support Programme for bereaved parents in Clydebank and Milngavie and across Scotland who go on to have further children; believes that the trust offers apnoea monitors as well as a bespoke support service throughout pregnancy and for the first year after birth; notes that it has worked with the Scottish Government in producing the leaflet, *Reduce the Risk*, which highlights safe sleeping positions and the associated factors that are considered to raise the risk of sudden unexpected infant death; further notes that the leaflet provides information such as the view that, in the first six months of life, the safest place for the babies to sleep is in their own cot in the parental bedroom; understands that ways to reduce risk include avoiding sleeping on a sofa or chair with a baby, not smoking during pregnancy or around a baby after birth, avoiding sharing a bed with a baby if either parent is excessively tired, is a smoker, has drunk alcohol or has taken any medication that might cause drowsiness and avoiding letting a baby sleep
on a surface that is neither firm nor flat, including infant swings, beanbags, bouncer chairs and infant car seats; understands that, although such seats can be fitted onto a pram chassis, they are not suitable places for infants to sleep; commends the trust on ensuring that these points are the main thrust of its 30th anniversary message to all parents, and wishes it every success in promoting this.

3. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Culture, Europe and External Affairs and Infrastructure, Investment and Cities were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

4. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 157, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 161, 79, 80, 164, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 13, 14, 15, 100, 16, 19, 20, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 181, 183, 184, 185, 187, 188, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 196, 197, 198, 199, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 21, 22, 215, 133, 23, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 24, 145, 146, 25, 217 and 26.

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The following amendments were not moved: 67A, 67B, 163, 86A, 86B, 86C, 86D, 180, 182, 186, 189, 195 and 203.

Amendment 149 was pre-empted.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the first time limit by 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to. As a consequence, subsequent time limits were also moved by 10 minutes.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the first time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the first time limit by a further 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to. As a consequence, subsequent time limits were also moved by a further 10 minutes.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the second time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the second time limit by 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to. As a consequence, subsequent time limits were also moved by a further 10 minutes.
The Deputy Presiding Officer further extended the second time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

The Deputy Presiding Officer altered the time of Decision Time by 15 minutes in consequence of the motions under Rule 9.8.5A being agreed to and notified members accordingly.

5. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment (Marco Biagi) moved S4M-13523—that the Parliament agrees that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

6. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13538—that the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Tuesday 23 June 2015**

- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
- followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members’ Business

**Wednesday 24 June 2015**

- 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Lifelong Learning

- followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Mental Health (Scotland) Bill
- followed by Business Motions
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members’ Business

**Thursday 25 June 2015**
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 September 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 2 September 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Portfolio Questions
Fair Work, Skills and Training;
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 3 September 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
7. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13537—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

8. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13539—That the Parliament agrees that the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (Ancillary Provision) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Suspension of Standing Orders:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13531—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of consideration of matters relating to the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill, Rule 6.3.2 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. **Establishment of Committee:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13532—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

    Name of Committee: Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill Committee.

    Remit: To consider matters relating to the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill.

    Duration: Until the Bill is passed, falls or is withdrawn.

    Number of members: 4.
Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party.

Membership: James Dornan, Mike MacKenzie, David Stewart, Alex Fergusson.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions**: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions**: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Promoting Responsible Off-road Motorbike and Quad Bike Ownership**: The Parliament debated S4M-13293 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament understands that there is increasing popularity and affordability of off-road motorbikes and quad bikes; is concerned at reports from communities across Scotland, including Mid-Scotland and Fife, of antisocial behaviour on off-road motorbikes and quad bikes, which causes noise pollution, can be threatening to pedestrians and too often causes distress in public parks and public footpaths; also notes reports of damage to farm land, leading to financial loss for farmers, as well as damage to coastal and woodland paths resulting in repair costs for local authorities and others; notes the local police initiative to tackle antisocial behaviour in Fife, Operation Ducati; notes the view that consideration should be given to any additional tools for Police Scotland to address such antisocial behaviour; acknowledges that the responsible use of quad bikes and off-road motorcycles is a legitimate recreational activity that is enjoyed by many people both as individuals and through off-road motorcycle clubs; believes in the importance of education to encourage responsible off-road activity and raise awareness among owners; notes encouragement for owners to register bikes through the DVLA’s voluntary registration scheme and, given the increasing popularity of off-road activity, notes the view that mandatory registration should be considered for introduction across the UK.

4. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13550—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 and 2: 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Ministerial Statement**: The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government Response to the Vale of Leven Inquiry.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Provisional Outturn 2014-15.

7. **Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3 and 4.

   Amendment 5 was disagreed to (by division: For 8, Against 86, Abstentions 0)

8. **Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13529—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill be passed.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

   The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Amanullah De Sondy, Senior Lecturer in Contemporary Islam, Study of Religions Department, University College Cork led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13603—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 23 June 2015

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Future of Onshore Wind as part of Scotland’s Balanced Energy Mix

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Devolution (Further Powers) Committee: Report on the Memorandum of Understanding on the BBC

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 24 June 2015

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.40 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13601—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the
Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 and 2: 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on The Future of Onshore Wind as part of Scotland’s Balanced Energy Mix.

6. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1. (For 30, Against 69, Abstentions 14)
2. (For 14, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

7. **Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-13597—That the Parliament agrees that the Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 0, Abstentions 46).

8. **Devolution (Further Powers) Committee’s 6th Report, on the Memorandum of Understanding on the BBC:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, moved S4M-13584—That the Parliament notes the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee’s 6th Report, 2015 (Session 4), Report on the Memorandum of Understanding on the BBC (SP Paper 764), and approves the memorandum of understanding relating to the relationship between the British Broadcasting Corporation, the Scottish Government, the UK Government and the Scottish Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 8 as noted above.
10. Congratulations to Kinghorn Lifeboat Station on its 50th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S4M-12759 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament congratulates Kinghorn Lifeboat Station on its 50th anniversary; understands that the Kinghorn station covers an area from Elie to North Berwick and all the way to the Forth bridges; understands that, since its establishment in 1965, the station has provided crucial services and launched over 1,000 times to save lives at sea and along the coastline; recognises that, in order to raise money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI), Kinghorn Lifeboat Station regularly organises fundraisers, which include an annual Halloween-themed event with spooky walks and refreshments as well as the Kinghorn Loony Dook to welcome the New Year; further recognises that, in 2015, 80 people took part in the dook, raising a total of £620; welcomes the close links between the lifeboat station and the community, which it believes contributes to the great success of these events; understands that, because of this cooperation, a golden theme in celebration of the anniversary and the lifeboat station’s long-standing services on the Firth of Forth has been included in many events organised by community groups, such as the Children’s Gala Parade, Kinghorn in Bloom and the Kinghorn Historical Society, and wishes everyone involved the best of luck for these events as well as all future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.
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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13621—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

Wednesday 24 June 2015

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Education and Lifelong Learning
insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services

delete

6.40 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.10 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13605—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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: 45 minutes
- Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour 30 minutes
- Groups 7 to 10: 2 hours 15 minutes
- Groups 11 to 15: 3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services.
5. Mental Health (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 21, 34, 35, 36, 22, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 23.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

24  (For 48, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
25  (For 52, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
26  (For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
27  (For 52, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
30  (For 52, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
33  (For 52, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
37  (For 45, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
38  (For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0)
39  (For 50, Against 59, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 31 was not moved.

6. Mental Health (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health (Jamie Hepburn) moved S4M-13599—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13608—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 September 2015

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 2 September 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Fair Work, Skills and Training;
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 3 September 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

followed by Members’ Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 September 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 9 September 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 10 September 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

followed by Members’ Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13607—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Harbours (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 2 October 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13609—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, that Decision Time be brought forward to 6.51 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 9 as noted above.
12. **The Importance of Recognising the Condition, Barrett's Oesophagus:** The Parliament debated S4M-12968 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—that the Parliament understands that the incidence of oesophageal adenocarcinoma in Scotland has doubled in the last 10 years; further understands that Scotland has the unenviable distinction of being the country with the most cases; believes that early detection improves prognosis and survival rates; considers that it is vital that, in Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn and across Scotland, awareness of this type of cancer is raised in tandem with awareness of Barrett’s oesophagus, which is a treatable precancerous condition; believes that, if it is dealt with correctly, oesophageal cancer can then be prevented from developing; notes that the NHS in England records Barrett’s oesophagus as a quality performance indicator (QPI) to allow diagnostic progress to be monitored, and notes the view that a QPI should be established in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Fifth Anniversary of the Family Nurse Partnership Programme in NHS Lothian:** The Parliament debated S4M-13494 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament congratulates Edinburgh on becoming what it believes is the first city in the world to offer the Family Nurse Partnership programme to all eligible women in its fifth anniversary year; understands that the pilot programme, which was launched in NHS Lothian in 2010, has provided support and advice to 660 mothers in Lothian; welcomes confirmation that the resources and staffing are now in place for every eligible young mother in Edinburgh to be offered a place on the programme; further understands that the programme is an intensive, preventive, one-to-one home visiting programme for young, first-time mothers from early pregnancy until their child reaches the age of two and was developed in the United States by Professor David Olds; supports its main aims of improving pregnancy outcomes, child health and development and the economic self-sufficiency of the family; considers that the scheme has been such a success that it now operates across seven NHS board areas, Lothian, Tayside, Fife, Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Ayrshire and Arran, Forth Valley and Lanarkshire and benefits over 2,000 mothers across Scotland; welcomes plans for expansion into Borders and Grampian NHS board areas later in 2015, and commends what it sees as the valuable work undertaken by Family Nurse Partnerships in Lothian and across Scotland.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13613—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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: 35 minutes
   - Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 10 minutes
   - Groups 8 to 10: 1 hour 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.
The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 and 20.

Amendment 19 was agreed to (by division: For 84, Against 28, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1  (For 19, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
2  (For 19, Against 98, Abstentions 0)
3  (For 19, Against 100, Abstentions 0)
4  (For 9, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
5  (For 9, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
6  (For 9, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
7  (For 9, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 14, Against 102, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 14, Against 100, Abstentions 0)
22 (For 33, Against 67, Abstentions 14).

Amendment 14 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 2 and 16.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to move the first time limit by 15 minutes. The motion was agreed to. As a consequence, subsequent time limits were also moved by 15 minutes.

The Deputy Presiding Officer altered the time of Decision Time by 10 minutes in consequence of the motion under Rule 9.8.5A being agreed to and notified members accordingly.

6. Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-13606—That the Parliament agrees that the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

7. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13634—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13635—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Designation of Lead Committee**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13636—That the Parliament agrees that the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. **Committee Membership**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13637—That the Parliament agrees that John Lamont be appointed to replace Annabel Goldie as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party member of the Welfare Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.14 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Stuart D. MacQuarrie, Chaplain to the University of Glasgow, Chaplain to Glasgow Warriors (rugby team) and formerly Chaplain to the 2014 Commonwealth Games led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14107—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   **Tuesday 1 September 2015**
   
   2.00 pm       Time for Reflection
   
   *followed by*       Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   *followed by*       Topical Questions (if selected)
   
   *followed by*       First Minister’s Statement on the Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2015-16
   
   *followed by*       Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2015-16
   
   *followed by*       Business Motions
   
   *followed by*       Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   5.00 pm       Decision Time
   
   *followed by*       Members’ Business

   **Wednesday 2 September 2015**

   *followed by*       Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   *followed by*       Portfolio Questions
   
   *followed by*       Fair Work, Skills and Training; Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights
   
   *followed by*       Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2015-16 (continuation of debate)
   
   *followed by*       Business Motions
   
   *followed by*       Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   5.00 pm       Decision Time
   
   *followed by*       Members’ Business

   **Thursday 3 September 2015**

   11.40 am       Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   11.40 am       General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm  Members’ Business
2.15 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.15 pm  Ministerial Statement: Policing
  followed by  Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government's response to the planned closure of Longannet Power Station
  followed by  Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee Debate: Economic Impact of the Film, TV and Video Games Industries
  followed by  Business Motions
  followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
Tuesday 8 September 2015
2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
  followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
  followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
  followed by  Scottish Government Business
  followed by  Business Motions
  followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
  followed by  Members’ Business
Wednesday 9 September 2015
2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
  Finance, Constitution and Economy
  followed by  Scottish Government Business
  followed by  Business Motions
  followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
  followed by  Members’ Business
Thursday 10 September 2015
11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister's Questions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.


6. Decision Time: There were no decisions to take at Decision Time on the items noted above.

7. Promoting Sustainable GP Recruitment: The Parliament debated S4M-13973 in the name of Jim Hume—That the Parliament notes with concern the reported challenges facing GPs across Scotland, including a shortage in numbers in South Scotland; understands that the British Medical Association and the Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland have said that the country will need an additional 740 GPs by 2020 and that it is facing a recruitment crisis in general practice; believes that around 90% of patient contact with the NHS is through the primary care provided by GPs and that quality primary care is the bedrock of the NHS and a lifeline to many, particularly in remote and rural communities; further believes that the pressure on GPs is intolerable and that the situation at present is unsustainable, and notes the calls from Scotland’s healthcare professionals for a full and frank debate on the future of primary care.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Fair Work, Skills and Training and Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.


3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14115—that the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 September 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Progress in the Scottish Economy
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 9 September 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy
followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 10 September 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm  Members’ Business
2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm  Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee and Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Internationalising Scottish Businesses
*followed by* Business Motions
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 15 September 2015
2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)
*followed by* Scottish Government Business
*followed by* Business Motions
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 16 September 2015
2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
Justice and the Law Officers;
Rural Affairs, Food and Environment
*followed by* Scottish Government Business
*followed by* Business Motions
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 17 September 2015
11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm  Members’ Business
2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm  Stage 3 Proceedings: British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill
*followed by* Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-14047—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 January 2016.

S4M-14049—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 January 2016.

S4M-14050—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 18 December 2015.

S4M-14051—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 November 2015.

S4M-14098—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Education (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 30 October 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

5. Referral of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14053—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2015 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14112—That the Parliament agrees that—

Richard Baker be appointed to replace Margaret McCulloch as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Malcolm Chisholm be appointed to replace Lewis Macdonald as a member of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee;

John Pentland be appointed to replace Siobhan McMahon as a member of the Education and Culture Committee;

Drew Smith be appointed to replace Jayne Baxter as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;
Jackie Baillie be appointed to replace Malcolm Chisholm as a member of the Finance Committee;

Margaret McDougall be appointed to replace Jayne Baxter as a member of the Justice Committee;

Malcolm Chisholm be appointed to replace Dr Richard Simpson as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Siobhan McMahon be appointed to replace Mary Fee as a member of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee;

Jayne Baxter be appointed to replace Alex Rowley as a member of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

Dr Richard Simpson be appointed to replace Drew Smith as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

Michael McMahon be appointed to replace John Pentland as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

Mary Fee be appointed to replace Margaret McDougall as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Hugh Henry be appointed to replace Michael McMahon as a member of the Welfare Reform Committee;

Neil Findlay be appointed to replace Margaret McDougall as a member of the Welfare Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Substitution on Committees**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14054—That the Parliament agrees that Gavin Brown be appointed to replace John Lamont as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Justice Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Substitution on Committees**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14113—That the Parliament agrees that—

Jayne Baxter be appointed to replace Malcolm Chisholm as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Health and Sport Committee;

Graeme Pearson be appointed to replace Hugh Henry as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Justice Committee;
Mark Griffin be appointed to replace John Pentland as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee; and

John Pentland be appointed to replace Mark Griffin as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Establishment of Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14114—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: The National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the National Galleries of Scotland Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 3.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Membership: Fiona McLeod, Anne McTaggart and Jean Urquhart.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Fair Trade is the Goal for Gleniffer High School and Bala Sport: The Parliament debated S4M-13467 in the name of Neil Bibby—That the Parliament congratulates Gleniffer High School in Paisley on working with Bala Sport to become the social enterprise’s first member school in the UK; believes that the school is the first to invest in the community benefit society and to buy a small amount of shares, meaning that it will have a say in how Bala Sport is run; considers that the commitment by pupils and teachers to use Fairtrade footballs reflects a desire to promote fairness in the sports equipment industry and is a credit not only to the school but to the community; understands that, while currently less than a quarter of 1% of sports balls sold in the UK are Fairtrade certified, Bala Sport is a new co-operative organisation that was set up to expand the availability and use of ethically produced Fairtrade sports balls; notes support for raising awareness and encouraging the use of Fairtrade sports balls so that those who make them in Pakistan, which is the only country to produce Fairtrade certified balls, are paid a fair wage and work in safe conditions, and notes calls for other schools and organisations to follow what it considers the fantastic example set by Gleniffer High School and use Fairtrade sports balls.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Sewage Sludge Spreading:** The Parliament debated S4M-13248 in the name of Margaret Mitchell—That the Parliament recognises the level of concern about the spreading of sewage sludge on fields in and around the Falkirk area; understands that over 1,300 members of the community have submitted letters of objection regarding the practice to Falkirk Council; notes that community councils in the Falkirk area have lodged a petition with the Public Petitions Committee regarding sewage sludge spreading; understands that the spreading of human sewage on fields in the Falkirk area has aggravated health problems among local residents, including those with lung conditions and asthma, and prevented residents from opening windows, hanging out laundry or sitting outside during the summer months; further understands that sludge has been spilt onto roads during transportation and that a local primary school sports day had to be cancelled due to the stench from the sludge making children vomit; acknowledges that the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Water, Falkirk Council and the Scottish Government are responsible for oversight of the various stages of sewage sludge treatment, transportation and spreading and that the Scottish Government is currently conducting a review of waste spreading in Scotland, and notes the view that there is merit in exploring alternative ways of treating human sewage as well as ensuring that the current practice is meticulously monitored so that local communities are not adversely affected.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Policing.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government’s response to the planned closure of Longannet Power Station.

6. **The Economic Impact of the Film, TV and Video Games Industries:** Murdo Fraser, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, moved S4M-14048—That the Parliament notes the findings of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee’s 4th Report, 2015 (Session 4), *The economic impact of the film, TV and video games industries* (SP Paper 704).

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.
The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Reverend Alexander Horsburgh, Minister of Dalkeith, St Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church, Moderator of the Presbytery of Lothian, and Secretary of the Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Europe led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions**: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. **Progress in the Scottish Economy**: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-14156—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the Scottish economy has experienced its longest period of uninterrupted economic growth since 2001 and has a higher employment rate than the UK as a whole and further welcomes independent forecasts predicting growth of around 2.4% in 2015; endorses the refreshed Scottish Economic Strategy launched earlier this year, which sets out the approach taken by the Scottish Government and wider public sector to achieve a Scottish economy that is characterised by inclusive growth and opportunities for all, and supports the *Programme for Government 2015-16*, published on 1 September 2015, which sets out the actions that the Scottish Government is taking to foster a supportive business environment, invest in infrastructure and skills and support entrepreneurship, innovation and internationalisation while promoting and expanding fair work and the living wage and raising attainment.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-14156.3 to motion S4M-14156—

Leave out from first “welcomes” to end and insert—

“recognises that the Scottish Government must ensure that the benefits of economic growth improve the lives of working people and address increasing inequalities; believes that the Scottish Government must be more ambitious to improve economic performance, noting that GDP stands at 4.5% above the pre-recession peak for the UK as a whole, compared to only 2.9% in Scotland; notes criticism from leading economists of the Scottish Government’s two economic publications, *Benefits of Improved Economic Performance*, for incorrectly assuming that Scotland will continue to receive the block grant while retaining all taxes raised in Scotland; notes that these two economic publications have based their economic analysis on growth assumptions that are not supported by any policy analysis or an assessment of the likelihood of achieving such growth; further notes with concern that Scotland’s Economic Strategy provides no targets to measure success; welcomes progress in promoting the living wage in the private sector, but believes that the full weight of the Scottish Government should be behind this effort, including through procurement; notes the recent fall in confidence among Scotland’s small business community, and believes that the
foundation of Scotland’s economic strategy must be a successful education policy and that therefore tackling educational inequality must not only be a political priority but also a spending priority.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 33, Against 77, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-14156.2 to motion S4M-14156—

Leave out from “endorses” to end and insert—

“welcomes the positive action of the UK Government to build sustainable economic growth across the UK; shares the Scottish Government’s stated ambition to create a competitive business environment in Scotland; proposes that a full review be conducted into the application of non-domestic rates with a view to improving their competitiveness and efficiency; regrets proposals in the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill to alter the treatment of shootings and deer forests for valuation purposes, and urges clarity on the proposed use of the Scottish rate of income tax, which is being devolved in the next year.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 12, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 60, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14171—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 9 September 2015—

after

followed by Scottish Labour Party Debate: Housing and Wellbeing in Scotland

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Substitution on Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14163—That the Parliament agrees that
Dr Richard Simpson be appointed to replace Jackie Baillie as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Referral of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14172—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Do the Human Right Thing: Keep the Human Rights Act: The Parliament debated S4M-13562 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Amnesty International campaign, Do the Human Right Thing: Keep the Human Rights Act; understands that this campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of the Human Rights Act 1998 and the threats that it faces from some politicians, who would like to scrap it; considers that the Human Rights Act is a fundamental safeguard to the freedom of every citizen, including those resident in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse parliamentary constituency, as well as any visitor to this country; believes that it has given people the power to challenge decisions made by public authorities and has also led to positive policy changes, and hopes that this campaign will help to raise awareness of what it considers this important issue.

The meeting closed at 5.52 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Finance, Constitution and Economy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. Housing and Wellbeing in Scotland: Ken Macintosh moved S4M-14167—That the Parliament welcomes the report of the independent Commission on Housing and Wellbeing, *A blueprint for Scotland’s future,* and the crucial importance that it places on securing a decent home for each and every Scot to ensure individual and social wellbeing; notes the findings of the commission, which concluded that “there is very clearly a homes crisis” in Scotland, with 150,000 households on waiting lists and 940,000 in fuel poverty; further notes the findings that more than 40% of social housing in Scotland falls short of official quality standards but that buying your own home is increasingly unaffordable, especially for young adults; further welcomes Shelter Scotland’s campaign, Make Renting Right, and the work of the many groups and individuals behind the Living Rent Campaign in highlighting the need to regulate the private renting sector in Scotland; looks forward to the Scottish Government’s Private Tenancies Bill, and asks the Scottish Government whether it believes that its Programme for Government matches the ambitions and “call to action” set out by the Commission on Housing and Wellbeing.

The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved amendment S4M-14167.2 to motion S4M-14167—

Leave out from first “the findings” to end and insert—

“that the commission is a good example of the type of cross-sector working that is so important to ensuring that civic Scotland and government work together to find positive policies for Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Government’s £1.7 billion investment and commitment to deliver 30,000 new affordable homes by next year; welcomes and commends the hard work of many stakeholders that seek to ensure, as the Scottish Government does, a modern private rented sector that is fit for the needs of today’s tenants and landlords, and looks forward to the Scottish Government’s Private Tenancies Bill, which will ensure stability, security and predictability in the private rented sector.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-14167.1 to motion S4M-14167—

Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—
“encourages the search for ambitious solutions to Scotland’s future housing needs; observes the importance of a mix of property types and continuing flexibility of tenures in the housing market; recognises that such a mix will require a vibrant private rental sector that balances the need for affordability with securing supply in light of a growing population; acknowledges that a focus on building and investment is required to ensure that properties are available to meet the demand for homes, and considers that the needs of tenants and homebuyers are best served by ensuring that the Scottish property market remains competitive.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 18, Abstentions 4).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the report of the independent Commission on Housing and Wellbeing, A blueprint for Scotland’s future, and the crucial importance that it places on securing a decent home for each and every Scot to ensure individual and social wellbeing; notes that the commission is a good example of the type of cross-sector working that is so important to ensuring that civic Scotland and government work together to find positive policies for Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Government’s £1.7 billion investment and commitment to deliver 30,000 new affordable homes by next year; welcomes and commends the hard work of many stakeholders that seek to ensure, as the Scottish Government does, a modern private rented sector that is fit for the needs of today’s tenants and landlords, and looks forward to the Scottish Government’s Private Tenancies Bill, which will ensure stability, security and predictability in the private rented sector.

3. Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-14189—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14191—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 10 September 2015—

delete

2.30 pm Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee and Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Internationalising Scottish Business and Freight Transport in Scotland
and insert

2.30 pm   Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee Debate: Internationalising Scottish Business

followed by   Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Freight Transport in Scotland

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14175—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 September 2015

2.00 pm   Time for Reflection

followed by   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by   Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by   Scottish Government Debate: Responding to the Global Refugee Crisis

followed by   Business Motions

followed by   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm   Decision Time

followed by   Members’ Business

Wednesday 16 September 2015

2.00 pm   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm   Portfolio Questions

Justice and the Law Officers;
Rural Affairs, Food and Environment

followed by   Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Future, Democracy and Devolution

followed by   Business Motions

followed by   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm   Decision Time

followed by   Members’ Business

Thursday 17 September 2015

11.40 am   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am   General Questions

12.00 pm   First Minister’s Questions

12.30 pm   Members’ Business

2.30 pm   Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Renewables in Scotland’s Energy Policy
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
Tuesday 22 September 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business
Wednesday 23 September 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business
Thursday 24 September 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14173—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. Scottish Oceans Institute’s Work on Seal Deaths and Population Decline: The Parliament debated S4M-13880 in the name of Roderick Campbell—That the Parliament notes what it considers to be the impressive work of the Scottish Oceans Institute (SOI), which is based at the University of St Andrews; understands that its mission is to “bring together the people, interdisciplinary skills and supporting scientific services necessary to deliver world class research in marine sciences”; praises what it believes to be the assiduous work into marine mammal research, particularly in relation to unexplained seal deaths and harbour seal decline; notes that recent publications have posited a new theory suggesting that grey seal predation is the cause of “corkscrew deaths” but that no definitive answer has yet been found to explain why seal numbers on Scotland’s coasts are declining so rapidly; commends the efforts of the staff and students at the SOI for their ongoing work; notes proposals for a brand-new building to accommodate the institute, and looks forward to further publications that may help to halt, and reverse, seal population decline.

The meeting closed at 6.15 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Edinburgh Airport Flight Path Trial, Lack of Community Consultation:**
The Parliament debated S4M-14018 in the name of Neil Findlay—that the Parliament notes with concern the trial being carried out that has changed the flight path for Edinburgh Airport; acknowledges what it understands is widespread concern from the communities in the trial flight path about an increase in aircraft activity and residents experiencing sleep disruption and enduring noise pollution as a result; expresses further concern at reports of a complete lack of consultation with people in these areas prior to the trial taking place, and notes the calls for the airport’s management to halt the trial and to carry out a full consultation with all of the communities affected.

4. **Internationalising Scottish Business:** Murdo Fraser, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, moved S4M-14190—that the Parliament notes the findings of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee’s 5th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Internationalising Scottish Business* (SP Paper 719).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Freight Transport in Scotland:** Jim Eadie, on behalf of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, moved S4M-14193—that the Parliament notes the findings of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee’s 6th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Inquiry into freight transport in Scotland* (SP Paper 772).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.
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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.


2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14254—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 15 September 2015—

   after
   
   2.00 pm    Time for Reflection – Pastor Stephen Kato, New Destiny Christian Centre, Kamuli, Uganda
   
   followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   insert
   
   followed by    Ministerial Statement: Future Prosperity for the North Sea

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Future Prosperity for the North Sea.

4. **Responding to the Global Refugee Crisis:** The Minister for Europe and International Development (Humza Yousaf) moved S4M-14245—That the Parliament recognises the severity of the global refugee crisis and calls for a coordinated international humanitarian response; acknowledges the contribution of the UK Government to the humanitarian needs of those in the refugee camps bordering Syria and the commitment to take 20,000 Syrian refugees from these camps by 2020; calls on the UK Government to increase the numbers it will accept, coordinate with its European partners and take its fair share of the refugees arriving in the EU; welcomes the cross-party summit on the refugee crisis and the establishment of the taskforce to coordinate Scotland’s response, which has been aided by £1 million from the Scottish Government; further welcomes the overwhelming public response to the crisis, the generosity of spirit being demonstrated across Scotland and the positive response of local government, the third sector and communities, and commits to ensuring that those arriving in Scotland will be given a warm and positive welcome and that Scotland will take a fair share of refugees.

   Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-14245.2 to motion S4M-14245—

   Insert at end—
\[\text{"; notes the positive measures that the University of Glasgow has taken to support refugee students by offering fee waivers, extending its Talent Scholarship programme and accommodating two Syrian academics as PhD students, and encourages other universities to explore opportunities, with support from the Scottish Government, to offer places to students whose studies have been interrupted and whose education could benefit their home country in the future".}\]

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

John Lamont moved amendment S4M-14245.1 to motion S4M-14245—

After “EU” insert—

\[\text{"; welcomes the appointment of a UK Government minister to coordinate the delivery of this commitment; notes that the UK’s response has been further boosted by an extra £100 million in aid, taking the total contribution to the Syrian refugee crisis to over £1 billion, which is the UK’s largest response to a humanitarian crisis; notes that, while taking in a sustainable level of refugees is important, tackling the root causes of this crisis must be a priority for world leaders".}\]

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 103, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the severity of the global refugee crisis and calls for a coordinated international humanitarian response; acknowledges the contribution of the UK Government to the humanitarian needs of those in the refugee camps bordering Syria and the commitment to take 20,000 Syrian refugees from these camps by 2020; calls on the UK Government to increase the numbers it will accept, coordinate with its European partners and take its fair share of the refugees arriving in the EU; welcomes the appointment of a UK Government minister to coordinate the delivery of this commitment; notes that the UK’s response has been further boosted by an extra £100 million in aid, taking the total contribution to the Syrian refugee crisis to over £1 billion, which is the UK’s largest response to a humanitarian crisis; notes that, while taking in a sustainable level of refugees is important, tackling the root causes of this crisis must be a priority for world leaders; welcomes the cross-party summit on the refugee crisis and the establishment of the taskforce to coordinate Scotland’s response, which has been aided by £1 million from the Scottish Government; further welcomes the overwhelming public response to the crisis, the generosity of spirit being demonstrated across Scotland and the positive response of local government, the third sector and communities; commits to ensuring that those arriving in Scotland will be given a warm and positive welcome and that Scotland will take a fair share of refugees; notes the positive measures that the University of Glasgow has taken to support refugee students by offering fee waivers, extending its Talent Scholarship}
programme and accommodating two Syrian academics as PhD students, and encourages other universities to explore opportunities, with support from the Scottish Government, to offer places to students whose studies have been interrupted and whose education could benefit their home country in the future.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 4 as noted above.

6. Community Energy Fortnight 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-14109 in the name of Mike MacKenzie—that the Parliament welcomes Community Energy Fortnight 2015, which takes place from 5 to 20 September, with events across Scotland to celebrate and highlight what it considers the important role that communities have in promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency; notes that events to mark the fortnight include site visits and knowledge-sharing events in the Highlands and Islands, South Lanarkshire and in other local authority areas; recognises what it sees as the vital role that communities will play in helping to meet Scotland’s carbon and renewables targets, and congratulates the Scottish Community Energy Coalition and other groups that support communities and rural businesses to develop renewable energy schemes to create sustainable communities across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers, Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, and were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and a Scottish Law Officer.

2. Scotland’s Future, Democracy and Devolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-14252—That the Parliament notes the establishment of the all-party Smith Commission following the 2014 referendum on independence and the commitment of the UK Government to legislate to implement the recommendations of the commission in full; further notes the findings of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee that the Scotland Bill in its current form does not deliver the recommendations of the commission in full; further notes that no amendments to the Bill were accepted at its committee stage in the House of Commons; urges the UK Government to bring forward amendments at the Bill’s report stage to give effect to the Smith Commission recommendations and in particular to meet the standards set by the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, and recognises the need for a satisfactory and fair fiscal framework to allow the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government to make effective use of the powers in the Bill.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-14252.2 to motion S4M-14252—

Insert at end—

“...and believes that devolution should not stop at the Scottish Parliament but go on to create more effective delivery of public services, for example through the devolution of the work programme to local communities and empowering people in greater local decision-making”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 75, Abstentions 0).

Annabel Goldie moved amendment S4M-14252.1 to motion S4M-14252—

Leave out from first “further” to end and insert—

“regrets that the Scottish Government’s immediate reaction to the Smith Agreement was to criticise and disparage its recommendations; notes that the Smith Agreement proposes a very significant transfer of powers to the Scottish Parliament that will make it one of the most powerful sub-national legislatures in the world; considers that, in the context of rejection of independence by voters in Scotland in the 2014 referendum, the Smith Agreement and the Scotland Bill, reflecting changes to the original draft clauses, deliver on pledges to provide more powers for the Scottish Parliament; recognises that extensive constitutional change is
best brought about by building a broad consensus between political parties and governments; calls on the Scottish Government to respect the result of the referendum by repeating its assurances that such a poll would be a once-in-a-generation event, and urges continuing objective and constructive scrutiny of the Scotland Bill so that where any improvements to the legislation can be identified appropriate changes can be made."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 73, Abstentions 32).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 105, Against 13, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14255—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 September 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Building on Scotland’s Educational Success
followed by Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2015 [draft]
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 23 September 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Agriculture, Current Challenges Facing the Sectors and the Opportunities
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 24 September 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
Tuesday 29 September 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business
Wednesday 30 September 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture, Europe and External Affairs
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business
Thursday 1 October 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

5. Extension of the Blue Badge Eligibility Criteria: The Parliament debated S4M-13357 in the name of Duncan McNeil—that the Parliament acknowledges that it has been six months since Transport Scotland published the analysis of its call for evidence on extending the Blue Badge scheme to include people with mental health conditions; understands that there was overwhelming support for an extension in the evidence; notes in particular the evidence from Down’s Syndrome Scotland that “… some people with Down’s syndrome who can walk may still represent a danger to themselves and to the safety of others because they have little awareness of traffic … The extension of eligibility criteria would thus recognise that their condition may result in compromising their safety and posing a danger to others too”; considers that a discrepancy has emerged whereby children under 16 with Down’s syndrome and other conditions, in Greenock and Inverclyde and across Scotland, are assessed for a Blue Badge more strictly than those over 16, who can be assessed under the more flexible personal independence payment system; understands that a working group is to be established to consider the implications of an extension of the Blue Badge eligibility criteria; commends to that working group the understanding that Wales has led the way in Welsh Statutory Instrument 2014/3082 extending eligibility to people who, as a result of a mental disorder, are unable to follow the route of a familiar journey without the assistance of another person, and hopes that the working group can reach a swift conclusion.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **20th Anniversary of the National Cycle Network in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-13831 in the name of Jim Eadie—that the Parliament joins Sustrans Scotland in celebrating the National Cycle Network in Scotland as it turns 20 years old in 2015; understands that the network runs for over 2,500 miles across Scotland, including through the Edinburgh Southern constituency, providing important community links that encourage everyday journeys to be made more sustainably; acknowledges that, in 2014, the network hosted over 120 million trips on foot or by bike; considers that the network is a huge asset for Scotland, with the health benefits of network journeys and the economic value of leisure and tourism cycling valued at hundreds of millions of pounds, and believes that as the network continues to grow in the years ahead so too will the benefits.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14261—that the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill, debate on amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion no later than 30 minutes after the stage begins (excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress).

The motion was agreed to.

5. **The Future of Renewables in Scotland’s Energy Policy:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-14272—that the Parliament welcomes that the updated 2020 Routemap for Renewable Energy in Scotland, published by the Scottish Government, records a significant increase in the generation of electricity from renewable sources; considers that UK Government policy prevents Scotland from achieving its full renewable and low-carbon energy potential, and is damaging to investor confidence, employment, energy security, consumers’ energy bills and emission reduction; recognises that the further powers in the Scotland Bill cannot deliver Scotland’s energy ambitions, and agrees that the UK Government must engage with Scotland and the other devolved administrations on energy policy.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-14272.3 to motion S4M-14272—

Leave out from “considers” to end and insert—
“notes the growth in onshore wind energy in Scotland, which has been enabled due to investment by consumers across the UK; calls for a UK energy summit with the UK and devolved administrations to deliver urgent and constructive dialogue to secure the progress of projects under the Renewables Obligation; considers that the Scottish Government should also use the powers that it retains under the Renewables Obligation; believes that there is much more that should be done by the Scottish Government to integrate its renewables and energy efficiency strategies to tackle fuel poverty, create jobs and reduce emissions and to include the promotion of marine renewables, community, cooperative and householder renewables and community heat and transport networks; considers that a new, more stretching target should be set for community renewables delivered through stronger planning policy support, for example on permitted development rights, and calls on the UK Government to reconsider its current proposals on Feed-in Tariff and support for small-scale and community renewables in light of the benefits that have been demonstrated in terms of energy supply, job creation and emission reductions across Scotland from community-led projects.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 72, Abstentions 4).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-14272.1 to motion S4M-14272—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“recognises the need for a balanced energy policy for Scotland in which renewable energy is a component; understands that, with projects constructed, under construction or with consent, the Scottish Government’s target of generating an equivalent of 100% of Scotland’s electricity demand from renewable sources will be met by 2020; welcomes steps by the UK Government to relieve pressure on consumer bills by reducing subsidies to mature technologies such as onshore wind power, and believes that renewable energy in all its forms will continue to have a healthy future across the UK.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 13, Abstentions 33).

6. **British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
7. **British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill:** Mark Griffin moved S4M-14111—That the Parliament agrees that the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14291—That the Parliament agrees that the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions No. 2) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Ms Lorraine Cole, Lieutenant, The Salvation Army, Fauldhouse led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

3. **Building on Scotland’s Educational Success:** The Cabinet Secretary Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-14311—That the Parliament welcomes Scotland’s educational success since 2007; further welcomes that more children are entitled to the highest ever level of early learning and childcare, that the number of Primary 1 pupils in classes of 26 or more has fallen by 97%, that more young people get the qualifications that they need, that a record percentage leave for positive destinations and that more of the population is educated beyond school than in any other European country; notes, however, that the Scottish Government needs to do more to raise standards for all children, securing its twin aims of equity and excellence; acknowledges the investment in these aims through a range of initiatives focusing on closing the attainment gap, including the Scottish Attainment Challenge and the Attainment Scotland Fund; commends the Making Maths Count programme as a route to driving up attainment in maths and numeracy; recognises that it is important to gather the right evidence about children’s progress to show that all that local authorities, schools, teachers, parents and children and young people themselves are doing to raise standards is working, and looks forward to the next steps in developing a national improvement framework to achieve this.

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-14311.2 to motion S4M-14311—Insert at end—

“; recognises that there are over 4,000 fewer teachers in Scottish schools than there were when the SNP administration came to power in 2007, class sizes are rising, over 6,000 pupils left primary school in 2014 with a poor standard of reading, the most deprived fifth of pupils in Scotland are half as likely to achieve one or more Highers and go on to higher education as the least deprived fifth and there are 140,000 fewer college students than in 2007; believes that Scotland must do much more to raise educational standards and close the attainment gap; supports an end to funding cuts for further education, and commits to an investment in additional literacy specialists in schools funded from a 50p top rate of Scottish income tax when power over income tax rates and bands becomes devolved.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 82, Abstentions 0).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-14311.1 to motion S4M-14311—
“believes that the journey toward educational success in Scotland has been hampered by Scottish Government policies that have failed to put the appropriate focus on the most pressing issues, specifically the worrying decline in attainment and key skills as measured by the most recent Scottish survey of literacy and numeracy; is concerned that this decline has a greater detrimental effect on the most deprived children, thereby contributing to the unacceptable attainment gap between pupils from poorer and wealthier backgrounds; notes the challenges that have been faced by teachers and pupils during the implementation of the curriculum for excellence as it relates to achieving better qualitative learning outcomes, and condemns the fact that the severe cuts to the college sector, including the loss of 140,000 places and a 12% real-terms budget cut since 2011-12, have had a disproportionate impact on students with caring responsibilities, disabled students and those who are furthest from education and training opportunities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 46, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-14311.3 to motion S4M-14311—

“the expansion of free nursery care for two-year-olds but is concerned that provision in Scotland still lags behind that available in England; believes that this support can help contribute toward addressing the difference in reading attainment between children from low-income and high-income households by the age of five, which is on average 13 months; understands that the average class size in the early years of primary school continued to increase to 23.3 in 2014, despite the SNP’s 2007 manifesto commitment to cut class sizes to 18 or less for Primary 1 to 3 pupils; understands that teacher numbers have fallen by approximately 4,000 since 2007 and regrets the rigid approach that the Scottish Government has taken to the enforcement of the teacher number guarantee; notes opposition to the reintroduction of standardised national testing and the views of the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) that “it will be almost impossible to put in place safeguards which would stop national assessments leading to the league table, target-setting agenda which Curriculum for Excellence was supposed to have ended”; welcomes the Scottish Government’s decision to dedicate more resources to tackling the attainment gap; however, considers that, while the Scottish Attainment Fund will make a difference in selected areas, it ignores the needs of children facing poverty and disadvantage elsewhere in Scotland, including Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Dumfries and Galloway and the Highlands and Islands, and urges the Scottish Government to introduce a pupil premium that targets funding at individual school-aged children in need, wherever they may live, as a
means of helping close the attainment gap and improving equality of opportunity.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 81, Abstentions 32).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 16, Abstentions 0).


The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Establishment of a Committee**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14322—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill.

Duration: Until the Bill is passed, falls or is withdrawn.

Number of members: 6.

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party.

Membership: Bill Kidd, James Dornan, Graeme Dey, Mary Fee, Mary Scanlon and Tavish Scott.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time**: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. **Citizens Advice Scotland Report, It’s Not Fine**: The Parliament debated S4M-13816 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament welcomes the Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS) report on private parking charges, *It’s Not Fine*, and legal advice from CAS on how motorists can appeal against privately issued parking tickets; understands that the legal advice states that unclear signage, as well as fines that are not based on a “genuine pre-estimate of loss”, could be grounds for issuing a legal challenge to a ticket; understands that the British Parking Association recommends a maximum penalty charge of £100; further understands that many private parking firms
charge in excess of the recommended £100 and often use aggressive tactics to extract fines from unaware motorists; considers that many motorists in Perth have been hit by excessive fines as a result of parking in Kinnoull Street multi-storey car park; believes that the CAS advice is the first time that a legal opinion on this matter has been published in Scotland, and welcomes this as a useful source of information for people affected by parking charges to consult before they pay a ticket.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Sport were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Agriculture, Current Challenges Facing the Sector and the Opportunities: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-14327—That the Parliament notes the hard work and dedication of the men and women working in Scottish agriculture but recognises the current challenges facing the sector; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to deliver 2015 CAP Pillar 1 payments as soon as it is able to do so, following the payment window opening on 1 December 2015; calls on the UK Government to allocate Scotland a fair share of Europe’s new €500 million market support package; further calls on the UK Government to revisit its decision not to allocate Scotland the full £190 million convergence uplift provided to the UK as a result of Scotland’s low payments, and for an urgent resolution to the negotiations with the UK to repatriate the industry’s red meat levies to Scotland; acknowledges the record growth in Scottish food and drink and calls on all parts of the supply chain to benefit, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s call for UK and Scottish ministers, along with farming leaders, to jointly approach UK retailers and food service companies to secure a fair deal for farming.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-14327.3 to motion S4M-14327—

Leave out from “but” to end and insert—

“; recognises and celebrates the importance of the agriculture sector to Scotland’s rural economies and its international reputation as a producer of quality food and drink; notes the importance of the Scottish Agricultural Wages Board to securing workers’ wellbeing and livelihoods; believes that the sector can deliver greater social justice and economic benefit to rural communities through the promotion of cooperatives, greater biodiversity, organic food production and land conservation to aid the continued stewardship of Scotland’s land; notes the new opportunities presented by agro-ecology; further notes the significant potential of the sector to deliver sustainable and effective action to meet the Scottish Government’s climate change targets, for example from on-farm action and community-owned renewable energy; recognises the damaging impact that global price fluctuations caused in summer 2015, particularly in the dairy sector; calls on the Scottish Government to accelerate the implementation of the Dairy Action Plan; further calls on it to facilitate and enable the overhaul of the sector’s supply chains to deliver fairer prices for farmers and shorter supply chains, enhance product development to add value to quality raw materials and to promote diversification within the sector; considers that new targets
should be set for the Scottish Government to improve the procurement of Scottish produce across the public and private sectors in Scotland; urges the Scottish Government to clarify the delivery of 2015 CAP Pillar 1 payments before the payment window opening on 1 December 2015 and to press the UK Government to allocate Scotland a fair share of Europe’s new €500 million market support package, and recognises the failure of the UK Government to allocate the £190 million convergence uplift and to deliver the most appropriate arrangements for the Scottish agricultural sector red meat levies.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Alex Fergusson moved amendment S4M-14327.1 to motion S4M-14327—

Leave out from second “notes” to “repatriate the industry’s” and insert—

“regrets the Scottish Government’s decision to rule out the cultivation of GM crops without having taken any scientific advice or debate on the potential benefits of biotechnology; notes the critical importance to farmers’ cash-flow of CAP funding being delivered on time; urges the Scottish Government to ensure prompt CAP Pillar 1 payments in December 2015; recognises the UK Government’s commitment to discuss the allocation of its €36.1 million European support package with devolved administrations as a matter of urgency; welcomes the UK Government’s confirmation that it is committed to review the intra-UK CAP budget allocation in 2016-17; seeks an early resolution to ongoing negotiations over the reallocation of”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 102, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S4M-14327.2 to motion S4M-14327—

Leave out from second “notes” to end and insert—

“considers that Scottish agriculture, in particular the dairy and sheep sectors, is experiencing a financial crisis; recognises the importance of the new CAP Pillar 1 payments to crofters and farmers and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that these are fully paid in December 2015; welcomes the cross-party support that exists for a fairer allocation of the £190 million convergence uplift provided to the UK as a result of Scotland’s below average area payment rates and commends NFU Scotland for consistently making this case; believes that the Scottish Government should explore how it can use its significant public sector procurement powers to promote the use of Scottish produce; calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government to further strengthen the powers of the Groceries Code Adjudicator, championed by Liberal Democrats in the last UK administration, to enable the adjudicator to investigate the supply chain from farm gate to dinner plate;
welcomes the record growth in Scottish food and drink, but calls on the Scottish Government to ensure a fair deal for all farmers and all parts of the supply chain.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 1, Abstentions 13).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14332—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 29 September 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 30 September 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 1 October 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 6 October 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 October 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

   **S4M-14333**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Carers (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 6 November 2015.

   **S4M-14334**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 11 December 2015.

   **S4M-14335**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 2 October 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

6. The NPT, the Marshall Islands and the UK Government’s Failure to Meet its Obligations: The Parliament debated S4M-13558 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament notes that the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation on Nuclear Weapons (NPT) Review Conference met again at the United Nations in New York in April/May 2015; understands that the UK signed up to and ratified the NPT in 1968, including Article VI, which creates an obligation in good faith of cessation of the nuclear arms race and achievement of nuclear disarmament; commends the government of the Marshall Islands, whose people have, it understands, suffered grievous genetic injuries through nuclear weapons testing on their territory, for its courageous legal action against the UK Government on 24 April 2014 in the International Court of Justice for the failure of the UK Government to meet its duties under the NPT; recognises the spirit of the Marshall Islanders’ actions under international law and the NPT Article VI, and notes calls for the complete removal of the Trident nuclear weapons system at Faslane from Scotland and for it not be relocated anywhere else in these islands in order to comply fully with the 1968 NPT obligations.

13. Motion without Notice: Bill Kidd moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **The Postcode Penalty:** The Parliament debated S4M-14183 in the name of John Finnie—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Citizens Advice Scotland’s report, *The Postcode Penalty: The Distance Travelled*; notes with concern the continuing problems highlighted in the report relating to the delivery of online shopping to people in the Highlands and Islands; understands that, while fewer online retailers now impose a surcharge for delivery, those who do have increased these charges by 17.6% for customers in the Highlands and 15.8% for island residents since 2012; welcomes the report’s recommendations, including extending the road equivalent tariff to cover delivery vehicles on ferries and the proposal to encourage delivery to ferries in partnership with CalMac, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to continue to work with Citizens Advice Scotland, trading standards services, the online retail industry and enterprise bodies to support innovation in the interests of consumers.

4. **Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-14328—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr Tim Maguire, a celebrant of The Humanist Society of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14410—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 29 September 2015—

   delete

   followed by  Stage 1 Debate: Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill

   and insert


   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. **Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill:** Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-14375—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Progress on Implementing Recommendations of the Expert Review Group in New Psychoactive Substances:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-14403—That the Parliament welcomes the progress being made to respond to the New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) Expert Review Group report recommendations, published on 26 February 2015, including work to bring NPS under legal control; notes that the UK Government published the Psychoactive Substances Bill on 29 May 2015, which the Scottish Government supports, and further notes that this work includes engagement with the sector on information sharing and a common definition, including on the development of forensic capacity, and production of guidance that will be a vital tool for trading standards staff on the frontline, given the serious impact that these substances are having in communities, sometimes with fatal consequences, and the challenges faced by drug treatment and health services and enforcement agencies.
After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. World Health Organization’s 25 by 2025 Framework: The Parliament debated S4M-13677 in the name of Dennis Robertson—That the Parliament welcomes the World Health Organization’s (WHO) 25 by 2025 framework for preventing global non-communicable diseases (NCDs); believes that NCDs account for nearly 75% of all premature deaths in Scotland, including in Aberdeenshire West; understands that NCDs share common risk factors as detailed by WHO in its framework; notes the view that Scotland should adopt the 25 by 2025 recommendations, and believes that 3,805 lives could be saved per year if Scotland achieves the target reductions recommended by WHO.

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, and on Culture, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. **Employment**: Jackie Baillie moved S4M-14405—That the Parliament believes that the Scottish Government must ensure that the benefits of economic growth improve the lives of working people and reduce inequalities; believes that the Scottish Government must be more ambitious to improve employment and economic performance; notes with concern that Scotland’s Economic Strategy provides no targets to measure success; notes that the employment rate in Scotland remains 0.9% below pre-recession levels; recognises that, since 2008, the proportion of people in Scotland in full time jobs has fallen, while the proportion of people working part time has increased, along with underemployment; notes that the proportion of those in in-work poverty is increasing; believes that the Work Programme should in future be devolved to give local authorities the ability to find local solutions to get people back to work; welcomes progress in promoting the living wage in the private sector, but believes that the full weight of the Scottish Government should be behind this effort, including through procurement, and believes that the foundation of Scotland’s economic strategy must be a successful education policy and that, therefore, tackling educational inequality must not only be a political priority but also a spending priority.

The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved amendment S4M-14405.2 to motion S4M-14405—Leave out from first “the Scottish Government” to end and insert—

“Scotland’s Economic Strategy provides a clear framework for reducing inequalities and promoting sustained economic growth; celebrates the Scottish economy having experienced its longest period of uninterrupted economic growth since 2001; notes that, at 74%, Scotland has a higher employment rate than the UK as a whole and independent forecasters expect growth of around 2.4% in 2015; supports the work of the Fair Work Convention to produce a blueprint for fair work in Scotland that will help to deliver a better deal for workers, recognising that a positive relationship between employers and their employees must be at the heart of this; encourages employers to pay the living wage; calls for the full and swift devolution of powers over employment law to Scotland to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights and responsibilities of workers in Scotland; opposes UK Government plans to further restrict the right to strike, and agrees that this protection should be underpinned by powers to deliver better employment support services for the unemployed and fair access to employment tribunals.”
After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 22, Abstentions 35).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-14405.1 to motion S4M-14405—

Leave out from first “believes” to end and insert—

“recognises the achievement of the UK Government in increasing employment by 175,000 in Scotland since the 2010 General Election; acknowledges that there has been considerable growth in full-time employment and number of hours worked; welcomes that wages continue to rise ahead of inflation and the positive impact on earnings that will be brought about by the national living wage premium announced in the Chancellor’s summer budget; considers that education is one of the most important drivers of economic prosperity, and expresses disappointment with the Scottish Government’s record on education, which has brought about a fall in literacy and numeracy, a failure to close the gap in attainment between the most and least well-off school pupils and the cut to 140,000 further education colleges places.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 106, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 23, Abstentions 35).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scotland’s Economic Strategy provides a clear framework for reducing inequalities and promoting sustained economic growth; celebrates the Scottish economy having experienced its longest period of uninterrupted economic growth since 2001; notes that, at 74%, Scotland has a higher employment rate than the UK as a whole and independent forecasters expect growth of around 2.4% in 2015; supports the work of the Fair Work Convention to produce a blueprint for fair work in Scotland that will help to deliver a better deal for workers, recognising that a positive relationship between employers and their employees must be at the heart of this; encourages employers to pay the living wage; calls for the full and swift devolution of powers over employment law to Scotland to ensure the protection and promotion of the rights and responsibilities of workers in Scotland; opposes UK Government plans to further restrict the right to strike, and agrees that this protection should be underpinned by powers to deliver better employment support services for the unemployed and fair access to employment tribunals..

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14420—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 1 October 2015—

delete
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14411—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 October 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Empowering Scotland's Island Communities

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 7 October 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Lifelong Learning

followed by Finance Committee Debate: Inquiry into Scotland's Fiscal Framework

followed by Financial Resolution: Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 October 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm  Members' Business
2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm  Stage 1 Debate: Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Financial Resolution: Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 27 October 2015
2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Harbours (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members' Business

Wednesday 28 October 2015
2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
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followed by  Scottish Government Business
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Thursday 29 October 2015
11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm  Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14412—That the Parliament agrees that the Qualifying Civil Partnership Modification (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14413—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Which? Calling Time on Nuisance Calls and Texts: The Parliament debated S4M-13714 in the name of James Kelly—That the Parliament notes the aims of Consumer Association’s campaign, Calling Time on Nuisance Calls and Texts; understands that a report published in Which? suggested that eight in 10 people find such calls and texts a disturbance to their daily lives; believes that they can be particularly distressing for older people, including those in Rutherglen, Cambuslang and Blantyre, and notes the campaign’s aims, which include making senior executives more responsible for the actions of their companies, the introduction of mandatory caller identification to make it easier for consumers to report companies and the assessment of how data is collected, used and traded.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Taking Action to Protect Asylum Seekers and Refugees Across Europe:** The Parliament debated S4M-14081 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament recognises the work of charities and organisations across Scotland, including the Greater Pollok Integration Network and Glasgow the Caring City based in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency that have supported asylum seekers and refugees in Glasgow for many years; notes the continuing forced displacement and refugee crisis with people seeking asylum or refuge from places including Syria, Libya and Eritrea arriving daily in Europe; appreciates that the numbers of people reaching Europe is dwarfed by people seeking refuge in neighbouring countries including Jordan; notes the deaths of at least 70 asylum seekers in the back of a truck close to the Austrian border; notes the comments of the Austrian interior minister, Johanna Mikl-Leitner, who said that “the tragedy again underlined the urgent need for common EU policies to protect migrants and to combat people traffickers”; considers the European response to date to have been lacklustre and the position of the UK Government to continue to stand on the sidelines to be senseless and untenable; believes it imperative that countries across Europe come together and put in place a European strategy to deal with the crisis both with people coming via the Mediterranean and those waiting in Calais; notes recent comments by Angela Merkel and Francois Hollande looking to discuss such a strategy at the next meeting of the European Commission in October 2015, and further notes calls on the UK Government to join them in opting-in to the EU resettlement programme and taking other positive steps to assist across the continent and to stop playing politics with the lives of so many people seeking refuge from unimaginable hardship in their home countries.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14424—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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:  40 minutes
   Groups 4 to 6:  1 hour 20 minutes
Groups 7 to 9: 1 hour 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

12 (For 49, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 27, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 40, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
13 (For 33, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 37, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 33, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 44, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 42, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
19 (For 41, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 42, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 11, 21 and 22.

6. Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-14421—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Thomas P White, PhB STL JCL Parish Priest, St Mary’s, Calton, Glasgow and Executive Chair of St Margaret’s Children and Family Care Society led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary, a Minister and a Scottish Law Officer.

3. **Empowering Scotland’s Island Communities:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-14448—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government’s consultation paper on measures for inclusion in a future islands bill; notes that the paper seeks views on issues including the concept of “island-proofing”, devolution of further powers, the possibility of a national islands plan, statutory protection for the Western Isles Scottish parliamentary constituency boundary and whether the Local Government Boundary Commission in Scotland should have discretion to recommend wards with fewer than three councillors so that populated islands are not placed in an electoral ward that contains a significant proportion, and often a majority, of mainland population, and recognises that the publication of this paper is a further signal of the Scottish Government’s support for island communities following the creation of the Island Areas Ministerial Working Group in 2013, the publication of the *Empowering Scotland’s Island Communities* prospectus in 2014, and the creation of a specific ministerial post with responsibility for island issues, giving a voice to all of Scotland’s 93 islands at the heart of government.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-14448.2 to motion S4M-14448—Insert at end—

“; acknowledges the importance of the Our Islands Our Future campaign, which has highlighted the contribution of the island communities to Scotland, and recognises the immediate challenges that all island communities face in areas such as housing, fuel poverty and transport connectivity”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-14448.1 to motion S4M-14448—Leave out from “and recognises” to end and insert—

“; recognises that the campaign for greater recognition of local needs by the Scottish Government grew out of public concern in all three island communities at the centralisation of a range of public services and decision-making responsibilities over recent years; endorses the Smith
Commission recommendations that are particularly relevant to the islands on such matters as fully devolving management of the seabed to local control, and notes that health, education and other public services are under particular financial pressure in the islands due to the increased costs of delivering services in such communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 44, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government’s consultation paper on measures for inclusion in a future islands bill; notes that the paper seeks views on issues including the concept of “island-proofing”, devolution of further powers, the possibility of a national islands plan, statutory protection for the Western Isles Scottish parliamentary constituency boundary and whether the Local Government Boundary Commission in Scotland should have discretion to recommend wards with fewer than three councillors so that populated islands are not placed in an electoral ward that contains a significant proportion, and often a majority, of mainland population; recognises that the publication of this paper is a further signal of the Scottish Government’s support for island communities following the creation of the Island Areas Ministerial Working Group in 2013, the publication of the Empowering Scotland’s Island Communities prospectus in 2014, and the creation of a specific ministerial post with responsibility for island issues, giving a voice to all of Scotland’s 93 islands at the heart of government; acknowledges the importance of the Our Islands Our Future campaign, which has highlighted the contribution of the island communities to Scotland, and recognises the immediate challenges that all island communities face in areas such as housing, fuel poverty and transport connectivity.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. 100 Years of Women in Policing: The Parliament debated S4M-13739 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament notes that 2015 marks 100 years of women in policing, following Edith Smith being appointed in August 1915 as the first female officer in the UK with full powers of arrest; notes that this milestone is being celebrated by Police Scotland with a series of events around the country; thanks the retired officers, Dorothy Parker and Barbara McInally, who are both from East Kilbride, for sharing their memorabilia and memories at what it considers a successful event in the town, which was hosted by Police Scotland Lanarkshire Division on 22 June, and recognises the diverse policing roles that women now hold and the positive role women officers have played, and continue to play, in keeping everyone safe in their communities.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.
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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. 12th Report 2015 (Session 4) of the Finance Committee on Scotland’s Fiscal Framework: Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S4M-14432—That the Parliament notes the 12th Report, 2015 (Session 4) of the Finance Committee, Scotland’s Fiscal Framework (SP Paper 771), including its recommendations to the Scottish Government. After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13101—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act. The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14455—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 8 October 2015—

delete

followed by Financial Resolution: Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14456—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 October 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Apologies (Scotland) Bill
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Harbours (Scotland) Bill
followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Changes to Standing Orders
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.20 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 28 October 2015
1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
1.15 pm Members' Business
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights; Fair Work, Skills and Training
followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 29 October 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Winter Transport Resilience
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Education (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Education (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 November 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 November 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Finance, Constitution and Economy
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 November 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14457—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 January 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14458—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the
Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 20 November 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14459—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of Rule 9.7.1, the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill at stage 2.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Substitution on Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14461—That the Parliament agrees that Rhoda Grant be appointed to replace Anne McTaggart as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Parliamentary Recess Dates: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14462—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 13 to 21 February 2016 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Stonehaven Dialysis Unit: The Parliament debated S4M-13354 in the name of Lewis Macdonald—That the Parliament commends the efforts of campaigners in Stonehaven and across the north east to raise funds to build a new renal dialysis unit at the Kincardine Community Hospital; understands that patients living south of Aberdeen often have to travel long distances as well as spending all day in the renal dialysis unit at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and that a new facility in Stonehaven would make it easier for such patients to receive treatment; notes that the cost of starting up the Stonehaven Dialysis Unit, including equipment for a six-bed ward, is estimated at around £800,000; congratulates the efforts of all the local fundraisers, including the Stonehaven Rotary Club and Grampian Kidney Patient Association, and looks forward to the opening of the Stonehaven Dialysis Unit in the near future.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14483— That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 8 October 2015—

   delete

   2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill

   and insert

   2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Further Education provision in Glasgow

   *followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill

   The motion was agreed to.

2. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

4. **Extra Spending on Home of Nuclear Submarines:** The Parliament debated S4M-14089 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament notes with concern the announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that £500 million will be spent on ensuring the continuation of HM Naval Base Clyde at Faslane as a nuclear submarine base for the next generation of Trident nuclear weapons; understands that this announcement comes before the UK Parliament has made a decision on this next generation of nuclear weapons; considers that money such as this would be far better spent on supporting many in society including people who are sick or disabled, young people and pensioners in constituencies such as Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse, where those in vulnerable positions have been so negatively affected by welfare reforms that have been continued by the current UK Government and the previous UK coalition administration; believes that this continued move toward a next generation of nuclear weapons is at odds with the beliefs of the majority of the Scottish population and elected members, and hopes that sense can be seen that will result in investment in people instead of these weapons of mass destruction.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Further Education provision in Glasgow.

6. **Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill:** Jim Hume moved S4M-14437—That the Parliament agrees to the general
principles of the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Stephen Taylor, Minister of the Kirk of St Nicholas Uniting, Aberdeen led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14616—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 27 October 2015—

   after

   *followed by*  Topical Questions

   *insert*

   *followed by*  Ministerial Statement: The Future of the Scottish Steel Industry

   *delete*

   5.20 pm  Decision Time

   *and insert*

   5.15 pm  Decision Time

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on the Future of the Scottish Steel Industry.


6. **Apologies (Scotland) Bill:** Margaret Mitchell moved S4M-14297—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Apologies (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Harbours (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-14595—That the Parliament agrees that the Harbours (Scotland) Bill be passed.
After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Standing Order Rule Changes: Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved:

- **S4M-14554—Scottish Rate of Income Tax**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 8th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Scottish Rate of Income Tax* (SP Paper 813), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 30 October 2015.

- **S4M-14555—Consolidation Bills**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 9th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes – Consolidation Bills* (SP Paper 814), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 30 October 2015.

- **S4M-14556—Printed and Published**—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 10th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes – printed and published* (SP Paper 815), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 30 October 2015.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

10. As Gaza Withers, its People Perish: The Parliament debated S4M-14128 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament notes the findings of the UN report that suggest that the Gaza strip could become uninhabitable by 2020 due to what it terms de-development, the process whereby development is not only hindered but reversed, stating that “Three Israeli military operations in the past six years, in addition to eight years of economic blockade, have ravaged the already debilitated infrastructure of Gaza, shattered its productive base, left no time for meaningful reconstruction or economic recovery and impoverished the Palestinian population in Gaza, rendering their economic wellbeing worse than the level of two decades previous”; can understand the feelings of many that the Israeli Government’s action and inaction with regards to Gaza are deliberate and leading to the genocide of those living there; supports those Israelis, Palestinians, Jews and non-Jews alike from Glasgow, Scotland and around the world who believe in mutual respect and understanding as cornerstones to a just solution in Palestine and Israel while condemning violence and extremism in any form; further believes that this groundswell of support for justice will only grow should the current situation not change, and hopes that, mindful of such, wise counsel will prevail.
11. **Motion without Notice**: Sandra White moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 1.15 pm.

1. **Halt Welfare Reform**: The Parliament debated S4M-13845 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament notes with strong concern what it sees as the continuing austerity being forced on the whole of the UK by the UK Government, with the main focus on reforming welfare provision, which it considers detrimentally affects disabled, unemployed and young people; notes calls for a limitation on the use of sanctions, timing people out, the use of the “bedroom tax” for disabled people and repeated assessments of those deemed unfit for work; believes that, throughout the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency and across Scotland, disabled people are being punished by welfare reform, and notes the view that, until a system is introduced that supports carers and disabled people, welfare reform should be brought to an end.

2. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights and Fair Work, Skills and Training were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

3. **Scotland’s Universities**: Liz Smith moved S4M-14596—That the Parliament believes that, as well as their long-standing reputation for academic excellence, the recent international success of Scotland’s universities has been a result of their ability, as autonomous and diverse institutions, to react, in both an effective and flexible manner, to the increasing challenges in global education, Scotland’s economic priorities and the need to develop their research and capital assets in a way that allows them to make maximum use of opportunities in knowledge exchange and articulation with other educational institutions; is alarmed by the evidence placed on record by Universities Scotland and individual academic institutions, which suggests that sections of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill could increase significantly the risks of Office for National Statistics (ONS) reclassification; is concerned that, if ONS reclassification was to occur, the higher education sector would lose significant sums of money; believes that any such moves would seriously undermine the strength of the university system in Scotland and therefore threaten the international standing of its higher education institutions; calls on the Scottish Government to seek urgent external legal and technical advice on the matter and to publish, in full, all the analysis conducted to date on the matter, and further calls on the Scottish Government to make a formal commitment to remove all clauses from the Bill that could increase the risk of ONS reclassification.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved amendment S4M-14596.2 to motion S4M-14596—

Leave out from “the recent international success” to end and insert—
“the autonomy of Scotland’s higher education institutions is a fundamental part of what makes them successful on the world stage, helps them to attract students and staff of the highest quality and enhances their international competitiveness and reputation for exemplary teaching and research; further believes that the provisions to enable more modern and inclusive governance in the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill will enhance the reputation of the country’s institutions, present no threat to their financial wellbeing and ensure that all parts of the campus community, including students, staff and trade unions, are better included in the strategic decisions that guide the future path of Scotland’s excellent and highly-valued higher education institutions; recognises the commitment that the Scottish Government has made to higher education by investing over £4 billion in the sector in the last four years to enable universities to lever in money from other sources and help Scotland maintain its reputation as a leading nation in higher education; notes that the Scottish Government has no intention of advancing ministerial control over the higher education sector and would always seek to avoid any risk of the reclassification of higher education institutions as public sector bodies by the Office for National Statistics, and further notes that the Bill’s provisions do not increase that risk and that the Scottish Government continues to listen carefully to the views and constructive suggestions made by all higher education stakeholders on the provisions in the Bill, including ideas for potential amendments that can enhance the positive and beneficial impact of this legislation.”

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-14596.1 to motion S4M-14596—

Leave out from “is alarmed” to end and insert—

“recognises the longstanding tradition of university rectors and the contribution that these representatives of students and staff make to some of Scotland’s higher education establishments; is alarmed by the evidence placed on record by Universities Scotland and individual academic institutions, which suggests that sections of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill could increase significantly the risks of Office for National Statistics (ONS) reclassification; is concerned that, if ONS reclassification was to occur, the higher education sector would lose significant sums of money; believes that any such moves would seriously undermine the strength of the university system in Scotland and therefore threaten the international standing of its higher education institutions; calls on the Scottish Government to seek urgent external legal and technical advice on the matter and to publish, in full, all the analysis conducted to date on the matter, and further calls on the Scottish Government to make a formal commitment to remove all clauses from the Bill that could increase the risk of ONS reclassification and to protect the role of rector at those universities with such a tradition.”
After debate, amendment S4M-14596.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0). As a result amendment S4M-14596.1 was preempted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that, as well as their long-standing reputation for academic excellence, the autonomy of Scotland’s higher education institutions is a fundamental part of what makes them successful on the world stage, helps them to attract students and staff of the highest quality and enhances their international competitiveness and reputation for exemplary teaching and research; further believes that the provisions to enable more modern and inclusive governance in the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill will enhance the reputation of the country’s institutions, present no threat to their financial wellbeing and ensure that all parts of the campus community, including students, staff and trade unions, are better included in the strategic decisions that guide the future path of Scotland’s excellent and highly-valued higher education institutions; recognises the commitment that the Scottish Government has made to higher education by investing over £4 billion in the sector in the last four years to enable universities to lever in money from other sources and help Scotland maintain its reputation as a leading nation in higher education; notes that the Scottish Government has no intention of advancing ministerial control over the higher education sector and would always seek to avoid any risk of the reclassification of higher education institutions as public sector bodies by the Office for National Statistics, and further notes that the Bill’s provisions do not increase that risk and that the Scottish Government continues to listen carefully to the views and constructive suggestions made by all higher education stakeholders on the provisions in the Bill, including ideas for potential amendments that can enhance the positive and beneficial impact of this legislation.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14620—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 November 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Trident, Welfare or Warfare

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 4 November 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 5 November 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Carers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Carers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 November 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Wednesday 11 November 2015

2.00 pm    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm    Portfolio Questions
            Rural Affairs, Food and Environment;
            Justice and the Law Officers
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm    Decision Time
followed by  Members' Business

Thursday 12 November 2015

11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm  Members’ Business
2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm  Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

**S4M-14617**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 January 2016.

**S4M-14618**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 22 January 2016.

**S4M-14619**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 8 November 2015.
The motions were agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14460—That the Parliament agrees that the Mental Health (Detention in Conditions of Excessive Security) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. GP Practices at the Deep End, Healthy Life Expectancy: The Parliament debated S4M-14164 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—That the Parliament records its appreciation of the general practitioners and staff in the “Deep End” practices, who it considers work in the most challenging of circumstances; understands that these practices serve the 100 most deprived populations in Scotland; is concerned that patients in the areas served by the practices will have up to 20 fewer healthy years in their lifetime; considers this to be a matter of serious concern both for the people affected and for the GP practices that they attend; considers that the funding distribution arrangements take no account of the additional burden that this places on staff and resources; regrets that the Balmore Practice in Possilpark has been forced to appeal to the local NHS trust for assistance in respect of its financial situation, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to review the present funding formula and do all in its power to eradicate health inequalities.

9. Motion without Notice: Patricia Ferguson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions**: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions**: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Volunteering and Self-management**: The Parliament debated S4M-13894 in the name of Joan McAlpine—that the Parliament acknowledges the contribution of volunteers across Scotland in raising awareness of self-management; believes that both volunteering and community involvement play a significant role in supporting people with managing long-term conditions and in raising awareness of how self-management can inspire others; understands that third sector organisations, such as New Horizons Borders in the Scottish Borders and Healthy ‘n’ Happy in South Lanarkshire, support many formal and informal volunteering opportunities for people with long-term conditions and that this has resulted in social benefits, including social connectedness and improved employment prospects; welcomes the continued investment through the £2 million per year Self Management Impact Fund, which is run by the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the Alliance), and congratulates the Alliance on establishing its Self-management Network for Scotland, which aims to help people with long-term conditions or who work in health and social care to share their experiences, learn and hear about best practice and to change lives through self-management.

4. **Ministerial Statement**: The Minister for Transport and the Islands (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Winter Transport Resilience.

5. **Education (Scotland) Bill**: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-14614—that the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Education (Scotland) Bill. After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Education (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-13938—that the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Education (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act. The motion was agreed to (DT).
7. **Designation of Lead Committee:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14632—That the Parliament agrees that the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Suspension of Standing Orders:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14650—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing the Justice Committee to complete its consideration of the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft], the second sentence of Rule 10.6.4 of *Standing Orders* be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Right Reverend Hugh Gilbert OSB, Bishop of Aberdeen led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Minister.

3. **Trident, Welfare or Warfare:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Keith Brown) moved S4M-14681—That the Parliament notes with concern new analysis by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, which suggests a dramatic increase in the projected cost of the successor Trident nuclear weapons programme to £167 billion; believes that it is indefensible for the UK Government to commit billions of pounds of public money to nuclear weapons, particularly when individuals and families across Scotland and the UK are suffering from the consequences of austerity cuts, and calls on the UK Government to cancel plans for the renewal of Trident.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-14681.3 to motion S4M-14681—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“recognises the number of workers in the British defence system in Scotland and throughout the UK whose employment is linked to Trident-related activities and that firm commitments must be made to the trade unions on the retention of defence workers’ jobs; believes that, in the event of the cancellation of Trident, the establishment of defence diversification agencies at Scottish and UK levels is essential to deliver a strong defence diversification strategy that provides workers with high quality employment through the retention of skills developed in the sector, while delivering a UK defence sector equipped to deal with the world and dangers that it possesses, and calls on the UK Government not to renew Trident.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

John Lamont moved amendment S4M-14681.1 to motion S4M-14681—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises the UK’s commitment to reduce nuclear arms and support global disarmament; agrees that the first priority of any government is to defend its people and that, in an increasingly dangerous world, having a nuclear deterrent protects against both foreseen and unforeseen threats; notes that the forecast cost of replacing the nuclear deterrent remains at between £18.6 and £24.8 billion for the overall programme and an annual running cost of £2 to £2.3 billion a year, which, spread across the
lifetime of Trident, represents an annual insurance premium of around 0.13% of total UK Government spending; regrets that, by trying to present the debate over Trident as a simple choice between nuclear weapons and providing welfare, the Scottish Government is behaving in a cynical way, which insults the majority of Scots who favour the replacement of the UK’s nuclear deterrent; notes that it has been the UK Labour Party’s position for decades that Britain needs a credible independent nuclear deterrent, according to the shadow defence secretary, and suggests that the Scottish Labour Party should decide what its position is on the future of the UK’s nuclear deterrent.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 101, Abstentions 0).

John Wilson moved amendment S4M-14681.2 to motion S4M-14681—

Insert at end—

“, decommission the Vanguard-class submarines and declare the UK, and UK waters, a nuclear weapons-free zone; commits to a funded jobs transition for defence workers that utilises their engineering and other key skills, and agrees that the UK, or an independent Scotland, should both end its membership of NATO on the grounds of NATO’s first-strike nuclear policy and seek alternative alliances based on mutual cooperation and human security”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 108, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with concern new analysis by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, which suggests a dramatic increase in the projected cost of the successor Trident nuclear weapons programme to £167 billion; recognises the number of workers in the British defence system in Scotland and throughout the UK whose employment is linked to Trident-related activities and that firm commitments must be made to the trade unions on the retention of defence workers’ jobs; believes that, in the event of the cancellation of Trident, the establishment of defence diversification agencies at Scottish and UK levels is essential to deliver a strong defence diversification strategy that provides workers with high quality employment through the retention of skills developed in the sector, while delivering a UK defence sector equipped to deal with the world and dangers that it possesses, and calls on the UK Government not to renew Trident.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. Welcoming the Healthy Start, Healthy Scotland Campaign: The Parliament debated S4M-14431 in the name of Mark McDonald—That the
Parliament welcomes the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland’s Healthy Start, Healthy Scotland campaign, which raises awareness about the importance of mental health for pregnant and post-natal women and their infants; understands that one in five women develop a mental illness during pregnancy or in the first post-natal year; notes the evidence that early intervention for mothers can encourage healthy cognitive and emotional development for infants; recognises that there is positive work being done by organisations across the public and third sector across Scotland, including in Aberdeen Donside, in facilitating early interventions, and commends the campaign’s focus on breaking through medical barriers and working holistically with practitioners on many aspects of mother, infant and family care.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Constitution and Economy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. **Supporting Scotland’s Children:** Jackie Baillie moved S4M-14688—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government’s proposed changes to tax credits would leave working families worse off and calls on the Scottish Government to restore tax credits to families using the new powers being devolved.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights (Alex Neil) moved amendment S4M-14688.3 to motion S4M-14688—

Leave out from “and calls on” to end and insert—

“welcomes the action that the Scottish Government has already taken to offset UK Government welfare cuts, including mitigation of the so-called bedroom tax and the establishment of the Scottish Welfare Fund; notes that there is currently no proposed power in the Scotland Bill that would enable the Scottish Government to restore all tax credits; calls on all parties in the House of Commons to vote for an amendment that would devolve full responsibility for child and working tax credits to the Scottish Parliament at the report stage of the Bill; further notes that Labour’s sums simply do not add up and that it plans to pay for its policy using money that it has previously earmarked for education, and agrees that the Scottish Government will set out credible, costed proposals to further mitigate these Conservative welfare cuts following the comprehensive spending review”.

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-14688.1 to motion S4M-14688—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“considers that, under the last Labour UK administration, nine out of 10 working families with children became eligible for tax credits while spending spiralled out of control; believes that this growth went far beyond what was envisaged when the current system of tax credits was introduced and has contributed to the subsidising of low wages; welcomes proposals to reduce expenditure while seeking to build a high wage, lower tax and lower welfare society; anticipates announcements in the Autumn Statement on what more can be done to ensure that changes are applied in the fairest way possible; considers that Scotland’s children would be best supported by growing up in a thriving economy with high levels of employment, good-quality education and appropriate provision for childcare, and calls on the Scottish Government to reject proposals that would increase the burden of taxation in Scotland
and put the country at a competitive disadvantage relative to other parts of the UK”.

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-14688.2 to motion S4M-14688—

Leave out from “and calls on” to end and insert—

“; notes that these cuts are being proposed by the UK Conservative administration despite them not being in its manifesto and the Prime Minister explicitly ruling out tax credit cuts if the Conservatives won the general election; believes that economic reasoning is now being used as a pretext to mask ideologically-driven welfare cuts, many of which were blocked by the Liberal Democrats in the previous UK administration; is deeply concerned that 250,000 families in Scotland and 300,000 children would be affected by the proposed cuts; believes that the priority should be blocking any proposals that leave these people, among three million on low incomes across the UK that would be affected, more than £1,000 worse off, pushing more families into poverty; urges the UK Government to listen to the House of Lords and to come back with plans to balance the books that do not attack working families already struggling to get by; welcomes that, if all else fails, Scotland will be able to use its welfare powers to assist people affected by the cuts, but believes that this course of action remains an inferior solution compared with stopping the tax credit cuts wholesale across the UK”.

After debate, amendment S4M-14688.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 48, Abstentions 4). Amendment S4M-14688.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 102, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-14688.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 48, Abstentions 4).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the UK Government’s proposed changes to tax credits would leave working families worse off; welcomes the action that the Scottish Government has already taken to offset UK Government welfare cuts, including mitigation of the so-called bedroom tax and the establishment of the Scottish Welfare Fund; notes that there is currently no proposed power in the Scotland Bill that would enable the Scottish Government to restore all tax credits; calls on all parties in the House of Commons to vote for an amendment that would devolve full responsibility for child and working tax credits to the Scottish Parliament at the report stage of the Bill; further notes that Labour’s sums simply do not add up and that it plans to pay for its policy using money that it has previously earmarked for education, and agrees that the Scottish Government will set out credible, costed proposals to further mitigate these Conservative welfare cuts following the comprehensive spending review.
3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14708—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 November 2015

2.00 pm  
**Time for Reflection**

*followed by*  
Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  
Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*  
Scottish Government Debate: Trade Union Bill

*followed by*  
Business Motions

*followed by*  
Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  
Decision Time

*followed by*  
Members’ Business

Wednesday 11 November 2015

2.00 pm  
Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  
**Portfolio Questions**

Rural Affairs, Food and Environment

Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by*  
Stage 1 Debate: Succession (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*  
Scottish Government Debate: Scotland and Malawi 10 Years Since the Cooperation Agreement

*followed by*  
Business Motions

*followed by*  
Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  
Decision Time

*followed by*  
Members’ Business

Thursday 12 November 2015

11.40 am  
Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am  
General Questions

12.00 pm  
First Minister’s Questions

12.30 pm  
Members’ Business

2.30 pm  
Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm  
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
followed by Welfare Reform Committee Debate: Future Delivery of Social Security in Scotland
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 November 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 18 November 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
    Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 19 November 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-14709—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 12 February 2016.

S4M-14710—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Education (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 18 December 2015.

S4M-14711—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 November 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

5. Committee Meetings: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14695—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Health and Sport Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 12.45 pm until 2.15 pm on 7, 14, 21 and 28 January and 4 and 11 February 2016 for the purpose of accommodating its legislative work programme.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14696—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as a secondary committee, in consideration of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-14697—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-14705—That the Parliament agrees that the Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.
S4M-14707—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. **Save Our Steel:** The Parliament debated S4M-14559 in the name of John Pentland—That the Parliament notes with great concern the announcement of job losses at the Dalzell and Clydebridge steel plants and the detrimental impact that this would have on the workforce, their families, their communities and the local economies; considers that any curtailment or closure of the plants will have a significant and long-term negative impact on the Scottish economy; welcomes the creation of the Scottish Steel Task Force, and notes the view that all avenues should be explored to prevent the closure of the plants, including UK and Scottish government intervention to protect jobs and ensure the long-term viability of the Scottish steel industry.

10. **Motion without Notice:** John Pentland moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **StepChange Debt Charity’s Action Plan on Problem Debt:** The Parliament debated S4M-13952 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament congratulates StepChange Debt Charity on its report, *An Action Plan on Problem Debt*; understands that this looks at ways to assist people to adjust to the shocks and challenges that can arise from debt without falling into further difficulty and takes a positive approach to dealing with what it considers can be the devastating consequences for people and their families, the wider economy and the public services; notes that the charity provides debt advice to anyone with a debt problem, and notes the view that people in Glasgow Cathcart and across the country who find themselves in this position should approach such organisations as soon as possible in order to resolve their problems.

4. **Carers (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health (Jamie Hepburn) moved S4M-14702—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Carers (Scotland) Bill. After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Carers (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12890—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Carers (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act. The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Committee Membership:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14731—That the Parliament agrees that—

   George Adam be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as a member of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

   Clare Adamson be appointed to replace James Dornan as a member of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee; and

   Fiona McLeod be appointed to replace George Adam as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Substitution on Committees**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14732—That the Parliament agrees that—

Graeme Dey be appointed to replace Michael Russell as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Justice Committee;

Michael Russell be appointed to replace Graeme Dey as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Health and Sport Committee;

James Dornan be appointed to replace Linda Fabiani as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee; and

Linda Fabiani be appointed to replace James Dornan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Decision Time**: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Colin Mackenzie, lecturer on leadership and management at Edinburgh Napier University and high growth business advisor led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14778—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 10 November 2015—

   after

   followed by  Topical Questions

   insert

   followed by  Ministerial Statement: Policing

   after

   followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Trade Union Bill

   insert

   followed by  Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme

   delete

   5.00 pm  Decision Time

   and insert

   5.30 pm  Decision Time

   The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Policing.

5. **Trade Union Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-14766—That the Parliament opposes and condemns the Trade Union Bill as proposed by the UK Government; believes that it restricts the fundamental rights of workers to organise, bargain collectively and, if necessary, withdraw their labour, and further believes that it
will both undermine the effective engagement of trade unions across Scottish workplaces and, in particular, across the Scottish public sector.

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-14766.2 to motion S4M-14766—

Insert at end—

“, and believes that free and healthy trade unions are an important element of a modern democracy”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-14766.1 to motion S4M-14766—

Leave out from “opposes” to end and insert—

“considers that trade unions are valuable institutions in society with a long history of promoting workers’ rights, improving health and safety in the workplace and representing members when they are in need of support; notes that the UK Government was elected on a manifesto commitment to ensure that strikes can only be undertaken on the basis of ‘a clear, positive decision’ of trade union members, that union political fund payments would only be raised by a voluntary opt-in system and that reform of a number of areas of trade union legislation would be introduced; understands that, as agreed by all parties in the Scottish Parliament in the Smith Commission process and in line with the views of numerous employer, business and workers’ organisations that gave evidence to the commission, employment law is a reserved matter for the UK Parliament, and notes that the Trade Union Bill, which has been introduced to implement these manifesto commitments, is currently being considered by the UK Parliament”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 104, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament opposes and condemns the Trade Union Bill as proposed by the UK Government; believes that it restricts the fundamental rights of workers to organise, bargain collectively and, if necessary, withdraw their labour; further believes that it will both undermine the effective engagement of trade unions across Scottish workplaces and, in particular, across the Scottish public sector, and believes that free and healthy trade unions are an important element of a modern democracy”.

6. Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme: Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-14776—
That the Parliament, by virtue of sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998 agrees, with effect from 6 May 2016, to:

(1) add after paragraph (a)(vi) of the Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 as last amended on 17 March 2015 (the Resolution) agreeing to the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme annexed as Annex 1 to the Resolution (the Scheme):

“(vii) determines that in relation to those members who on 10 November 2015 were leasing, sub-letting or sub-letting their local parliamentary office premises from or to a party political organisation in accordance with paragraphs 4.2.11 and 4.2.12 of the Scheme as they stood on that date, those paragraphs 4.2.11 and 4.2.12 will continue to apply until 5 May 2017 and paragraph 4.2.12 of the Scheme as substituted with effect from 6 May 2016 and the modification of paragraph 4.2.10 (made by resolution dated 10 November 2015) shall take effect on 6 May 2017”;

(2) amend the Scheme by:

(a) deleting from paragraph 1.6.1 the words “Subject to paragraph 1.6.2, a” and substituting “A”;

(b) deleting paragraph 1.6.2;

(c) deleting from paragraph 3.1.1 the words “and any such staff may be permanent or temporary”;

(d) substituting the following paragraph for paragraph 3.1.7:

“3.1.7 A member may only submit a claim under this section in respect of staff who are engaged in accordance with such policies and under such terms and conditions as are approved by the SPCB from time to time.”;

(e) deleting from the beginning of paragraph 4.2.10 “A” and substituting “Subject to paragraph 4.2.12, a”;

(f) deleting paragraph 4.2.11;

(g) renumbering paragraph 4.2.13 as paragraph 4.2.11;

(h) substituting the following paragraph for paragraph 4.2.12:

“4.2.12 A member is not entitled to reimbursement of costs in respect of a local parliamentary office which is:

(a) leased from a party political organisation; or

(b) sub-leased from or sub-let to a party political organisation.”;
(i) amending the annual limit on entitlement to reimbursement of staff salary costs under paragraph 3.2.1 in the column headed “LIMIT” of the Schedule of Rates in Annex 2 to the Resolution to “£85,000”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. **Minimum Room Sizes in New-build Homes:** The Parliament debated S4M-13774 in the name of Alex Johnstone—That the Parliament acknowledges the work that has been carried out in improving specifications in the construction of new-build homes, especially with regard to insulation; notes however concerns that there are no specific standards relating to minimum room sizes and storage space; understands that overcrowded homes can result in physical and mental illness and impact on the development of children, and notes the view that everyone involved with the construction of new housing should work together to adopt a voluntary code that would see minimum floor space and storage standards in flats and houses in North East Scotland and across the country.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, and Justice and the Law Officers were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. **Succession (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-14768—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Succession (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

3. **Scotland and Malawi 10 Years Since the Cooperation Agreement**: The Minister for Europe and International Development (Humza Yousaf) moved S4M-14775—That the Parliament notes both that the tenth anniversary of the signing of the historic cooperation agreement between the governments of Scotland and Malawi was reached on 3 November 2015 and the continuing strength of this relationship; further notes that this agreement marked the beginning of the Scottish Government’s International Development Programme, which now works in seven countries in the developing world; believes that, as a good global citizen, Scotland should continue to prioritise its international development work; recognises the contribution of the Scottish development sector and the Scotland Malawi Partnership, in particular their work with partners in Malawi, and the many Scots and Scottish organisations who, over the last 10 years, strengthened these links with Malawi and Scotland’s other priority countries through their hard work and enthusiasm and have given their time and support so generously; commends the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and MSPs through their continued work with the Malawi National Assembly, and looks forward to the Scottish Parliament and Government and the people of Scotland working together with the country’s domestic and overseas partners toward the delivery of the new global United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, which will become applicable from January 2016.

   Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-14775.1 to motion S4M-14775—

   Insert at end—

   “; welcomes the change achieved through the cooperation agreement, particularly regarding progress in health and education, and believes that, going forward, work should be undertaken to support a strong and sustainable economy for Malawi’s future”.

   After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

   The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).
Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes both that the tenth anniversary of the signing of the historic cooperation agreement between the governments of Scotland and Malawi was reached on 3 November 2015 and the continuing strength of this relationship; further notes that this agreement marked the beginning of the Scottish Government’s International Development Programme, which now works in seven countries in the developing world; believes that, as a good global citizen, Scotland should continue to prioritise its international development work; recognises the contribution of the Scottish development sector and the Scotland Malawi Partnership, in particular their work with partners in Malawi, and the many Scots and Scottish organisations who, over the last 10 years, strengthened these links with Malawi and Scotland’s other priority countries through their hard work and enthusiasm and have given their time and support so generously; commends the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association and MSPs through their continued work with the Malawi National Assembly; looks forward to the Scottish Parliament and Government and the people of Scotland working together with the country’s domestic and overseas partners toward the delivery of the new global United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals, which will become applicable from January 2016; welcomes the change achieved through the cooperation agreement, particularly regarding progress in health and education, and believes that, going forward, work should be undertaken to support a strong and sustainable economy for Malawi’s future.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14781—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 November 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Devolution (Further Powers) Committee Debate: Changing Relationships: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Intergovernmental Relations

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 18 November 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Ambitious Housebuilding Programme for Scotland
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 19 November 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill
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2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
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Thursday 26 November 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14782—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 January 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14783—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Carers (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 December 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

7. Office of the Clerk and Designation of a Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-14784—That the Parliament agrees that, between 5 January 2016 and 23 March 2016 (inclusive), the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except Saturdays and Sundays.
That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk will be closed on Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 December 2015.

That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, and 7 as noted above.

9. Energy Storage Network: The Parliament debated S4M-14440 in the name of Mike MacKenzie—That the Parliament welcomes the launch by Scottish Renewables of its new storage network and its publication of a briefing paper, *Energy Storage: The Basics*; understands that the technologies covered in the paper include hydrogen fuel cells, large-scale heat storage and supercapacitors and that the purpose of the network is to bring together people and organisations with an interest in the energy storage sector, which it believes is growing rapidly; notes reports that it is estimated that the global market for large-scale energy storage will be worth around £20 billion by 2022; understands that Scotland has already taken a lead in the development of technologies such as grid-scale batteries, and notes the view that it is of vital importance to the future of the renewable energy sector in the Highlands and Islands and across the country that Scotland continues to develop a strong energy storage sector.

10. Motion without Notice: Mike MacKenzie moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Protecting Workers from Violence and Abuse:** The Parliament debated S4M-14514 in the name of Cara Hilton—that the Parliament notes that the annual Usdaw Respect for Shopworkers Week will be held from 9 to 13 November 2015; understands that Usdaw’s Freedom from Fear campaign seeks to prevent violence, threats and abuse against shopworkers; is concerned that every day more than 300 shopworkers are assaulted for simply doing their jobs, with more than 55,000 incidents of verbal threats and physical abuse recorded in the last year alone; believes that this situation is unacceptable and that people who provide a service to the public in Dunfermline in Fife and right across Scotland deserve to be able to go about their jobs without fear of abuse and violence and notes Usdaw’s call for action by both the Scottish and UK governments to ensure that all public-facing workers have better protection from violence, abuse and threats for simply doing their job; commends Usdaw on what it considers its fantastic campaign, and wishes Respect for Shopworkers Week 2015 every success.

4. **Motion without Notice:** Cara Hilton moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

5. **SPCB Questions:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

6. **The Future Delivery of Social Security in Scotland:** Hugh Henry, on behalf of the Welfare Reform Committee, moved S4M-14560—that the Parliament notes that, once the Scotland Bill becomes an Act, the responsibility for the delivery of a range of social security powers will pass to the Parliament, including disability living allowance, personal independence payments, carers allowance, the Work Programme and the Regulated Social Fund, as well as some aspects of universal credit and top-up funds; further notes that the Welfare Reform Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the future delivery of social security in Scotland, and would welcome contributions from members on what they consider are the important principles and practical aspects of a new Scottish social security system.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.
The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Sister Christiana Mickwee, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Elgin led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14856—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 November 2015—

   after

   2.00 pm   Time for Reflection – Sister Christiana Mickwee OP, Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Elgin

   *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   insert

   *followed by* Motion of Condolence: Paris, 13 November 2015

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Motion of Condolence: Paris, 13 November 2015:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-14848—That the Parliament extends its solidarity and that of the people of Scotland to the people of France and offers its condolences to all those affected by the appalling terrorist attacks in Paris on 13 November 2015; reaffirms its commitment to a diverse and multicultural society, and calls on people across Scotland to unite as one community, both here at home and in solidarity with France, to make clear that acts of terrorism will not succeed in dividing us or destroying the freedoms and way of life that are valued so highly.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Changing Relationships: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Intergovernmental Relations:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, moved S4M-14820—That the Parliament notes the 8th Report, 2015 (Session 4) of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, *Changing Relationships: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Intergovernmental Relations* (SP Paper 809 (Web)), including its recommendations to the Scottish and UK governments.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
6. Universal Children’s Day 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-14499 in the name of Roderick Campbell—That the Parliament recognises that 20 November is Universal Children’s Day; understands that this commemorative day was established by the UN in 1954 and is devoted to promoting the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; recognises the necessity of protecting and promoting children’s rights not just in North East Fife and across Scotland, but around the rest of the world; believes that this will help ensure that children can survive and thrive, learn and grow, have their voices heard and reach their full potential; understands that violations of children’s rights continue to take place across the world; applauds the work of organisations that are devoted to tackling and confronting such abuse, and commends the Cross Party Group on Children and Young People on what it sees as its efforts to promote dialogue about and an understanding of the realisation of children’s rights in Scotland and in encouraging the promotion of Scotland’s international obligations to allow every child worldwide the opportunity to enjoy their childhood with freedom and dignity.

The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Sport were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. **Ambitious Housebuilding Programme for Scotland**: The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-14859—That the Parliament recognises that housing helps promote social justice, strengthens communities and tackles inequality as well as being good for the economy; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to providing access to good quality housing and recognises that it is a high priority for the current administration; commends the Scottish Government for being on course to exceed its five-year target of delivering 30,000 affordable homes by March 2016, including 20,000 social rented homes; acknowledges this achievement being made despite the drastic reduction in capital budgets as a result of the UK Government’s spending cuts; further recognises that the Scottish Government started a new generation of council house building, has abolished the right to buy and is leading the way in the UK in financial innovation for housing; notes that Scotland continues to outperform other parts of the UK in housing completions, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s future ambition to build a further 50,000 affordable homes for people across Scotland.

Michael McMahon moved amendment S4M-14859.3 to motion S4M-14859—Leave out from first “welcomes” to end and insert—

“believes that each and every Scot deserves a warm and secure place to call home; recognises the work of the independent Commission on Housing and Wellbeing, which concluded that ‘there is very clearly a homes crisis’ in Scotland, with 150,000 households on waiting lists, over 10,000 households in temporary accommodation, an estimated 940,000 households in fuel poverty and nearly half of all housing falling short of official standards; further recognises the particular housing difficulties faced by people living in Scotland’s rural areas; believes that there is a need to increase the availability of accessible housing for disabled people, and believes that Scotland’s ambition must be to deliver a radical programme of housebuilding as called for by Shelter Scotland, the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations, the Chartered Institute of Housing and others to build enough affordable and social rent homes to meet Scotland’s needs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-14859.2 to motion S4M-14859—
Leave out from first “welcomes” to end and insert—

“considers that the housing market must be seen in the round rather than with a particular focus on specific sectors; recognises that housebuilding in Scotland has fallen considerably with only a modest level of recovery evident; notes that the Scottish Government has missed its aim to deliver 6,000 socially-rented homes in each year of the current parliamentary session; recalls that the right to buy scheme created a revolutionary change in homeownership in Scotland, making owner-occupation affordable for nearly half a million people; notes with concern that a number of measures in the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill will have a negative effect on the housing market, and acknowledges that ambitious rhetoric will have to be matched by deliverable outcomes.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 95, Abstentions 1).

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-14859.1 to motion S4M-14859—

Leave out from first “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes that the SNP pledged in its 2011 election manifesto to ‘build over 6,000 new socially-rented houses each year’, which would be a total of 30,000 over the course of the current parliamentary session; is deeply disappointed that it is set to build only 20,000 socially-rented homes by March 2016; regrets that the Scottish Ministers have repeatedly refused to acknowledge that their decision to switch to a less ambitious policy of 30,000 affordable homes has had a negative impact on the ability of thousands of families to obtain permanent, safe and warm accommodation at a time when approximately 29,000 people across Scotland are homeless and 150,000 households are on council housing waiting lists, and believes that this significant policy change, and the resultant social housing shortfall, fails to help address the housing crisis in Scotland and raises serious doubts about the Scottish Government’s commitment to its future housing promises.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 58, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14864—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 November 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Violence Against Women, 16 Days of Activism
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 25 November 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Culture, Europe and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities
followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 26 November 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Welfare Reform Committee Debate: Women and Social Security
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 December 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 2 December 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 3 December 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-14866—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 February 2016.
S4M-14867—that the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Succession (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 December 2015.

S4M-14868—that the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 January 2016.

S4M-14869—that the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Apologies (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 December 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

5. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-14870—that the Parliament agrees that the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-14871—that the Parliament agrees that the Private Rented Housing Panel (Landlord Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-14872—that the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Administrative Support for Listed Tribunals) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-14873—that the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 5 as noted above.

7. Air Pollution in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-14433 in the name of Sarah Boyack—that the Parliament notes with concern statistics published by Friends of the Earth Scotland that suggest that more than 3,500 people in Scotland die early because of exposure to toxic emissions and that highlight the cost of these emissions, their environmental justice impact and the fact that they are believed to cost up to £2 billion to Scotland’s economy; is further concerned at the admission by Volkswagen Automobile Group that its diesel vehicles were fitted with “defeat devices” to produce favourable emission test results; notes the view that the results of other manufacturers’ models might require investigation; understands that European air quality legal limits continue to be breached in Scotland and that 32 air-quality management areas declared by local authorities, including sites in Edinburgh, are in breach of regulatory standards; believes that the Supreme Court’s determination that new air-quality plans should be devised before the end of 2015 to ensure that Scotland can comply with EU law is significant; welcomes
the Scottish Government’s commitment to achieving binding European air-quality legal limits by 2020 through the delivery of its low emission strategy, and notes the view that a new policy focus and funding will be required for the Scottish Government to achieve its stated ambition for the strategy and to deliver low emission zones where air-quality management areas are currently in place.

The meeting closed at 5.55 pm.
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The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister’s Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. National Third Sector GIRFEC Project: The Parliament debated S4M-13954 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament welcomes the role of the public social partnership, the National Third Sector GIRFEC Project, which includes Barnardo’s Scotland, Voluntary Action Scotland and Improvement Service, in supporting third sector organisations in Paisley and across Scotland to be full partners in the commissioning and planning of children’s services; recognises the role that it considers organisations, large and small, have in providing vital services to children, young people and their families; expresses concern that further reductions to the welfare budget and social security at UK level could mean that public services will be required to support increasing numbers of children and families in need; welcomes the role that the third sector has in working hand-in-hand with the public sector to reduce growing inequalities, and recognises the importance of having a well-resourced and supported third sector that is able to be involved at the strategic level.

4. Community Justice (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-14879—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Community Justice (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-14805—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Ms Ivy Blair, co-ordinator, Prospects led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. **Violence against Women, 16 Days of Activism:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-14930—That the Parliament welcomes International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 24 November 2015, marking the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence; commends the ongoing contribution of people and organisations across Scotland and the wider world toward raising awareness and changing the outdated attitudes that still persist in society in relation to gender-based violence; notes continuing progress to take forward Equally Safe, Scotland’s strategy on preventing and eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls; welcomes the inaugural meeting of the Equally Safe Joint Strategic Board, co-chaired by the Scottish Government and COSLA, on 11 November; notes that, on the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the agreement of the new Sustainable Development Goals, women and girls across the world continue to experience violence and abuse, and calls on everyone in Scotland to play their part in creating a strong and flourishing country where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse and the attitudes that help perpetuate it.

Elaine Murray moved amendment S4M-14930.1 to motion S4M-14930—

Leave out from “notes continuing progress” to “11 November” and insert—

“reaffirms the cross-party support for Equally Safe, Scotland’s strategy on preventing and eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls; acknowledges the inaugural meeting of the Equally Safe Joint Strategic Board, co-chaired by the Scottish Government and COSLA, on 11 November and the need for continued strategic funding for projects and organisations and for further legislation to tackle all forms of gender-based violence in Scotland”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on 24 November 2015, marking the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence; commends the ongoing contribution of people and
organisations across Scotland and the wider world toward raising awareness and changing the outdated attitudes that still persist in society in relation to gender-based violence; reaffirms the cross-party support for Equally Safe, Scotland’s strategy on preventing and eradicating all forms of violence against women and girls; acknowledges the inaugural meeting of the Equally Safe Joint Strategic Board, co-chaired by the Scottish Government and COSLA, on 11 November and the need for continued strategic funding for projects and organisations and for further legislation to tackle all forms of gender-based violence in Scotland; notes that, on the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the agreement of the new Sustainable Development Goals, women and girls across the world continue to experience violence and abuse, and calls on everyone in Scotland to play their part in creating a strong and flourishing country where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse and the attitudes that help perpetuate it.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

5. World Toilet Day 2015, We Can’t Wait: The Parliament debated S4M-14471 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament welcomes World Toilet Day 2015, which aims to raise awareness of the need for proper sanitation and toilets and their importance to health, dignity, security and social and economic development across the world; notes with deep dismay reports that 2.5 billion people do not have access to proper sanitation or toilets, that in 45 countries fewer than half the population have access to adequate sanitation and that 2,000 children die each day from diarrhoea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation; notes that Equality, Dignity and the Link Between Gender-Based Violence and Sanitation is this year’s theme for World Toilet Day, aiming to highlight the threat of sexual violence that women and girls face due to loss of privacy and the inadequacy of toilet facilities to manage menstrual hygiene, as well as inequalities in usability for disabled and older people; congratulates Grace Warnock, a 10-year-old Prestonpans Primary School pupil, on her Grace’s Sign campaign to secure better door signs for accessible toilets in Scotland to raise awareness that they are not only for wheelchair users; welcomes what it considers the significant progress that Grace has already made with her campaign, including coming up with her own new design for door signs to show that they are also for people who are not visibly disabled and working with Independent Living in Scotland and Scottish Disability Equality Forum to engage with local authorities on improving the signage at their accessible toilets, and notes the call for action and urgency expressed in World Toilet Day’s tag line, We Can’t Wait, and the call for action now to meet the goal agreed at the UN Sustainable Development Summit in September to “achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations” by 2030.

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Culture, Europe and External Affairs and Infrastructure, Investment and Cities were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. Keep CalMac Public: David Stewart moved S4M-14942—That the Parliament pays tribute to ferry workers at the public sector company, Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac), and their vital role in maintaining lifeline ferry services to Scotland’s western island communities; notes that the next contract for Clyde and Hebrides ferry services (CHFS) is currently out to tender and may be privatised as Serco is bidding against CalMac to take over these lifeline public services; recalls the argument made to MSPs in a briefing paper from February 2015 from the STUC and the CalMac unions, RMT, TSSA, Nautilus and Unite, that the Scottish Government could have pursued legal arguments with the European Commission to exempt lifeline Scottish ferry services from regulations requiring regular tendering of public sector contracts, a process which is disruptive, expensive and biased toward private sector bidders; believes that the Scottish Government should exercise its power to stop the current CHFS tender process in order to pursue an exemption for Scottish ferry services, and further believes in supporting and promoting publicly owned and operated Scottish ferry services across Scotland.

The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) moved amendment S4M-14942.3 to motion S4M-14942—

Leave out from “and may be privatised” to end and insert—

“; further notes that the Scottish Government is undertaking a fair, open and transparent procurement exercise in line with strict European Union procurement rules, maritime cabotage regulation and associated guidance; recognises that the current tendering exercise has been improved on, compared with that undertaken by the previous Labour/Liberal Democrat administration, which decided that it was a legal requirement to tender the current contract in 2005; indeed, recalls statements by members of the previous administration that ‘tendering of the Clyde and Hebrides lifeline ferry services is required to protect these vital services’; welcomes the first report from the Independent Procurement Reference Panel, which includes local authority, union, community and industry representatives, and concluded that the tender process has been fair, open and transparent, and believes in supporting and promoting publicly owned and controlled ferry services, evidenced by a record £1 billion investment by the Scottish Government in vessels, ports and ferry services since 2007.”
After debate, amendment S4M-14942.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 41, Abstentions 13).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-14942.1 to motion S4M-14942—

Leave out from “at the public sector” to end and insert—

“across Scotland for their dedication to connecting the country’s island communities; recognises in particular the work of Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac) staff over the period of the last Clyde and Hebrides ferry services contract, and encourages the Scottish Government to ensure that the tender process for the future contract is conducted in a transparent, fair and legal manner.”

After debate, amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 101, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S4M-14942.2 to motion S4M-14942—

Leave out from “and may be privatised” to end and insert—

“; believes that EU law requires the £1 billion Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services 2016-24 contract to be tendered; recalls that the previous Labour/Liberal Democrat administration came to the same conclusion after investigating alternatives during the second session of the Parliament; notes that a subsequent European Commission state aid investigation has since reaffirmed this; recalls that a Labour/Liberal Democrat administration motion, which gained the approval of the Parliament on 14 September 2005, stated ‘that the tendering of the Clyde and Hebrides lifeline ferry services is required to protect these vital services’, while the SNP conversely argued during that debate that it ‘does not believe that tendering is necessary’; understands that, irrespective of which company wins the 2016-24 contract, ministers will maintain control of routes, services, timetables and fares, and vessels and harbours will stay in public ownership, and considers that the negotiation of a robust contract could ensure that jobs, staff terms and conditions are also protected.”

Amendment S4M-14942.2 was pre-empted by amendment S4M-14942.3.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 36, Abstentions 13).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament pays tribute to ferry workers at the public sector company, Caledonian MacBrayne (CalMac), and their vital role in maintaining lifeline ferry services to Scotland’s western island communities; notes that the next contract for Clyde and Hebrides ferry services (CHFS) is currently out to tender; further notes that the Scottish Government is undertaking a fair, open and transparent procurement exercise in line with strict European Union procurement rules, maritime cabotage
regulation and associated guidance; recognises that the current tendering exercise has been improved on, compared with that undertaken by the previous Labour/Liberal Democrat administration, which decided that it was a legal requirement to tender the current contract in 2005; indeed, recalls statements by members of the previous administration that ‘tendering of the Clyde and Hebrides lifeline ferry services is required to protect these vital services’; welcomes the first report from the Independent Procurement Reference Panel, which includes local authority, union, community and industry representatives, and concluded that the tender process has been fair, open and transparent, and believes in supporting and promoting publicly owned and controlled ferry services, evidenced by a record £1 billion investment by the Scottish Government in vessels, ports and ferry services since 2007.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14959—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business for Thursday 26 November 2015—

delete

2.30 pm Welfare Reform Committee Debate: Women and Social Security

and insert

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland’s Public Finances

followed by Welfare Reform Committee Debate: Women and Social Security

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14945—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 1 December 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Wednesday 2 December 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 3 December 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Preliminary Stage Debate: National Galleries of Scotland Bill
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 8 December 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 December 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 December 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14948—That the Parliament agrees that the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 109, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

6. Committee Remit: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14946—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill to be referred to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee as lead committee, the following be inserted after Rule 6.4.1(a):

“(ab) the Bill introduced as the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill (SP Bill 84, Session 4).”
until the Bill is passed, falls or is withdrawn.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14947—That the Parliament agrees that the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Children’s Grief Awareness Week: The Parliament debated S4M-14730 in the name of Gil Paterson—That the Parliament notes that 19 to 25 November 2015 is Children’s Grief Awareness Week; understands that bereavement can be a complex and difficult period for children when they lose a relative or friend; recognises that Children’s Grief Awareness Week is being organised by the charity, Grief Encounter, to raise awareness of how the charity can make opportunities for families to grieve and to raise funding to continue its work in this field; understands that the charity will run fundraising and awareness exercises all week, commencing with a commemorative candle ceremony; understands that the Scottish Cot Death Trust provides a wide range of support for bereaved families and educates the public and professionals about cot death and how to reduce the risks; further understands that, as part of its campaign to provide information and awareness, the Scottish Cot Death Trust has created, printed and published two books titled, *Andrew’s Rainbow* and *Rory’s Star*, which are targeted at children, parents, relatives and teachers to help provide a starting point for difficult conversations in a gentle and child-centred way, and notes the view that the work by all charities involved in this area should be publically acknowledged and commended and the advice and support that they provide should be more readily available to everyone who works, engages with or has children that have been affected by bereavement.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.
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The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **New Campaign, Is it Coeliac Disease?:** The Parliament debated S4M-13123 in the name of Nanette Milne—That the Parliament welcomes Coeliac UK’s new campaign, Is it coeliac disease?, which focuses on finding the estimated 40,000 people in Scotland, and 500,000 across the UK, with undiagnosed coeliac disease; understands that around 5,000 people in the NHS Grampian area are living with the condition; is concerned that, of the estimated one in 100 people in Scotland with it, only around one quarter are believed to be diagnosed; understands that the time between the onset of symptoms and a clinical diagnosis can be a staggering 13 years; notes that the condition is treatable by switching to a lifelong gluten-free diet; acknowledges however that, if it is not treated, it can lead to serious health problems, with symptoms including stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, regular bouts of diarrhoea, constipation, bloating, ongoing fatigue, anaemia, weight loss and constant mouth ulcers and can further lead to osteoporosis and small bowel cancer; believes that too many people have been living in the dark with the condition for too long a period, and notes the view that the Scottish Government and the NHS should help charities such as Coeliac UK in aiming to raise awareness among the public and the medical profession about the symptoms of coeliac disease so that as many as possible get the diagnosis that they need.

4. **Motion without Notice:** Nanette Milne moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on Scotland’s Public Finances.


   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.
The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Father Jeremy Bath, Parish Priest of SS John Cantius & Nicholas Catholic Church, Broxburn led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

3. **Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-15003—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-14200—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

6. **St Andrew’s Day:** The Parliament debated S4M-14714 in the name of Michael Russell—That the Parliament believes that it has long held the view that St Andrew’s Day should be celebrated as a full national holiday; notes the view that Scotland’s national day should be used to send an inclusive message to the country, its neighbours and the world about the people and prospects of the ancient nation while giving an opportunity to showcase its modern achievements and take forward economic opportunities, and hopes that the day will also help draw attention to the contribution of Scots in many different countries across the globe and in many different fields of endeavour while expressing the desire for unity and celebration among the diversity of faiths, cultures and ethnic origins that it believes is the reality of the nation today.

   The meeting closed at 5.28 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. **Named Persons:** Liz Smith moved S4M-14999—That the Parliament believes that the growing opposition to the Scottish Government’s named person policy reflects the strong criticism that has been levelled at the policy by professionals who will be at the front line of delivery when named persons for all 0 to 18-year-olds become part of statutory legislation from August 2016; is specifically concerned about the criticism from groups of parents who fear that named persons will undermine the trust between parent and child and between families and key professionals, from other groups, such as teachers and social workers, that believe that extensive costs and bureaucracy will be involved in the implementation of the policy, and within bodies such as the police, who stated in summer 2015 that the policy could potentially divert resources away from the most vulnerable children, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish all the advice that it received from the committee that was set up to oversee the implementation stages.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S4M-14999.2 to motion S4M-14999—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“recognises the continuing cross-Parliament support that enabled the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 to be passed, which included putting Scotland’s national approach to improving children’s wellbeing, Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC), on a statutory footing; acknowledges that the named person service is an important component of this approach, developed in response to parental demand during the piloting of GIRFEC in Highland to provide a single point of contact for all children and families to go to should they need support and advice; notes that the legal challenge to these provisions has now been rejected by the Scottish courts twice; welcomes the powerful collective effort by the public sector, third sector and parent/family organisations to make the duties drive improvements in the lives of children and young people, and calls on all members to support implementation of all the GIRFEC provisions of the Act as part of a shared ambition to ensure that all children in Scotland get the best start in life.”

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-14999.1 to motion S4M-14999—

Leave out from “the growing opposition” to end and insert—
“the named person policy was and is supported by most child welfare organisations, including Barnardo’s, Children 1st, Save the Children, the NSPCC and Children in Scotland, but considers that the Scottish Government has failed to properly implement, resource or defend its own policy or recognise from the outset concerns that were expressed by organisations such as the Royal College of Nursing and the Educational Institute of Scotland over additional burdens being placed on staff without additional resourcing; believes that the Scottish Government has also failed to address concerns of parents regarding the intentions of the policy, which does not seek to provide a social worker for every child or replace the role of the parent, and calls on the Scottish Government to now ensure that the necessary resources are made available to make the policy work”.

After debate, amendment S4M-14999.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 14, Abstentions 28). As a result, amendment S4M-14999.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 14, Abstentions 28).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the continuing cross-Parliament support that enabled the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 to be passed, which included putting Scotland’s national approach to improving children’s wellbeing, Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC), on a statutory footing; acknowledges that the named person service is an important component of this approach, developed in response to parental demand during the piloting of GIRFEC in Highland to provide a single point of contact for all children and families to go to should they need support and advice; notes that the legal challenge to these provisions has now been rejected by the Scottish courts twice; welcomes the powerful collective effort by the public sector, third sector and parent/family organisations to make the duties drive improvements in the lives of children and young people, and calls on all members to support implementation of all the GIRFEC provisions of the Act as part of a shared ambition to ensure that all children in Scotland get the best start in life.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15021—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 December 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 December 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
  Finance, Constitution and Economy
followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 December 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Update on Common Agricultural Policy Payments
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 December 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 16 December 2015

1.15 pm Members' Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
    Fair Work, Skills and Training;
    Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 17 December 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles)
    (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament
    (Amendment) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15022—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 January 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 2 as noted above.
6. Commending the Employees of City Building and RSBi: The Parliament debated S4M-14715 in the name of Bob Doris—that the Parliament welcomes the contribution to Glasgow's finances generated by the 2,200 employees of City Building LLP and Royal Strathclyde Blindcraft Industries (RSBi), who have returned a profit to Glasgow City Council of around £5 million in each financial year, with an over £50 million net gain to Glasgow's finances since 2007; acknowledges the achievements of the workforces and the representatives of the unions, the JTUC and Unite, over the years, supporting around 2,000 people through City Building LLP’s supply chain and currently supporting the training of around 400 apprentices across all construction trades, making the company the largest employer of apprentices in Scotland; believes that the scale and flexibility of its multidisciplinary workforce and broad experience allows it to deliver complex projects, winning over £1 billion of contracts in open competition and winning the prestigious Queen’s Award for Enterprise: Sustainable Development; highlights the importance of RSBi in providing opportunities for disabled people, most recently providing an extensive range of furniture for the World Gymnastics Championships at the Hydro, both for the competition and the back-office areas, all constructed at City Building LLP’s RSBi factories in Springburn and Queenslie, helping make RSBi, in partnership with City Building LLP, what it considers one of the country’s leading examples of social enterprise, combining commercial success with socially responsible practices, and wishes everyone employed at City Building LLP and RSBi every success in the future.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Reviewing Arrangements for Managing Sex Offenders:** The Parliament debated S4M-14110 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament notes that it has been more than 11 years since the murder of eight-year-old Mark Cummings by the convicted sex offender, Stuart Leggate, in Royston in Glasgow; commends what it sees as the courage and tenacity of Mark’s mother, Margaret-Ann, who has campaigned tirelessly to change the way in which serious sex offenders are managed; recognises that a justice sub-committee, convened by the Parliament in 2006, published 33 recommendations intended to protect children in Scotland’s communities, including a requirement for registered sex offenders to disclose information about previous convictions on housing applications; is concerned that this recommendation has still not been implemented by the Scottish Government; understands that there are community concerns about what are considered the disproportionately high number of sex offenders housed in deprived areas and that many people consider it essential for the risks posed by serious sex offenders in communities across Scotland to be examined, and notes calls for an urgent review of sentencing tariffs and increased public awareness of sex offenders thought to be at risk of reoffending.

4. **National Galleries of Scotland Bill:** Anne McTaggart, on behalf of the National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee, moved S4M-14956—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the National Galleries of Scotland Bill and that it should proceed as a private bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-15031—That the Parliament notes the forthcoming annual fishing negotiations in Brussels and the ongoing negotiations with Norway on shared stocks; welcomes the recent scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), which proposes increases to many of Scotland’s key stocks, including North Sea cod, which is at its highest level in a decade; notes that 2016 will see the commencement of the discard ban for whitefish fisheries and that the outcome of the negotiations will be pivotal in supporting the fleet’s implementation, and supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors.
Claudia Beamish moved amendment S4M-15031.3 to motion S4M-15031—

After first “stocks” insert—

“; believes that sustainable development should be at the heart of all marine and fisheries policies; further believes that sea fisheries must be managed holistically with a sustainable ecosystem approach that takes into account the marine biodiversity and climate change challenges that Scotland faces to ensure healthy Scottish waters; supports the research and monitoring work of Marine Scotland and its partners, including the fishing industry, in developing scientific evidence for the implementation of the discard ban and for sustainable and profitable fisheries in the future; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that this work is adequately funded; notes that the new European Maritime Fisheries Fund is designed to help fishermen in any transition period, support coastal communities in diversifying their economies and finance new coastal projects and encourages the widest possible consultation on its guidelines”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-15031.1 to motion S4M-15031—

After “implementation” insert—

“; further notes the significant concerns of fishing industry leaders about the impact of this discard ban on the demersal sector and urges the Scottish Government to consider giving additional support to the sector to help it meet the challenges of the obligation as it is phased in over the next three years”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S4M-15031.2 to motion S4M-15031—

Insert at end—

“; believes that the December 2015 EU Fisheries Council must ensure that quota allocations for species covered by the introduction of the discard ban in 2016 must increase substantially; notes the widespread concerns of the Scottish industry and processing sector regarding the difficulties of introducing a discard ban in a mixed whitefish fishery governed by quotas and relative stability; notes the importance of Marine Scotland applying enforcement and compliance regimes that are consistent for all EU vessels in Scottish fishing waters; expects the Scottish Government to avoid the gold-plating of regulations imposed on the Scottish fleet that would create both an uneven playing field and increase financial risk to the Scottish industry, and recognises that data-
deficient fish stocks should be the subject of scientific research and not arbitrary quota changes”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 57, Abstentions 31).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the forthcoming annual fishing negotiations in Brussels and the ongoing negotiations with Norway on shared stocks; believes that sustainable development should be at the heart of all marine and fisheries policies; further believes that sea fisheries must be managed holistically with a sustainable ecosystem approach that takes into account the marine biodiversity and climate change challenges that Scotland faces to ensure healthy Scottish waters; supports the research and monitoring work of Marine Scotland and its partners, including the fishing industry, in developing scientific evidence for the implementation of the discard ban and for sustainable and profitable fisheries in the future; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that this work is adequately funded; notes that the new European Maritime Fisheries Fund is designed to help fishermen in any transition period, support coastal communities in diversifying their economies and finance new coastal projects and encourages the widest possible consultation on its guidelines; welcomes the recent scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES), which proposes increases to many of Scotland’s key stocks, including North Sea cod, which is at its highest level in a decade; notes that 2016 will see the commencement of the discard ban for whitefish fisheries and that the outcome of the negotiations will be pivotal in supporting the fleet’s implementation, and supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend George R. Fiddes, Minister, St Nicholas Parish Church, Prestwick led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15100—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 8 December 2015—

after
followed by Topical Questions
insert
followed by Ministerial Statement: Forth Road Bridge
delete
6.00 pm Decision Time
and insert
6.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15086—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 4: 35 minutes
Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour 30 minutes
Groups 9 to 12: 2 hours
Groups 13 to 16: 2 hours 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and the Lord Advocate.
5. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on the Forth Road Bridge.

6. Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 5, 83, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 87, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 88, 89, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 and 82.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1 (For 3, Against 103, Abstentions 4)
3 (For 6, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
86 (For 40, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
90 (For 50, Against 61, Abstentions 4).

The following amendments were not moved: 84, 2, 4, 85 and 91.

7. Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-15087—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.38 pm. The motion was agreed to.

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

10. Marischal Square: The Parliament debated S4M-14804 in the name of Kevin Stewart—That the Parliament notes the concerns of the Reject Marischal Square Development campaign group (RMSD), who have published a report on what they believe to be a lack of openness and transparency regarding Aberdeen City Council’s decision to enter into a deal over Marischal Square, where, according to RMSD’s Facebook site, in the worst case scenario “Aberdeen tax payers will be underwriting the risk of under-occupancy of the development by guaranteeing £175 million to Aviva shareholders over 35 years”; understands that, in answer to a freedom of information request by campaigners dated 9 November 2015 asking for a copy of the business plan for Marischal Square, the council stated that “there is no business plan at this time”; is concerned that there seems to be no business plan for what it considers to be a complex financial deal, and understands with regret that many Aberdonians feel that their voices have been ignored on this issue.
The meeting closed at 7.24 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. **Health:** Jenny Marra moved S4M-15098—That the Parliament acknowledges the fine work being done by hard-working health and social care staff across Scotland to keep people safe and well; notes the Audit Scotland report that highlights important issues that need to be addressed for the successful integration of health and social care to be delivered; calls on the Scottish Government to allocate the majority of the health-related Barnett consequentials from the Comprehensive Spending Review to social care, and urges it to introduce a living wage for care workers.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S4M-15098.3 to motion S4M-15098—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises that NHS staffing and funding are at record high levels; supports efforts locally and nationally to successfully implement health and care integration; shares Audit Scotland’s analysis that good progress has been made toward integration and that it has widespread support; welcomes the recognition that the Scottish Government has provided significant investment to improve integrated care, and endorses working with COSLA and the care sector in progressing the living wage, noting that additional funding has been provided toward its achievement and associated fair work measures.”

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-15098.2 to motion S4M-15098—

Leave out from “calls on” to end and insert—

“notes that additional funding will arise in consequentials to health funding in Scotland following the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement; acknowledges that significant additional funding arises from consequentials following proposed increases in health spending by the UK Government between now and 2020, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the immediate additional funds are used, in part, to ensure a successful integration of health and social care, as well as working to establish, achieve and deliver a sustainable strategic plan that secures the future of Scotland’s NHS.”

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-15098.1 to motion S4M-15098—

Leave out from “calls on” to “introduce” and insert—
“believes that committing at least £200 million of the £400 million of health cash consequentials from the Spending Review solely to social care puts at risk the ability of the Parliament to agree a step-change in mental health provision in Scotland; notes that the recent Audit Scotland report on the integration of social care did not recommend specific additional financial resources but did make clear that resources should be moved to a preventative approach; notes that one in four people in Scotland will have a mental ill-health issue at some time in their life and that this includes staff working in health and social care; calls for a Scottish Budget Bill for 2016-17 that takes a step-change to improve mental health services, as well as meeting other priorities in the NHS, such as ensuring that there are sufficient staff, the provision of GP services and dealing with health inequalities in Glasgow, and supports”.

After debate, amendment S4M-15098.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 0). As a result amendments S4M-15098.2 and S4M-15098.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the fine work being done by hard-working health and social care staff across Scotland to keep people safe and well; recognises that NHS staffing and funding are at record high levels; supports efforts locally and nationally to successfully implement health and care integration; shares Audit Scotland’s analysis that good progress has been made toward integration and that it has widespread support; welcomes the recognition that the Scottish Government has provided significant investment to improve integrated care, and endorses working with COSLA and the care sector in progressing the living wage, noting that additional funding has been provided toward its achievement and associated fair work measures.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15101—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 December 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Redesigning Primary Care for Scotland’s Communities
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 16 December 2015

1.15 pm Members’ Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Fair Work, Skills and Training;
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights

followed by Ministerial Statement: Draft Budget 2016-17

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

Thursday 17 December 2015

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

12.30 pm Members’ Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles)
(Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament
(Amendment) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 January 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Business
4. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15102—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 29 January 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15103—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the
Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15045—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15104—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. National Strategy for Survivors of Childhood Abuse: The Parliament debated S4M-14517 in the name of Johann Lamont—That the Parliament welcomes that it is 10 years since the launch in September 2005 of the National Strategy for Survivors of Childhood Abuse; believes that the Cross Party Group on Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse was instrumental in establishing the strategy, which it considers a groundbreaking initiative that has benefited all survivors; congratulates everyone involved with survivor services in Pollok, across Glasgow and throughout Scotland on what it sees as the difference that they make to people’s lives; recognises that survivors’ groups, including the cross-party group, Open Secret in Falkirk and others, have concerns about the future of the strategy; understands that the overwhelming majority of childhood sexual abuse takes place within the immediate family or the community; believes that the intent of the national strategy is to be of benefit to all survivors and to provide a platform for other initiatives, including the Historical Child Abuse Inquiry Scotland and the National Confidential Forum, and notes the view that survivor-led services are crucial for supporting victims and that any confusion in the delivery of this service impacts adversely on survivors.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **The Continuing Success of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust:** The Parliament debated S4M-14721 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament celebrates and commends the successes of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT), which is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Scotland’s former mining communities, including those in Midlothian, by encouraging small voluntary charitable and other organisations to expand their scope, build new partnerships and tackle more ambitious projects; understands that this is achieved by working in the heart and soul of coalfield communities, delivering on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, land reform, the Regeneration Strategy and social justice by investing resources, expertise and knowledge to ensure that local people are able to fulfil their potential, developing projects from the bottom up with involvement from the community; notes that this also includes the Participatory Budget Fund, a small fund offering small grants to groups and projects; congratulates the CRT on this work, which includes awards in Gorebridge ranging from over £3,000 to Midlothian Scout Group to £500 to Gorebridge Arts Collective, and wishes the trust well in its continuing work.

4. **Motion without Notice:** Christine Grahame moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

5. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15121—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 2: 35 minutes.
   Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour.

   The motion was agreed to.

7. Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—
   2  (For 94, Against 14, Abstentions 0)
   3  (For 94, Against 14, Abstentions 0)
   13 (For 61, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
   1  (For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 36, 37, 38 and 39.

8. Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-15113—that the Parliament agrees that the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.
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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend Stephen Robson, Bishop of Dunkeld led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. **Redesigning Primary Care for Scotland’s Communities:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-15172—That the Parliament commends the good work of the dedicated health and care professionals who embody the community health services; agrees that effective frontline community healthcare is vital to helping people enjoy life at home, or in a homely setting, for as long as possible; recognises the challenges being faced in the recruitment and retention of GPs; supports the current work to agree a new GP contract for Scotland from 2017, which will see bureaucracy reduced for GPs to give them more time with their patients, presenting the opportunity to go even further to tackle health inequalities in communities; welcomes Sir Lewis Ritchie’s review of out-of-hours primary care and the Scottish Government’s commitment to work with partners to implement his findings; further welcomes the planned increase in GP training places and support for return to practice schemes to aid retention and recruitment in general practice, and endorses the aims of the £60 million Primary Care Fund to test new models of care, support the primary care workforce and enhance patient access.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-15172.2 to motion S4M-15172—Insert at end—

“; notes however that, while there has been some shift in the balance of care from secondary to primary services, there has been a reduction in the primary care share of the overall health budget despite an increase in population and in patients with complex needs, and believes that the new models being tested with new roles for nurses, pharmacists and allied health professionals as well as GPs require appropriate core funding over the course of the next parliamentary session and an open and transparent debate at all levels regarding differential funding to tackle health inequalities”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-15172.1 to motion S4M-15172—Leave out from “supports the current work” to end and insert—
“considers that there is a GP crisis, caused in part by the failure of the Scottish Government to invest in primary care; notes that real-terms spending on GP services has fallen year on year since 2009-10, decreasing from £888 million to £858 million in 2013-14; understands that funding pressures are particularly acute in practices serving the most deprived areas, which receive less funding per patient than average, despite the vital role that they can play in reducing health inequalities; notes that the Royal College of General Practitioners has stated that ‘there is no question that the consistent underfunding of general practice has contributed to the difficulties the service faces’ and that the body has previously warned there will be a shortfall of up to 740 GPs by 2020; understands that, of the 305 GP speciality training posts advertised in Scotland in 2015, only 237 were filled, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to explain how its increasing the number of posts available to 400 will increase uptake and lead to more GPs in local practices; welcomes Sir Lewis Ritchie’s review of out-of-hours primary care and considers that it is an important contribution to the debate on how best to deliver these vital services, and supports efforts to reduce bureaucracy through the new GP contract for Scotland from 2017 in order to give GPs more time with their patients to provide quality care.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 36, Against 73, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 104, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15186—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 16 December 2015—

after

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

insert

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.

6. Perth Bid to Become the UK City of Culture 2021: The Parliament debated S4M-14481 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament welcomes Perth’s bid to become the 2021 UK City of Culture; believes that it has a thriving arts, cultural and entertainment scene and a unique place in the history of arts and culture in Scotland, including the Perth Festival of the Arts, which was founded in 1972; understands that the bid will include the promotion of projects already in place, such as the Perth Theatre redevelopment and the Mill Street regeneration, as well as other proposals,
including the redevelopment of the Perth Museum and Art Gallery and the development of new cultural attractions; believes that it is home to some of Scotland’s finest collections including the Fergusson Gallery, and wishes Perth and Kinross Council well in taking forward the bid.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.
The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. **Garioch Home-Start Celebrates 20 Years**: The Parliament debated S4M-14515 in the name of Alison McInnes—That the Parliament congratulates Garioch Home-Start on its 20th anniversary; notes that the organisation first opened its doors in the Garioch area of Aberdeenshire in April 1995; further notes that Home-Start is a voluntary organisation that offers support to families facing issues such as rural isolation, disability, illness, multiple birth, post-natal depression and family difficulties; recognises what it considers the importance of such projects to families who are facing such issues; further recognises the need for ongoing one-to-one support, such as is provided by Home-Start to families with young children; congratulates the staff and volunteers of the organisation, and wishes them the very best success in the future.

2. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15209—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 16 December 2015—

   delete

   6.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   6.30 pm Decision Time

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Fair Work, Skills and Training and Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

4. **Ministerial Statement**: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Draft Budget 2016-17.

5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Aileen McLeod) moved S4M-15181—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

6. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved
S4M-15109—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15189—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 January 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Supporting Public Services, Tackling Inequality and Growing Scotland’s Economy
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 6 January 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs, Food and Environment
followed by Equal Opportunities Committee Debate: Inquiry into Age and Social Isolation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 7 January 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm    First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm    Members' Business
2.30 pm    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm    Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill
    followed by    Stage 1 Debate: Lobbying (Scotland) Bill
    followed by    Financial Resolution: Lobbying (Scotland) Bill
    followed by    Business Motions
    followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm    Decision Time

Tuesday 12 January 2016
2.00 pm    Time for Reflection
    followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
    followed by    Topical Questions (if selected)
    followed by    Scottish Government Business
    followed by    Business Motions
    followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm    Decision Time
    followed by    Members' Business

Wednesday 13 January 2016
2.00 pm    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm    Portfolio Questions
    Health, Wellbeing and Sport
    followed by    Scottish Government Business
    followed by    Business Motions
    followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm    Decision Time
    followed by    Members' Business

Thursday 14 January 2016
11.40 am    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am    General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm  Members' Business
2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—


S4M-15191—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice of the Peace Courts (Special Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15192—That the Parliament agrees that the Victims’ Rights (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Syrian Air Strikes:** The Parliament debated S4M-15046 in the name of John Wilson—That the Parliament considers that bombing densely populated areas in Syria, such as the city of Raqqa, will be ineffective in combatting the threat posed by Daesh and will inevitably lead to substantial numbers of civilian casualties; believes that an increase in Western military action in the Middle East will increase the likelihood of radicalisation both at home and abroad; considers that the UK can best offer support to the region through the use of diplomatic services and humanitarian aid, particularly in support of people fleeing the conflict; recognises that bombing will not bring about a peaceful resolution to the horrific situation in Syria; notes the strong feelings expressed across Scotland including in the Central Scotland region on this subject; praises the Don't Bomb Syria protests held in Glasgow, Edinburgh and elsewhere across the country in the week beginning 30 November 2015; welcomes that the vast majority of Scottish MPs voted against the UK Government’s motion, and condemns the decision taken by the UK Parliament to launch air strikes in Syria.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15184—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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:

   Group 1: 30 minutes.

   The motion was agreed to.

5. **Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

   1   (For 11, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
   2   (For 14, Against 95, Abstentions 0).
6. **Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill**: Jim Hume moved S4M-15146—That the Parliament agrees that the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill**: Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-15201—That the Parliament agrees that the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT)

8. **Motion without Notice**: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.15 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.16 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr Chris Gordon, Community Fundraiser, Bethany Christian Trust led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. **Supporting Public Services, Tackling Inequality and Growing Scotland’s Economy:** The Parliament debated Supporting Public Services, Tackling Inequality and Growing Scotland’s Economy.

4. **Decision Time:** There were no decisions taken at Decision Time today.

5. **Celtic Rainforest:** The Parliament debated S4M-14521 in the name of Michael Russell—That the Parliament notes the work being done by Plantlife Scotland and others to celebrate and encourage the conservation of the Celtic rainforest; commends the involvement of a range of organisations in the project, including the National Trust for Scotland, Forestry Commission Scotland, John Muir Trust, Ardroy Outdoor Education Centre Trust Ltd and the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Scottish Natural Heritage; considers that the Celtic rainforest is a key feature of the West Coast Important Plant Area and is of significance because of the sheer diversity of species to be found there, including one of the largest lichens, the tree lungwort, which is an indicator of ancient woodland; recognises what it sees as the threats from habitat fragmentation and the impact of invasive Rhododendron, and notes calls to encourage schools, communities and visitors to support these activities.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **Report on Age and Social Isolation:** Margaret McCulloch, on behalf of the Equal Opportunities Committee, moved S4M-15198—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations in the Equal Opportunities Committee’s 5th Report 2015 (Session 4), *Age and Social Isolation* (SP Paper 816).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15251—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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**Tuesday 12 January 2016**

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: Delivering a World Class Education System

*followed by*  Business Motions

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

**Wednesday 13 January 2016**

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions

  *Health, Wellbeing and Sport*

*followed by*  Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by*  Business Motions

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business
Thursday 14 January 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Stage 1 Debate: Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 19 January 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Apologies (Scotland) Bill
followed by Final Stage Debate: National Galleries of Scotland Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 January 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture, Europe and External Affairs
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 21 January 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15252—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

6. The Need for an Inquiry into Undercover Policing in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-15085 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes the reports about the actions of undercover police officers operating in the National Public Order Intelligence Unit; is concerned about the alleged actions of officers, including an officer who, it understands, worked in Scotland on at least 14 occasions, including possibly in Lothian; further understands that this officer was authorised to work in Scotland by senior Scottish officers; notes reports that he formed intimate relationships with unsuspecting female environmental activists over many years in attempts to infiltrate activist groups; believes that the Pitchford inquiry that has been established by the UK Government will provide an opportunity for victims in England and Wales to access information and offer an opportunity for apologies and justice through the courts; understands with concern that such an opportunity will be denied to Scots, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to hold a similar inquiry.

7. Motion without Notice: Neil Findlay moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.
The meeting closed at 6.08 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions**: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions**: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Charlie Hebdo**: The Parliament debated S4M-15065 in the name of Christian Allard—That the Parliament reflects on the events that took place in Paris on 7 January 2015 at the *Charlie Hebdo* offices; remembers the journalists, the police officer and others who fell victim to the attack; recognises the tragedy as an attack on the right of free speech; remembers the coming together of French communities in France, across the world and Scotland in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh, and considers that the people in Scotland joined them and that all MSPs stood shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with the people of France in their time of need at First Minister’s Questions.

4. **Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill**: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15221—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15220—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15213—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time**: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

   The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr Robert Calvert, Minister at The Steeple Church, Dundee led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15292—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 12 January 2016—

   after

   followed by  Topical Questions

   insert

   followed by  Ministerial Statement: Flooding

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Flooding.

5. **Delivering a World Class Education System:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-15282—That the Parliament welcomes the OECD’s review of Scottish education, published on 15 December 2015; welcomes the findings of the review that much in the curriculum for excellence is positive, including the holistic approach, the four capacities, professional engagement, trust in teachers’ professional judgement and enthusiasm for learning and teaching; agrees that it paints a picture of a successful and effective school system, but one in which there are important areas for improvement; acknowledges the recognition of the Scottish Government’s determination to focus on achieving both excellence and equity in the education system; supports work to make the framework of the curriculum for excellence simpler for teachers, parents and carers, reducing bureaucracy and supporting a new sense of dynamism and energy; agrees with the OECD that the National Improvement Framework has the potential to provide a robust evidence base and that it will be a key means of driving work to close the attainment gap and strengthen formative assessment approaches; further agrees that Scotland has an opportunity to become a world leader in providing an integrated framework for evaluation and assessment, and believes that action taken as a result of this report will help to reach the Scottish Government’s goal of an excellent and equitable education system in which every young person across the country is able to
achieve their full potential regardless of their family circumstances or the background that they are born into.

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-15282.3 to motion S4M-15282—

Leave out from “and strengthen” to end and insert—

“if, and only if, adequate and effectively targeted resources are made available; commits the Scottish Government to introducing a 50p income tax rate on those who earn more than £150,000 per annum as soon as that power is available to it; further commits the government to use these resources to provide Fair Start Funding, which would provide £1,000 per annum for every pupil with free school meal eligibility to be used at head teachers’ discretion on measures to close the attainment gap, and believes that a reform of the senior phase in secondary schools is now required to create a comprehensive education system encompassing schools, colleges, universities, the third sector and the workplace, as well as a resolution to the unintended consequences on both enrolment and attainment of the new national 4 and 5 qualifications.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-15282.1 to motion S4M-15282—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“notes the OECD’s warnings about the risks associated with crude testing systems; believes that the Scottish Government’s plans to reintroduce national testing has the potential to lead to teaching to the test, high stakes testing, league tables and a system akin to that rightly abolished by the Scottish Government in 2003, which the SNP described as ‘Thatcherite crass and cursory’; considers that national testing risks undermining the work of teachers and is incompatible with the spirit of the curriculum for excellence and, therefore, joins unions, individual teachers, parent teacher councils and parents in opposing this proposal; recognises that improving early learning for those from the most deprived backgrounds is key to closing the attainment gap; is deeply disappointed, therefore, that the school census published in December 2015 showed that only 7.3% of two-year-olds were registered for early learning and childcare; notes that this is well short of the 27% promised for this year by the Scottish Government, highlighting the need to focus on implementation of this flagship policy and raising questions about its ability to deliver its further promises in this area; welcomes the Scottish Government’s decision to dedicate more resources to tackling the attainment gap; however, considers that the Attainment Scotland Fund will still make a difference only in selected areas, ignoring the needs of children facing poverty in 11 local authorities, and continues to urge the Scottish Government to introduce a pupil premium that targets funding at individual school-age children in need, wherever they may live, as a
means of helping close the attainment gap, enabling each child to achieve its potential and delivering an excellent education system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 80, Abstentions 33).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 108, Against 10, Abstentions 0).

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15305—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 13 January 2016—

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport
insert
 followed by Member’s Oath/Affirmation – Lesley Brennan

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above.

8. Scottish Grocers' Federation Launches Scottish Local Shop Report: The Parliament debated S4M-14652 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Grocers’ Federation on the launch, at its annual conference, of the first ever Scottish local shop report; welcomes the findings in the report that there are a greater number of independent convenience stores per head of population in Scotland than in the rest of the UK and that the sector in Scotland provides 44,332 jobs; understands the importance of convenience stores to communities in Scotland, including in Edinburgh Pentlands; celebrates reports that 87% of independent retailers in Scotland were involved in some form of community activity in the last year and that the sector is highly entrepreneurial, with 65% of independent retailers in Scotland being the first person in their family to own or run a convenience store, and understands that turnover in the sector grew by 5% between 2014 and 2015, which resulted in a net growth rate of one new shop per week in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Sport were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. **Oaths and Affirmations:** Lesley Brennan took the oath of allegiance before the Clerk.

3. **Achieving Social and Economic Success for all of Scotland:** Alex Rowley moved S4M-15290—That the Parliament believes that current levels of poverty and inequality are of great concern and commits to using the full powers at its disposal to achieve the social and economic success that all of Scotland needs.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights (Alex Neil) moved amendment S4M-15290.4 to motion S4M-15290—Insert at end—

“...and, in doing so, agrees that universal benefits such as free prescriptions, free tuition, concessionary fares for older and disabled people, free personal care and free school meals are all essential to tackling poverty and inequality effectively, as is the reversal of the damaging cuts to social security benefits and tax credits being imposed by the UK Government on Scotland’s most vulnerable citizens against the stated wishes of the Scottish people”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-15290.3 to motion S4M-15290—After “concern” insert—

“...welcomes that levels of poverty are at historic lows while recognising that more still needs to be done; notes that increases in employment and pay are built on the success of the UK as the fastest growing major advanced economy in the world; acknowledges the positive effect of reducing the number of workless households as work is often the most sustainable route out of poverty; considers that the national living wage premium will have a positive effect for people on the lowest wages; invites all voices across the Parliament to consider how best to use its existing powers as well as the substantial new powers to be devolved in the Scotland Bill to create a fairer, more prosperous Scotland.”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 99, Abstentions 0).
The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that current levels of poverty and inequality are of great concern and commits to using the full powers at its disposal to achieve the social and economic success that all of Scotland needs, and, in doing so, agrees that universal benefits such as free prescriptions, free tuition, concessionary fares for older and disabled people, free personal care and free school meals are all essential to tackling poverty and inequality effectively, as is the reversal of the damaging cuts to social security benefits and tax credits being imposed by the UK Government on Scotland’s most vulnerable citizens against the stated wishes of the Scottish people.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15298—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 January 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Apologies (Scotland) Bill

followed by Public Petitions Committee Debate: Review of the Petitions Process

followed by Final Stage Debate: National Galleries of Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 January 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture, Europe and External Affairs

followed by Independent and Scottish Green Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 21 January 2016

11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm  Members’ Business
2.30 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm  Stage 1 Debate: Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Celebrating the Success of Scotland’s Young People and Youth Work
followed by  Financial Resolution: Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 26 January 2016

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Scottish Government Debate
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 27 January 2016

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
          Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 28 January 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Succession (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S4M-15293**—That the Parliament agrees that the deadline for consideration of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 29 January 2016.

**S4M-15294**—That the Parliament agrees that the deadline for consideration of the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 4 March 2016.

**S4M-15295**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 February 2016.

**S4M-15296**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 February 2016.

**S4M-15297**—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 29 January 2016.

The motions were agreed to.

6. **Approval of SSIs:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

**S4M-15299**—That the Parliament agrees that the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise etc.) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.
S4M-15300—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 6 as noted above.

8. RMT Strike over Caledonian Sleeper Concerns: The Parliament debated S4M-15202 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament notes that RMT members working on the Caledonian Sleeper service are in dispute with the new operator, Serco, and have voted by nine to one for both strike action and action short of a strike; understands that Serco has failed to address numerous defects with the Caledonian Sleeper rolling stock despite lengthy talks between RMT negotiators and Serco management and that this failure has led to the resounding vote for action by RMT members; acknowledges that RMT’s health and welfare concerns surrounding the Caledonian Sleeper rolling stock include smoke detectors being disconnected, toilets being inoperable, lighting and heating systems not working, air conditioning problems throughout the summer, no hot water in some coaches for hand washing purposes, water boilers not working, which means that staff must carry boiling water through coaches while the train is moving, pungent smells from toilets, an issue with batteries under some coaches also releasing a strong smell, loss of power in coaches during journeys, which means staff have to find alternative accommodation during the night for irate passengers and serious problems with a number of wheel flats, which has led to some services being completely cancelled and passengers being bussed from Scotland to London, and believes that RMT has identified over 200 defects with the Caledonian Sleeper rolling stock and that Serco’s failure to resolve these issues demonstrates that a below acceptable standard of service is being provided to members of the public across Scotland, including those from the Cowdenbeath constituency.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.
Parliamentary Year 5, No. 69 Thursday 14 January 2016

The meeting opened at 11.40 am

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Protecting Children from Harmful Content Online:** The Parliament debated S4M-15111 in the name of Stewart Maxwell—That the Parliament is concerned about children and vulnerable people accessing potentially harmful content online, including in the West Scotland region; welcomes the announcement that the UK music industry, Vevo and YouTube have agreed that the pilot to age-rate music videos by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) should now be made permanent for videos produced by artists signed to major UK labels and that independent labels will also take part in this voluntary initiative; notes that, according to BBFC-commissioned research, 78% of parents value age ratings on online music videos and 75% would like online channels to link those ratings to parental controls; notes calls for US and other non-UK record labels to voluntarily submit online music videos for classification by the BBFC and also for more online platforms to carry prominent age ratings and content advice for music videos classified by the BBFC and link those age ratings to parental controls; welcomes the decision of Scotland’s four mobile networks, EE, O2, Three and Vodafone, to place mobile content that would be age-rated 18 or R18 by the BBFC behind access controls and internet filters to restrict access to that content by people under 18, and further notes calls for similar protections to be put in place for public WiFi and home broadband to ensure consistency of approach in protecting children from harmful content online.

4. **Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-15304—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

5. **Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15303—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-14626—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting
from the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15324—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 19 January 2016—

after

followed by Final Stage Debate: National Galleries of Scotland Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Welfare Reform and Work Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm

1. **Time for Reflection**: Reverend Chris Galbraith, Minister, Boghall Parish Church, Bathgate led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions**: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. **Apologies (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1 and 2.

4. **Apologies (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: Margaret Mitchell moved S4M-15144—That the Parliament agrees that the Apologies (Scotland) Bill be passed.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).


   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **National Galleries of Scotland Bill**: Anne McTaggart, on behalf of the National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee, moved S4M-15281—That the Parliament agrees that the National Galleries of Scotland Bill be passed.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Welfare Reform and Work Bill - UK Legislation**: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights (Alex Neil) moved S4M-15344—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Welfare Reform and Work Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 9 July 2015, relating to child poverty strategies and the Child Poverty and Social Mobility Commission, so far as these matters alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers or fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Committee Membership**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15350—That the Parliament agrees that—
Lesley Brennan be appointed to replace Richard Baker as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee; and

Lesley Brennan be appointed to replace Richard Baker as a member of the Finance Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. HGV Driver Shortages in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-14914 in the name of Chic Brodie—That the Parliament notes the statistics provided by the Road Haulage Association (RHA) and the Scottish Road Haulage Group regarding HGV driver shortages; notes the view that Skills Development Scotland, schools, colleges and employers should work together to increase recruitment in the industry; understands that the RHA has been working alongside Jobcentre Plus with the initiative, Driving Britain’s Future, which gives unemployed people first-hand experience of the industry and aims to raise the profile of the participating companies and the sector to encourage more recruitment, and, with road haulage contributing a reported £5 billion to Scotland’s economy, around 5% of GVA, welcomes initiatives to increase driver recruitment in South Scotland and across the country.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.
1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Infrastructure, Investment and Cities and on Culture, Europe and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Jobs in Scotland’s New Economy: Patrick Harvie moved S4M-15356—That the Parliament considers that recent North Sea job losses and dramatic oil price fluctuations demonstrate a compelling reason to plan the transition away from Scotland’s current over-reliance on fossil fuels; notes the STUC’s comments to the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee that “we have to be planning for the North Sea to have a shorter lifespan than previously thought”; further notes the ambitious goals set out in the Paris climate change agreement and the warning issued by the Governor of the Bank of England that economic reliance on fossil fuels represents a risk to financial stability; believes that the Scottish Government knows that the scale of employment previously supported by North Sea oil and gas extraction cannot be sustained, but that it has failed to produce a plan for transition; recognises that transition can ensure that a managed decline in fossil fuels captures the skills, experience and dynamism of energy workers and can generate many more new jobs in sustainable industries; considers failure to plan such a transition to be reckless, and calls on the Scottish Government to collaborate with workers, trade unions, industry and other governments to build a just transition to a secure sustainable economy for workers of today and the future.

The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved amendment S4M-15356.2 to motion S4M-15356—Leave out from first "considers" to end and insert—

“recognises the challenges faced by the oil and gas industry; notes that the sector is still a major employer supporting a substantial number of jobs across Scotland; understands that Scotland needs a diverse and balanced energy portfolio to provide secure and affordable heat and electricity for decades to come; notes that Scotland has ambitious renewables and climate change targets and is making good progress toward them; further notes that Scotland’s policies on electricity generation, renewable heat and energy efficiency are progressively reducing use of fossil fuels and will help Scotland in its ambitions to decarbonise electricity generation; believes that a successful oil and gas sector will assist with diversification of Scotland’s energy supplies and that the skills and expertise employed in Scotland’s oil and gas industry will be crucial in the future success of the sector, mobilising low-carbon technologies and maximising the economic benefits from decommissioning, and believes that it is vital that Scotland continues to ensure good stewardship of all of this country’s huge energy resources,
with management of offshore resources being complementary with decarbonising the Scottish energy system over the long term.”

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-15356.2.1 to amendment S4M-15356.2—

Insert at end—

“, and welcomes both the economic opportunities for Scottish businesses and the employment prospects from investment in new low-carbon energy projects, including the Beatrice Offshore Windfarm in the Moray Firth, which could create up to 5,000 new jobs, and the Hinkley Point C nuclear power station in Somerset, where three Scottish companies, Doosan Babcock, SPX ClydeUnion Pumps and the Weir Group, are preferred bidders for contracts worth more than £1.3 billion”.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-15356.1 to motion S4M-15356—

Leave out from first “considers” to end and insert—

“notes that, while production of oil and gas from the UK Continental Shelf (UKCS) is in long-term decline, the sector remains critical to the success of the Scottish economy, not least in providing the skills, technology and experience required to enable the development of infrastructure for the low-carbon economy of the future; calls on the Scottish Government to undertake an urgent and detailed assessment of the impact of the current low oil price on the strength and stability of the Scottish economy; agrees with the conclusion of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee that 'it is vital for the Scottish economy that Governments, the industry and the trade unions continue to work ever more closely together in order to ensure that the objective of maximising economic recovery of oil and gas from the UKCS is fulfilled' and calls for further development of the role of the Oil and Gas Authority toward that end; recognises that early action is required to enable Scotland’s energy sector to take future opportunities, including the deployment of offshore wind and marine energy and the decommissioning of offshore oil and gas, and calls on the Scottish Government to develop a coherent economic strategy to support renewable energy, the creation of new low-carbon jobs and the use of low-carbon technology in infrastructure development as part of a just transition toward a new low-carbon economy in the future.”

After debate, amendment S4M-15356.2.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 70, Abstentions 29).

Amendment S4M-15356.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 35, Abstentions 0). As a result amendment S4M-15356.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 6, Abstentions 0).
Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the challenges faced by the oil and gas industry; notes that the sector is still a major employer supporting a substantial number of jobs across Scotland; understands that Scotland needs a diverse and balanced energy portfolio to provide secure and affordable heat and electricity for decades to come; notes that Scotland has ambitious renewables and climate change targets and is making good progress toward them; further notes that Scotland’s policies on electricity generation, renewable heat and energy efficiency are progressively reducing use of fossil fuels and will help Scotland in its ambitions to decarbonise electricity generation; believes that a successful oil and gas sector will assist with diversification of Scotland’s energy supplies and that the skills and expertise employed in Scotland’s oil and gas industry will be crucial in the future success of the sector, mobilising low-carbon technologies and maximising the economic benefits from decommissioning, and believes that it is vital that Scotland continues to ensure good stewardship of all of this country’s huge energy resources, with management of offshore resources being complementary with decarbonising the Scottish energy system over the long term.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15370—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 26 January 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage1 Debate: Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Trade Union Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 27 January 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Education and Lifelong Learning

followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 28 January 2016
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Succession (Scotland) Bill
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 2 February 2016
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Education (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 3 February 2016
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights; Fair Work, Skills and Training
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 4 February 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Carers (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15368—that the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 26 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15369—that the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-15373—that the Parliament agrees that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15374—that the Parliament agrees that the Dog Fouling (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.
S4M-15375—That the Parliament agrees that the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15372—That the Parliament agrees that James Dornan be appointed to replace Colin Keir as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Protecting Frontline Fire and Rescue Services: The Parliament debated S4M-15036 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament notes the reports that the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has said that it is “gravely concerned” that budget cuts will continue to impact on the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service budget and have a detrimental effect on 999 response times and the vital lifesaving service that firefighters provide; notes claims that 300 fewer firefighters are on duty since the national service was created in 2013; understands that reassurance was given by ministers that the establishment of a single fire and rescue service would not result in reductions to frontline services; notes the FBU’s concern at the “unrelenting pressure” to save money, which, it is claimed, is “impacting on the delivery of frontline services”; considers that the job that firefighters and support staff carry out is invaluable to communities throughout the Highlands and Islands and across Scotland; condemns what it sees as the Scottish Government’s underfunding of the service, and notes calls for ministers to take immediate steps to protect the future of frontline firefighters and the service’s support staff.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Impact of UK Immigration Bill on Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-15116 in the name of Christian Allard—That the Parliament condemns the passage of the UK Government’s Immigration Bill in the House of Commons; considers that it will have an impact on devolved areas of responsibility; believes that, by further criminalising and marginalising undocumented workers, the Bill is in danger of driving people further into the hands of unscrupulous employers, risking deepening exploitation; considers with regret that the Bill could lead to increased homelessness and discrimination and will place onerous immigration duties on landlords and other private individuals, including in the North East Scotland region, through provisions on residential tenancies; condemns the powers to remove in-country rights of appeal against Home Office immigration decisions, which it believes will result in families being split up and employment ended simply due to Home Office errors or oversights; condemns the removal of financial support for families with children as a deliberate policy of destitution; opposes any extension or application of this legislation to Scotland without the consent of the Scottish Parliament, and notes calls for the UK Government to rethink what it sees as this injurious legislation and to repeal its provisions to protect human rights of all citizens.

4. **Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-15365—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 13, Abstentions 0).

5. **Celebrating the Success of Scotland’s Young People and Youth Work:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved S4M-15380—That the Parliament notes the recent publication of the Education Scotland HMIE Report, *A review of youth awards in Scotland: Helping young people to be successful, confident, effective and responsible citizens*, highlighting the success of the Awards Network; welcomes the growth of participation by 273% since 2008; recognises the importance of youth awards across Scotland, and appreciates the clear articulation of the benefits of youth work and its role in terms of attainment, employability, youth justice and contribution to Scotland being the best place to grow up.
Cara Hilton moved amendment S4M-15380.1 to motion S4M-15380—

Insert at end—

“...and believes that young people’s achievements of all kinds should be more systematically recognised by the education system through the adoption of a universal Scottish graduate certificate encompassing academic, vocational and voluntary achievement.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 67, Abstentions 3).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-15276—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Substitution on Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-15371—That the Parliament agrees that Fiona McLeod be appointed to replace Bob Doris as a member of the Health and Sport Committee.

S4M-15390—That the Parliament agrees that Michael Russell be appointed to replace Gil Paterson on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

S4M-15391—That the Parliament agrees that Sandra White be appointed to replace Michael Russell as the SNP substitute on the Health and Sport Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Lauren Galloway and Brandon Low, pupils at Auchmuty High School, Glenrothes, Fife led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill:** Christine Grahame moved S4M-15130—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 8, Against 105, Abstentions 0).

4. **Trade Union Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-15414—That the Parliament unreservedly supports the report of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee that reaffirms the Parliament’s opposition to the UK Government’s Trade Union Bill; notes that the Bill, if enacted, has the potential to significantly damage Scotland’s good industrial relations record; welcomes the committee’s recommendations that the Scottish Government continue to use all avenues to remove Scotland from the territorial extent of the Bill or, as a minimum, seek that the regulation-making powers relating to facility time and check off be conferred on the Scottish Ministers as they directly relate to public services in Scotland, and notes that the Scottish Government is working with the STUC, COSLA and others who oppose the Bill.

Neil Findlay moved amendment S4M-15414.1 to motion S4M-15414—

Insert at end—

“; further understands that the National Assembly for Wales will debate a legislative consent motion on this Bill and its impact on Wales and Welsh devolved public services on 26 January 2016, and calls on all parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to support the proposal from Mary Fee MSP to amend the Standing Orders to allow a similar process to take place here”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament unreservedly supports the report of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee that reaffirms the Parliament’s opposition to the UK Government’s Trade Union
Bill; notes that the Bill, if enacted, has the potential to significantly damage Scotland’s good industrial relations record; welcomes the committee’s recommendations that the Scottish Government continue to use all avenues to remove Scotland from the territorial extent of the Bill or, as a minimum, seek that the regulation-making powers relating to facility time and check off be conferred on the Scottish Ministers as they directly relate to public services in Scotland; notes that the Scottish Government is working with the STUC, COSLA and others who oppose the Bill; further understands that the National Assembly for Wales will debate a legislative consent motion on this Bill and its impact on Wales and Welsh devolved public services on 26 January 2016, and calls on all parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to support the proposal from Mary Fee MSP to amend the Standing Orders to allow a similar process to take place here.

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.

6. **Holocaust Memorial Day 2016:** The Parliament debated S4M-15216 in the name of Stewart Maxwell—That the Parliament notes that 27 January 2016 marks Holocaust Memorial Day, the 71st anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and an opportunity for schools, colleges, faith groups and communities across Scotland to remember the six million men, women and children murdered by the Nazi regime in occupied Europe; further notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 is Don’t Stand By; values the Holocaust Educational Trust’s Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which gives two post-16 students from every school and college in Scotland the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; applauds Lauren Galloway and Brandon Low, two students from Auchmuty High School in Fife, who took part in the project and will deliver the Parliament’s Time for Reflection message on 26 January 2016; celebrates the Holocaust survivors who have enriched Scotland as a nation, and recommits to ensuring that racism, sectarianism and bigotry are never allowed to go unchallenged in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. Education: Liam McArthur moved S4M-15430—That the Parliament believes that the introduction of a pupil premium in Scotland would help enable every child to fulfil their potential, close the attainment gap and ensure a world-class education system; believes that it would give schools thousands of pounds of extra funding that they could spend to raise standards and increase attainment in every classroom; notes that it could provide practical support such as one-to-one tuition, extra staff and equipment, breakfast clubs and outreach programmes to help engage parents; recalls that Liberal Democrats in the previous UK administration successfully made the case for, and introduced, the pupil premium in England in 2011, now worth £2.5 billion a year, and that the party also subsequently secured its introduction in Wales; notes that Ofsted has said that the pupil premium “is making a difference” and that the National Audit Office observed that the gap between disadvantaged and other pupils narrowed by 4.7% in primary schools and 1.6% in secondary schools between 2011 and 2014, following its introduction; notes that, in comparison, the Attainment Scotland Fund only makes a difference in those areas and schools selected by Scottish ministers, currently ignoring the additional needs of disadvantaged children in 11 out of 32 local authorities; believes that tying funding to those children who need extra help the most, wherever they may live, through the pupil premium, would be fairer and more effective, and calls for it to be urgently introduced to help propel Scottish schools back to the top of the class.

The Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland’s Languages (Dr Alasdair Allan) moved amendment S4M-15430.3 to motion S4M-15430—

Leave out from “the introduction of” to end and insert—

“the £100 million Attainment Scotland Fund, which is additional to the almost £5 billion invested in education every year through local authorities, is rightly targeted at the primary schools that serve the most deprived communities in Scotland, with over 300 primary schools, which together support 54,399 pupils from deprived backgrounds, 64% of the total number of such pupils, benefitting from the funding; notes that this funding is providing a wide range of support to close the attainment gap including additional teaching and other specialist staff, support for parents to engage in their children’s learning, literacy and numeracy tools and extra training for teachers; further believes that the package of universal support that has been drawn together through the Scottish Attainment Challenge, including the appointment of attainment advisors for every local authority, the introduction of the Attainment Challenge Innovation Fund and the continued progress of the Raising Attainment
for All programme will help ensure that there is support for every local authority to close the poverty-related attainment gap; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to work with key stakeholders to explore and consider further approaches that will support schools to close the attainment gap, and acknowledges that the OECD’s review of Scottish education recognised the Scottish Government’s determination to focus on achieving both excellence and equity in the education system and that the national improvement framework has the potential to be a key means of driving work to close the attainment gap and strengthen formative assessment approaches.”

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-15430.2 to motion S4M-15430—

Leave out from first “pupil premium” to end and insert—

“fair start fund for children from poorer families in nursery and primary education would ensure that every child from poorer families gets the required support to catch up with the rest, no matter where they live or go to school; notes that Scottish Labour’s proposed fair start fund would link funding to children and ensure that every school has an attainment fund equal to its needs; further notes that it would be used to tackle the attainment gap by allocating £1,000 for each primary school pupil and £300 for each nursery school pupil from a deprived background, with decisions on how this money should be spent taken by head teachers; is deeply concerned that currently in Scotland more than 6,000 children leave primary school unable to read properly, more than one quarter of three and four-year-olds at nursery do not have access to a qualified teacher and that the OECD found that the achievement gap between the most and least deprived is growing; understands that the Scottish Government’s flagship Attainment Challenge Fund misses the vast majority of pupils who need support, with at least 1,500 schools in Scotland and one third of local authorities not receiving any of this funding at all, and believes that the half a billion pounds of cuts to local services such as schools coming from the Scottish Government’s budget means there is a real risk that pupils already at a disadvantage will get left even further behind.

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-15430.1 to motion S4M-15430—

Leave out from “Liberal Democrats” to end and insert—

“In 2007, the Conservatives led by David Cameron proposed the introduction of the pupil premium, after which, along with the Liberal Democrats in the previous UK administration, they successfully made the case for, and introduced, the pupil premium in England in 2011, now worth £2.5 billion a year, and that the pupil premium has been successfully introduced in Wales; notes that Ofsted has said that the pupil premium ‘is making a difference’ and that the National Audit Office observed that the gap between disadvantaged and other pupils narrowed by 4.7% in primary schools and 1.6% in secondary schools
between 2011 and 2014, following its introduction; notes that, in comparison, the Attainment Scotland Fund only makes a difference in those areas and schools selected by Scottish ministers, currently ignoring the additional needs of disadvantaged children in 11 out of 32 local authorities; believes that tying funding to those children who need extra help the most, wherever they may live, through the pupil premium, would be fairer and more effective, and calls for it to be urgently introduced to help propel Scottish schools back to the top of the class."

After debate, amendment S4M-15430.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 39, Abstentions 14). As a result, amendments S4M-15430.2 and S4M-15430.1 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 39, Abstentions 14).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the £100 million Attainment Scotland Fund, which is additional to the almost £5 billion invested in education every year through local authorities, is rightly targeted at the primary schools that serve the most deprived communities in Scotland, with over 300 primary schools, which together support 54,399 pupils from deprived backgrounds, 64% of the total number of such pupils, benefitting from the funding; notes that this funding is providing a wide range of support to close the attainment gap including additional teaching and other specialist staff, support for parents to engage in their children’s learning, literacy and numeracy tools and extra training for teachers; further believes that the package of universal support that has been drawn together through the Scottish Attainment Challenge, including the appointment of attainment advisors for every local authority, the introduction of the Attainment Challenge Innovation Fund and the continued progress of the Raising Attainment for All programme will help ensure that there is support for every local authority to close the poverty-related attainment gap; recognises that the Scottish Government will continue to work with key stakeholders to explore and consider further approaches that will support schools to close the attainment gap, and acknowledges that the OECD’s review of Scottish education recognised the Scottish Government’s determination to focus on achieving both excellence and equity in the education system and that the national improvement framework has the potential to be a key means of driving work to close the attainment gap and strengthen formative assessment approaches.

3. Fuel Poverty: Jim Hume moved S4M-15432—That the Parliament believes that there is cross-party recognition of the social, economic and environmental damage that is caused by fuel poverty and energy-inefficient homes; is deeply concerned that national statistics published in December 2015 stated there had been “no real change” in the level of fuel poverty in 2014, with more than one-in-three households in fuel poverty and one-in-10 in extreme fuel poverty; believes that, with 845,000 households currently affected, the Scottish Government will miss its statutory target to eradicate fuel poverty by November 2016; considers that this will be even harder to
achieve should, as proposed in the draft budget, spending on fuel poverty programmes be reduced in 2016-17, and demands that the Scottish Government reverse this cut, revise its 2016 fuel poverty target, examine whether its definition of fuel poverty needs to be updated and commit to additional measures to lift people out of fuel poverty in order to lead to warmer homes, lower energy bills, improved health and reduced carbon emissions.

The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved amendment S4M-15432.3 to motion S4M-15432—

Leave out from “is deeply concerned” to end and insert—

“recognises the Scottish Government’s commitment to eradicate fuel poverty as far as reasonably practicable through support and funding within the powers available to the Scottish Ministers, but notes that the Scottish Government has no control over the above-inflation price increases by energy companies that have pushed up fuel bills; notes the latest fuel poverty statistics published in the Scottish House Condition Survey, which show that the efforts of the Scottish Government have helped to contain fuel poverty levels in Scotland that would have been around 9.5%, instead of 35%, if fuel prices had only risen in line with inflation between 2002 and 2014; calls on energy companies to pass on wholesale cost savings to customers at the earliest opportunity and to the fullest extent possible for both gas and electricity customers; welcomes the Scottish Government’s continued investment in energy efficiency and fuel poverty and the contrast with the UK Government’s withdrawal of any taxpayer-funded support for fuel poverty in England since 2013; recognises that the Scottish Government has allocated over half a billion pounds since 2009 to fuel poverty and energy efficiency programmes, helping the most vulnerable people in society heat their homes affordably, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting jobs; welcomes that the Scottish Government has maintained current budgets in 2016-17 by allocating more than £103 million to tackle fuel poverty and climate change next year in the face of ongoing spending pressures and UK Government cuts; welcomes that this funding will be used to help install energy efficiency measures in 14,000 homes, building on the more than 900,000 measures delivered since 2008 and that this record investment is reflected in the big improvements in the energy efficiency of Scotland’s housing, with the share of homes rated EPC band C and above having increased by 71% since 2010; further welcomes that the Scottish Government has designated energy efficiency as a National Infrastructure Priority, supported by a commitment to multiyear funding and new powers to design and implement Energy Company Obligations in Scotland, and is therefore providing a long-term commitment to tackling fuel poverty head on.”

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-15432.2 to motion S4M-15432—

Insert at end—
“; recognises the particular fuel poverty challenges faced by rural communities, and commits to delivering a Scottish warm homes bill that will create jobs, tackle fuel poverty and mean that Scotland lives up to its aspirations to be a world leader in tackling climate change”.

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-15432.1 to motion S4M-15432—

Leave out from “demands” to end and insert—

“calls on the Scottish Government to publish as soon as possible a comprehensive and credible action plan for tackling fuel poverty.”

After debate, amendment S4M-15432.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 53, Abstentions 0) and as a result, amendment S4M-15432.1 was pre-empted. Amendment S4M-15432.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 40, Against 73, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that there is cross-party recognition of the social, economic and environmental damage that is caused by fuel poverty and energy-inefficient homes; recognises the Scottish Government’s commitment to eradicate fuel poverty as far as reasonably practicable through support and funding within the powers available to the Scottish Ministers, but notes that the Scottish Government has no control over the above-inflation price increases by energy companies that have pushed up fuel bills; notes the latest fuel poverty statistics published in the Scottish House Condition Survey, which show that the efforts of the Scottish Government have helped to contain fuel poverty levels in Scotland that would have been around 9.5%, instead of 35%, if fuel prices had only risen in line with inflation between 2002 and 2014; calls on energy companies to pass on wholesale cost savings to customers at the earliest opportunity and to the fullest extent possible for both gas and electricity customers; welcomes the Scottish Government’s continued investment in energy efficiency and fuel poverty and the contrast with the UK Government’s withdrawal of any taxpayer-funded support for fuel poverty in England since 2013; recognises that the Scottish Government has allocated over half a billion pounds since 2009 to fuel poverty and energy efficiency programmes, helping the most vulnerable people in society heat their homes affordably, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and supporting jobs; welcomes that the Scottish Government has maintained current budgets in 2016-17 by allocating more than £103 million to tackle fuel poverty and climate change next year in the face of ongoing spending pressures and UK Government cuts; welcomes that this funding will be used to help install energy efficiency measures in 14,000 homes, building on the more than 900,000 measures delivered since 2008 and that this record investment is reflected in the big improvements in the energy efficiency of Scotland’s housing, with the share of homes rated EPC band C and above having increased by 71% since 2010; further welcomes that the Scottish Government has designated energy efficiency as a National
Infrastructure Priority, supported by a commitment to multiyear funding and new powers to design and implement Energy Company Obligations in Scotland, and is therefore providing a long-term commitment to tackling fuel poverty head on.

4. Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-15415—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15437—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 2 February 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Education (Scotland) Bill

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Code of Conduct Revisions

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Nomination: Scottish Human Rights Commissioner

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 3 February 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights; Fair Work, Skills and Training

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) (No. 5) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business
Thursday 4 February 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Carers (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 9 February 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 10 February 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy

followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 11 February 2016
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15436—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 12 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

7. **Approval of SSI**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15438—That the Parliament agrees that the Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Substitution on Committee**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15439—That the Parliament agrees that Gil Paterson be appointed to replace James Dornan as the SNP substitute on the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time**: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. **10 Million Missing Voters**: The Parliament debated S4M-15307 in the name of Claire Baker—That the Parliament notes with concern the report by the Smith Institute, *10 million missing voters: a briefing report on the failings of the new electoral registration system*, which claims that as many as 10 million people may not be registered to vote across the UK; understands that recent changes to voter registration toward a system of individual electoral registration could have seen as many as 230,000 voters in Scotland, including in Mid Scotland and Fife, lost from the electoral register, making it one of the worst affected regions in the UK; believes that this will have an adverse impact and will create a democratic deficit in the lead up to the 2016 Scottish
election and the referendum on EU membership; understands also that the Boundary Commission for Scotland is due to begin reviewing constituency boundaries in 2016; believes that such a large number of unregistered voters will result in distorted electoral maps and underrepresentation of urban areas and young people, renters, certain ethnic minorities and students, and notes the view that the number of unregistered voters in Scotland and throughout the UK is something that all political parties should work to address.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. First Minister’s Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. World Leprosy Day: The Parliament debated S4M-14761 in the name of Bruce Crawford—That the Parliament recognises what it sees as the fantastic work that is being carried out by the Stirling-based organisation, The Leprosy Mission (TLM) Scotland, in helping people across the globe who have leprosy; understands that it is estimated that between 600 and 700 people, particularly those living in extreme poverty, are diagnosed with the disease every day; considers that TLM Scotland is having a significant impact across the world and acknowledges its work in helping people to achieve freedom from stigma and poverty, and hopes that World Leprosy Day, which will be marked on 31 January 2016, will assist in bringing awareness and increased recognition to its cause.

4. Succession (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

5. Succession (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-15440—That the Parliament agrees that the Succession (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-15441—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-14926—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).
The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** YY Rubinstein, Torah scholar and international speaker, author and broadcaster and former pupil of Govan High School led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15541—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

   (a) Tuesday 2 February 2016

   delete

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   6.00 pm Decision Time

   (b) Thursday 4 February 2016

   delete

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   5.30 pm Decision Time

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15537—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Education (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 and 2: 30 minutes
   - Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour 5 minutes
   - Groups 6 and 7: 1 hour 35 minutes
   - Groups 8 and 9: 2 hours 5 minutes
   - Groups 10 and 11: 2 hours 35 minutes.
The motion was agreed to.

4. **Topical Questions**: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

5. **Education (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 38, 51, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14A, 14, 15 and 16.

Amendment 52 was agreed to (by division: For 82, Against 5, Abstentions 28).

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The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 17 and 45.

The following amendments were not moved: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 54, 57, 58, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the final time-limit under Rule 9.8.4A(a).

6. **Education (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-15521—That the Parliament agrees that the Education (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Code of Conduct Revisions**: Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-15512—That the Parliament agrees to amend the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament by making the alterations set out in Annexes A and B of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 2nd Report 2016 (Session 4), Code of Conduct Revisions, and
by inserting the written statement forms contained in Annexe A of that report at Annexe 3 of Volume 4 of the Code of Conduct, with effect from the date after the date of the first dissolution of the Parliament following the date on which this resolution is passed.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Written Statement Determination: Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-15513—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(1) and 4(2) of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (asp 12)—

makes the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Form and Content of Written Statement) Determination 2016 as set out in the Annexe to this resolution;

revokes the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Form and Content of Written Statement) Determination 2010; and

provides that these changes shall have effect from the date after the date of the first dissolution of the Parliament following the date on which this resolution is passed.

ANNEXE

The Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Form and Content of Written Statement) Determination 2016

The Scottish Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 4(1), 4(2) and 8A(6) of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006, on the 2nd day of February 2016 made the following Determination.

This replaces the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Form and Content of Written Statement) Determination 2010:

Citation and commencement

1. This Determination may be cited as the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Form and Content of Written Statement) Determination 2016 and shall have effect from 25 March 2016.

Interpretation

2. In this Determination—

“the Act” means the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (asp 12);
“the Code of Conduct” means the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament, as amended by the Parliament by resolution on 2 February 2016;

“written statement” means the written statement which members are required to lodge under sections 3(3), 5(2) or 6(2) of the Act or may lodge under section 7 of the Act and the written notice which members are required to lodge under section 8A(5) of the Act.

Form of written statement

3. A written statement shall be in the form set out in Annexe 3 of Volume 4 of the Code of Conduct.

Content of written statement

4. A written statement shall contain the information required in the form set out in Annexe 3 of Volume 4 of the Code of Conduct and for the purposes of registration includes only those parts of the statement completed by a member

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Appointment of the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights: Drew Smith, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S4M-15504—That the Parliament nominates Ms Judith Robertson to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as the Chair of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

11. Keeping Litter off Streets: The Parliament debated S4M-14991 in the name of Cameron Buchanan—That the Parliament notes with concern the amount of litter on Scotland’s streets and waterways, including around the Lothian region; notes the view that the lasting way to tackle littering is through changes in attitude, including through wide-ranging programmes to inform members of the public; believes that, although showing a willingness to challenge a person littering in public is helpful, ultimate responsibility lies with the litterers themselves; considers that the work that local authorities do to clean up litter is an unwelcome burden, and applauds the work of charities and community campaigners, such as Leithers Don’t Litter, which resolve to set an example and keep Scotland’s streets tidy.

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners' Rights, and Fair Work, Skills and Training were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15522—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill.

   Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-15522.1 to motion S4M-15522—

   Insert at end—

   “, and, in so doing, believes that the Scottish rate of income tax should be set at 11p for 2016-17, 1p higher than the UK rate set by the Chancellor of the Exchequer”.

   After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

   The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 46, Abstentions 15).

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15565—That the Parliament agrees—

   (a) to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 4 February 2016—

   delete

   5.30 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   6.15 pm Decision Time

   (b) that Rule 2.2.5(a) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Parliament to meet beyond 5.30 pm on Thursday 4 February 2016.

   The motion was agreed to.
4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15543—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Tuesday 9 February 2016**

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*  Stage 1 Debate: Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*  Public Audit Committee Debate: Overview of Scotland’s Colleges 2015; 2012-13 Audit of North Glasgow College and 2013-14 Audit of Coatbridge College

*followed by*  Business Motions

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members' Business

**Wednesday 10 February 2016**

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions

*Finance, Constitution and Economy*

*followed by*  Scottish Labour Party Business

*followed by*  Business Motions

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members' Business

**Thursday 11 February 2016**

11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am  General Questions

12.00 pm  First Minister’s Questions

12.30 pm  Members' Business

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Justice (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*  Stage 1 Debate: Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 February 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 24 February 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Rural Affairs, Food and Environment;
Justice and the Law Officers
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 February 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister's Questions
12.30 pm Members' Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill
followed by Business Motions
The motion was agreed to.

5. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15542—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 26 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15546—That the Parliament agrees, for the purposes of its consideration of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, under Rule 9.6.3A of the Standing Orders, that the Parliament shall consider the general principles of the Bill on the second sitting day after publication of the lead committee report.

The motion was agreed to.

7. **Approval of SSIs:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

   S4M-15547—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial (No. 2) Order 2015 be approved.

   S4M-15548—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

   S4M-15549—That the Parliament agrees that the Water Environment (Amendment of Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990: Contaminated Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. **Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15550—That the Parliament agrees that, subject to its agreement to the general principles of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, for the purposes of further consideration of the Bill—

   (a) Rules 9.5.3A and 9.5.3B of Standing Orders be suspended;

   (b) the following be substituted for Rule 9.10.2A of Standing Orders: “Subject to paragraph 6, where a member intends to move an amendment to the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 3, that member shall give notice of the
amendment by lodging it with the Clerk no later than 12:00 on Friday 4 March 2016.”

(c) in Rule 9.7.8A of Standing Orders, the word “second” be substituted for the word “fourth”; 

(d) in each of Rules 9.7.8B and 9.7.10 of Standing Orders, the words “third sitting day before the day” be substituted for the words “end of the second week before the week”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Variation of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15544—That the Parliament agrees that, subject to its agreement to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill, for the purposes of further consideration of the Bill, in Rule 9.10.2A of Standing Orders, the word “third" be substituted for the word “fourth" in both places where it occurs.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15545—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 7, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Reinstatement of the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway: The Parliament debated S4M-14678 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament recognises the ongoing campaign that is being led by the Capital Rail Action Group to reinstate the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway (ESSR) for passenger use; notes that the previous passenger service ran from Waverley station via Haymarket, Gorgie, Craiglockhart, Morningside, Blackford, Newington, Craigmillar and Portobello stations; acknowledges the development of new and innovative methods of transport in other parts of Europe, such as the hybrid tram-train that has been used in parts of Germany since the 1990s, and which, it understands, is soon to be piloted in Sheffield; believes that, given current capacity issues, using existing transport infrastructure through innovative methods of transport might represent the best means of reopening the line; considers ambitious the proposals in the Edinburgh and South East Scotland city deal, which, it understands, outline the need to upgrade existing transport infrastructure to enhance the network of integrated and sustainable transport links across the Lothian region; believes that the reinstatement of the ESSR could bring significant economic and social benefits to the people of Edinburgh, and notes the calls for the City
of Edinburgh Council and Transport Scotland to work with all interested stakeholders, including the South East Scotland Transport Partnership, to explore the viability of reopening the line for passenger use to serve the area’s transport needs and enhance journey times in what it sees as Scotland’s increasingly congested capital city.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **New Global Goals, Leave No One Behind:** The Parliament debated S4M-15261 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament believes that 2015 was a critical year for people and for the planet, the year that countries around the globe committed to adopting what it considers an ambitious new development agenda that builds on the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); understands that the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) constitute a promise to leave no one behind and place a deadline on global commitments, including goals to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality and tackle climate change by the year 2030; congratulates the worldwide campaign, Action/2015, on what it sees as its continued advocacy of the importance of SDGs, its success in securing ambitious SDGs and calling on politicians to commit to them; commends Heather Cameron, an Action/2015 ambassador from Dunbar Grammar School, on her campaign to promote commitment to and understanding of Scotland’s role in meeting the SDGs; recognises that young people can be important ambassadors for the achievement of the goals in Scotland, and recognises that the Parliament, businesses, schools and communities can all work together to achieve them.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15562—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Carers (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 5: 45 minutes
- Groups 6 to 9: 1 hour 40 minutes
- Groups 10 to 14: 2 hours 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Carers (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 33, 34, 39, 40, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 45 and 20.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division) —
The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of Parliament, withdrawn: 21, 22, 32, 35, 37, 43 and 44.

The following amendments were not moved: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 36, 38, 41, 42, 46 and 47.

6. **Carers (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health (Jamie Hepburn) moved S4M-15561—That the Parliament agrees that the Carers (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Alcohol ( Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill:** Dr Richard Simpson moved S4M-14673—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 59, Abstentions 12).

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Very Reverend Monsignor Allan T. Chambers, St David’s Catholic Church, Dalkeith led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15592—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business—

   (a) Tuesday 9 February 2016

   after

   *followed by* Public Audit Committee Debate: Overview of Scotland’s Colleges 2015; 2012-13 Audit of North Glasgow College and 2013-14 Audit of Coatbridge College

   insert

   *followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: Enterprise Bill – UK Legislation

   (b) Thursday 11 February 2016

   after

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Rate Resolution

   insert

   *followed by* Financial Resolution: Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill

   delete

   5.30 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   6.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to

3. **Topical Questions**: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

4. **Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill**: Anne McTaggart moved S4M-15128—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill.
The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved amendment S4M-15128.1 to motion S4M-15128—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“does not agree to the general principles of the Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill because it has serious concerns about the practical impact of the specific details in the bill that relate to organ donation rates and transplants; agrees the merits of developing a workable soft opt-out system for Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to commence work in preparation for a detailed consultation on further methods to increase organ donations and transplants in Scotland, including soft opt-out, as an early priority in the next parliamentary session, learning from the experiences in Wales, which is currently implementing its own opt-out legislation, and to consider bringing forward legislation as appropriate.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 59, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 48, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament does not agree to the general principles of the Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill because it has serious concerns about the practical impact of the specific details in the bill that relate to organ donation rates and transplants; agrees the merits of developing a workable soft opt-out system for Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to commence work in preparation for a detailed consultation on further methods to increase organ donations and transplants in Scotland, including soft opt-out, as an early priority in the next parliamentary session, learning from the experiences in Wales, which is currently implementing its own opt-out legislation, and to consider bringing forward legislation as appropriate.


After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Enterprise Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15577—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the
Enterprise Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 16 September 2015, relating to measures on the creation of a Small Business Commissioner and capping public sector exit payments, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. Broadband and Mobile Phone Coverage in Rural and Island Communities: The Parliament debated S4M-15404 in the name of Tavish Scott—That the Parliament considers that reliable and affordable broadband and mobile phone coverage is essential for businesses and households looking to access a range of services; understands that the current Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband programme has vast regional variations, with only 75% of premises in Orkney and 77% of premises in Shetland being reached by the end of 2016 compared with the 95% target across Scotland as a whole by March 2018; further understands that “not-spots” in mobile phone coverage, including 2G and 3G, are far more common in rural and island communities; considers that the full implementation of superfast broadband and universal mobile phone coverage can counter falling population in outlying areas while bringing significant economic benefits; believes that plugging the remaining gaps in coverage is likely to require a range of different technologies, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to work with partners to find solutions for households and businesses in harder-to-reach communities and prioritise investment in those places that fall below the average or have no access to broadband and mobile phone coverage.

9. Motion without Notice: Tavish Scott moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Constitution and Economy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

2. **Scotland’s Future Prosperity:** Kezia Dugdale moved S4M-15588—That the Parliament agrees that education spending should be protected in real terms over the next five years.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved amendment S4M-15588.3 to motion S4M-15588—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“welcomes the estimated £7.2 billion invested in education in 2015-16; further welcomes the increase in local government education resource spending of at least £208 million since 2006-07 and the planned increase of 3.3% in 2015-16; believes that Scottish education is already performing well, with attainment improving; notes the OECD view that Scottish education has the potential to lead the world; further believes therefore that there is more to do to improve education, and agrees that protection of the pupil-teacher ratio, investment in closing the attainment gap and reform of how attainment is assessed is the right way forward.”

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-15588.2 to motion S4M-15588—

Leave out from “education” to end and insert—

“the primary focus of education policy must be on reducing the attainment gap between the most and least deprived pupils; believes that this will be achieved by head teachers being given significantly more autonomy to run their schools, including giving Scottish Attainment Challenge funding directly to schools and ensuring that this money is awarded to deprived children, regardless of where they attend school; acknowledges the crucial role of vocational education and is disappointed that free tuition in higher education has been prioritised over adequate funding for colleges, which has in turn resulted in 152,000 places being lost since 2007; recognises the importance of substantially increasing funding for colleges, and regrets that deprived young people in Scotland are almost half as likely to get the chance to go to university as their peers in England.”

After debate, amendment S4M-15588.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 59, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S4M-15588.2 was pre-empted.

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-15588.1 to motion S4M-15588—
Insert at end—

‘; notes that, while Scotland has traditionally excelled in education and many aspects of the system remain world class, its international advantage is slipping, there is an urgent need for new measures to close the attainment gap, college places have been cut by 152,000 since 2007 and businesses are struggling to find the skills that they need, and endorses the proposal to put a penny on income tax, raising £475 million per year, to prevent planned education cuts, improve life chances and strengthen the economy’.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 41, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 60, Abstentions 0.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the estimated £7.2 billion invested in education in 2015-16; further welcomes the increase in local government education resource spending of at least £208 million since 2006-07 and the planned increase of 3.3% in 2015-16; believes that Scottish education is already performing well, with attainment improving; notes the OECD view that Scottish education has the potential to lead the world; further believes therefore that there is more to do to improve education, and agrees that protection of the pupil-teacher ratio, investment in closing the attainment gap and reform of how attainment is assessed is the right way forward.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15594—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 February 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Justice Committee Debate: Scotland’s National Action Plan on Human Rights

followed by Scottish Government Debate: BBC Charter Renewal Process

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions
Wednesday 24 February 2016
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Rural Affairs, Food and Environment;
Justice and the Law Officers
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 25 February 2016
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
followed by Ministerial Statement: Programme of Child Protection Work
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 1 March 2016
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 2 March 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 3 March 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15595—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 11 March 2016.

The motion was agreed to.
5. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15619—that the Parliament agrees that Rule 2.2.5(a) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Parliament to meet beyond 5.30 pm on—

(a) Thursday 11 February 2016; and

(b) Tuesday 23 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15596—that the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Approval of SSIs:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

- **S4M-15597**—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

- **S4M-15598**—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

- **S4M-15599**—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation:** The Parliament debated S4M-15275 in the name of Margaret McCulloch—that the Parliament notes that 6 February is International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation; considers that female genital mutilation (FGM) is recognised internationally as a violation of the human rights of women and girls, in which their genitals are injured or altered for non-medical reasons; understands that an estimated 140 million women and girls alive today have undergone some form of FGM; welcomes a growing determination around the world to eliminate FGM and support victims of this form of gender-based violence; further notes the development of a national FGM action plan in Scotland, and notes the aspiration to a world in which this extreme form of discrimination against women and girls is eradicated once and for all.
The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **The Importance of Local Newspapers:** The Parliament debated S4M-15408 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament celebrates the importance of local newspapers to communities across Scotland; believes that a well-resourced, diverse, free press is vital to democracy in Scotland and provides a type of coverage not available via other platforms; notes with concern the trading update made by Johnston Press on 19 January 2016 in which it states “a number of brands have been identified that are not part of its long-term future, as they fall outside its selected markets, do not match the audience focus, or do not offer the levels of digital growth sought by the Group. A process has been initiated to explore the sale of these assets to identified parties”; understands that the *Press Gazette* has published a Johnston Press classification of its titles, with its newspapers falling into four categories, uber, primary, core and sub-core, with Scottish titles including the *East Fife Mail*, *The Galloway Gazette*, *The Glasgow South and Eastwood Extra*, the *Midlothian Advertiser*, the *Arbroath Herald*, the *Buchan Observer*, the *Carrick Gazette*, the *Deeside Piper*, *The Ellon Times*, the *Hawick News*, the *Linlithgow Gazette*, the *Mearns Leader*, the *Selkirk Weekend Advertiser*, *The Buteman and Angus County Press Weekly*, which serves Brechin, Forfar and Montrose, having been marked as being sub-core; notes that the *Press Gazette* has stated that Johnston Press has shed half of its journalists since 2009, and expresses concern at the decline in fortunes of traditional, local papers and the impact that this is having on journalistic employment.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15609—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 4: 30 minutes
Groups 5 to 8: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.
The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 26, 27, 10, 11, 12, 28, 13, 29, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30, 31, 21, 22, 23, 24, 32, 25A, 25.

Amendment 3 was agreed to (by division: For 99, Against 10, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 33 was disagreed to (by division: For 12, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

6. **Community Justice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-15607—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-15608—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Scottish Rate Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15497—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish rate of income tax for tax year 2016-17 is 10%.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 74, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

9. **Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15260—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

   (a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

   (b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 6.37 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr Angus Morrison, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15710—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 23 February 2016—

   after

   followed by  Topical Questions

   insert

   followed by  Ministerial Statement: Update on Fiscal Framework

   delete

   6.00 pm  Decision Time

   followed by  Members’ Business

   and insert

   6.30 pm  Decision Time

   followed by  Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Committee Meetings:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15685—That the Parliament agrees that, under Rule 12.3.3B of Standing Orders, the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee can meet, if necessary, at the same time as a meeting of the Parliament from 6.30 pm on 23 February 2016 for the purpose of taking evidence from the Secretary of State for Scotland on the Scotland Bill and the fiscal framework.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on the Fiscal Framework.

6. **Scotland’s National Action Plan for Human Rights:** Christine Grahame, on behalf of the Justice Committee, moved S4M-15645—That the Parliament notes the publication on 10 December 2015 of the second annual report on

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **BBC Charter Renewal Process**: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-15695—That the Parliament notes its own new formal role in the BBC charter renewal process and that of the Scottish Government, which is to be consulted throughout the process of developing the BBC charter by the UK Government; recognises the important role that publicly-funded, public service broadcasting plays in reflecting a nation to itself and to the wider world; agrees with the recommendations of the Education and Culture Committee regarding BBC charter renewal and the future of broadcasting in Scotland; notes the Scottish Government’s recent policy paper informing the ongoing development of the BBC charter; welcomes the emerging consensus for more decentralised decision making for the BBC, and urges the Scottish Government to reflect these views fully in its ongoing discussions with the UK Government in the development of its white paper on BBC charter renewal.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-15695.3 to motion S4M-15695—

Leave out from “Scottish Government’s recent” to end and insert—

“views of the Scottish Government in its recent policy paper, alongside the views of all political parties, creative industries and licence fee-payers in Scotland on the ongoing development of the BBC charter; welcomes the emerging consensus for more decentralised decision making for the BBC, and urges the Scottish Government to reflect the Parliament’s views fully in its ongoing discussions with the UK Government in the development of its white paper on BBC charter renewal.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-15695.1 to motion S4M-15695—

Insert at end—

“in a way that does not undermine the BBC’s independence from governments and politicians”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-15695.2 to motion S4M-15695—

Insert at end—

“; notes that the Education and Culture Committee concluded that a greater degree of decentralisation and accountability can be achieved
without adopting a federal structure, and believes that any reforms to the BBC must be sustainable, protecting and enhancing its status as a world-class impartial public service broadcaster, and not undermine its ability to deliver the high-quality programmes and other output that its audience in Scotland, the rest of the UK and around the world expects and values”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 34, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes its own new formal role in the BBC charter renewal process and that of the Scottish Government, which is to be consulted throughout the process of developing the BBC charter by the UK Government; recognises the important role that publicly-funded, public service broadcasting plays in reflecting a nation to itself and to the wider world; agrees with the recommendations of the Education and Culture Committee regarding BBC charter renewal and the future of broadcasting in Scotland; notes the views of the Scottish Government in its recent policy paper, alongside the views of all political parties, creative industries and licence fee-payers in Scotland on the ongoing development of the BBC charter; welcomes the emerging consensus for more decentralised decision making for the BBC; urges the Scottish Government to reflect the Parliament’s views fully in its ongoing discussions with the UK Government in the development of its white paper on BBC charter renewal in a way that does not undermine the BBC’s independence from governments and politicians.


9. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15694—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15563—

That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—
(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

12. Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2016: The Parliament debated S4M-15580 in the name of Dennis Robertson—That the Parliament welcomes Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2016 and the progress in mental health services throughout Scotland over the last five years; understands that eating disorders are recognised as mental health conditions but that there is still more to be done to prevent deaths; welcomes the increasingly open dialogue about the complexities of eating disorders and the Scottish Government’s additional mental health spending; understands that early intervention is crucial; notes the dedication and commitment of NHS staff and congratulates the Scottish Eating Disorders Interest Group in its support to professionals and families; believes that the Scottish Government is fully committed to further dialogue and to seeking ways of improving and achieving a qualitative eating disorder service in Scotland, and looks forward to the 2016 Eating Disorders Conference at the Parliament on 26 February 2016.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Rural Affairs, Food and Environment, and Justice and the Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill**: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15693—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

3. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15714—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

**Tuesday 1 March 2016**

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Thursday 3 March 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

12.30 pm Members’ Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

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Tuesday 8 March 2016

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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Wednesday 9 March 2016

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Culture, Europe and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities

followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 10 March 2016

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
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5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) and that Rule 2.2.5(a) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Parliament to meet beyond 5.30 pm on Tuesday 1 March 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-15715—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.


S4M-15717—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15719—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance and Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions and Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15720—That the Parliament agrees that the Letting Agent Code of Practice (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15721—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15722—That the Parliament agrees that the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

5. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15723—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 9.7.1(b) that stage 2 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill be taken as follows—

(a) the Health and Sport Committee to consider (in the order set out by, or by virtue of, Rules 9.7.4 and 9.10.8)—

(i) sections 36 and 46 to 55,

(ii) any amendments that relate primarily to sections 36 and 46 to 55, and

(iii) any amendments that relate primarily to the disposal of ashes by cremation authorities,

(b) the Local Government and Regeneration Committee to consider (in the order set out by, or by virtue of, Rules 9.7.4 and 9.10.8)—

(i) sections 1 to 35, 37 to 45, 56 to 77, schedule 1, section 78, schedule 2, sections 79 to 81, and the long title, and

(ii) any amendments to those provisions, other than those to be considered by the Health and Sport Committee by virtue of paragraph (a)(ii) and (iii).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Fairer Fife Commission Report, Fairness Matters: The Parliament debated S4M-15040 in the name of Jayne Baxter—That the Parliament acknowledges the Fairer Fife Commission report, Fairness Matters, which was launched on 30 November 2015 at the Cottage Family Centre in
Kirkcaldy; understands that the commission was established by Fife Council in September 2014 and is independent of the council and its partners; notes that its remit was to take a strategic overview of the scale, scope and nature of poverty in Fife, to review the effectiveness of the activity being carried out to address this and to report with recommendations to the local authority and the Fife Partnership by November 2015; recognises what it sees as Fife Council’s commitment to addressing poverty and acknowledges the commissioners and everyone who gave evidence to or participated in the process; commends the recommendation that outcomes should be delivered that will allow residents to be able to live good lives, make choices and reach their full potential and let children be safe, happy and healthy, and acknowledges all of the commission’s 40 recommendations for a fairer Fife, which it listed under the headings, ambitious, poverty-free, fair-work, affordable, connected, empowered, skilled and healthier

The meeting closed at 5.28 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Israel Needs Cultural Bridges, not Boycotts:** The Parliament debated S4M-15573 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament acknowledges the recently published open letter signed by over 150 high-profile cultural and political figures in support of the aims of Culture for Coexistence, an independent UK network representing a cross-section from the cultural world; notes that this open letter calls for an end to cultural boycotts of Israel and Israeli artists; notes the views expressed in the letter in support of a two-state solution and the promotion of greater understanding, mutual acceptance and peace through cultural engagement; notes that one example of this cultural exchange took place in 2015 when the Israeli artist, Matan Ben-Cnaan, won first prize in the 2015 BP International Portrait Award and was given the opportunity to teach art to local school children at the opening of the exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery; hopes that, through groups such as the Centre for Scotland and Israel Relations, based in East Renfrewshire, similar educational and cultural programmes will take place in the coming months, and notes the views expressed in the letter that “Cultural engagement builds bridges, nurtures freedom and positive movement for change. We wholly endorse encouraging such a powerful tool for change rather than boycotting its use”.

4. **Motion without Notice:** Jackson Carlaw moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

5. **Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15735—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 73, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Programme of Child Protection Work.

7. **Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15709—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill be passed.
After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill: Michael McMahon moved S4M-15429—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

9. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15740—That the Parliament agrees that Bob Doris be appointed to replace Fiona McLeod as a member of the Health and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Dianna Wolfson, participant in Glasgow Jewis
   Representative Council, Scottish Jewish Archives, Faith in Older People and
   Interfaith organisations led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions**: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and
   a Minister.

3. **Work, Wages and Wellbeing in the Scottish Labour Market**: Murdo
   Fraser, on behalf of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, moved
   S4M-15760—That the Parliament notes the conclusions and
   recommendations in the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee’s 1st
   Report 2016 (Session 4), *Taking the High Road - Work, Wages and Wellbeing
   in the Scottish Labour Market* (SP Paper 874).

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Social Security**: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities
   and Pensioners’ Rights (Alex Neil) moved S4M-15758—That the Parliament
   notes the devolution of new social security powers; welcomes the extensive
   consultation process that the Scottish Government has carried out with
   stakeholders and benefit users into the future delivery and approach of social
   security policy in Scotland to ensure that it has services that will be
   accessible, fair and command the confidence of users; agrees the vision and
   principles that will be at the heart of the Scottish Government’s position, which
   are underpinned by an emphasis on treating people with dignity and respect;
   welcomes the policy choices that the Scottish Government has outlined to
   ensure that there will be a fair approach to new social security powers, and
   agrees that the smooth transition of these powers will be a priority for the
   Scottish Government and be to the benefit of all of Scotland.

   Neil Findlay moved amendment S4M-15758.2 to motion S4M-15758—

   Insert at end—

   “; believes that, given that 220,000 children in Scotland are affected by
   child poverty, the devolution of social security should see addressing
   child poverty become the Scottish Government’s number one priority,
   developing a range of policies across government to address such
   glaring inequality in society, and further believes that such a strategy can
   only be delivered by using the new financial powers of the Parliament to
   increase the revenues available to the Scottish Government”.

   After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33,
   Against 78, Abstentions 0).
John Lamont moved amendment S4M-15758.1 to motion S4M-15758—

Leave out from “the vision” to end and insert—

“that the future delivery of social security policy in Scotland should always encourage the benefits of the workplace, with an emphasis on treating people with dignity and respect, and believes that welfare policy choices should also be made with fairness to Scotland’s taxpayers in mind.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 14, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed too (DT) by division: For 98, Against 0, Abstentions 14).

5. Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill: Sandra White moved S4M-15759—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15771—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 3 March 2016—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

8. Caring in Craigmillar: The Parliament debated S4M-15407 in the name of Kenny MacAskill—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the outstanding contribution made by Caring in Craigmillar to older people in the greater Craigmillar area and beyond; understands that the group has operated a Phonenlink telephone care call service 365 days a year since 1998 in addition to the care that it provides at its premises; looks forward to the further outreach work that it will provide as part of a wider city homecare collaboration network; notes that it started out as the social welfare arm of the Craigmillar Festival Society, which is considered an outstanding organisation and which is now over 50 years old; welcomes Caring in Craigmillar’s planned return to 63 Niddrie Mains Terrace in Edinburgh, where it previously operated from and which will now provide the group with a wider community hub, and
believes that Caring in Craigmillar is an excellent model for other organisations across the country to follow.

The meeting closed at 6.34 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Sport were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. **Health:** Jenny Marra moved S4M-15766—That the Parliament acknowledges the commitment and dedication of Scotland’s NHS staff, care sector workers, GPs and other health professionals; believes that people and communities deserve fully-resourced services in their areas; is deeply concerned by reported plans for the potential closures of wards and hospitals in various communities across Scotland, and calls on all parties to ensure the continuation of current services such as the Royal Alexandra Hospital children’s ward, the emergency care services at the Vale of Leven Hospital, Lightburn Hospital in Glasgow and the children’s ward at St John’s Hospital in Livingston.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S4M-15766.1 to motion S4M-15766—

Leave out from “is deeply concerned” to end and insert—

"recognises that NHS staffing and funding are at record high levels; supports the frontline NHS resource budget increasing in at least real terms in the next parliamentary session; welcomes the Scottish Government’s record of protecting local services, including saving A&E departments in Monklands and Ayr; endorses the recently published *A National Clinical Strategy for Scotland* with its aim to provide more care where people need it, with as much care as possible delivered locally, and is committed to maintaining and improving safe and effective local services across Scotland, including in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Vale of Leven Hospital, Lightburn Hospital and St John’s Hospital."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 42, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 75, Against 43, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the commitment and dedication of Scotland’s NHS staff, care sector workers, GPs and other health professionals; believes that people and communities deserve fully-resourced services in their areas; recognises that NHS staffing and funding are at record high levels; supports the frontline NHS resource budget increasing in at least real terms in the next parliamentary session; welcomes the Scottish Government’s record of protecting local services, including saving A&E departments in Monklands and Ayr; endorses the recently published *A National Clinical Strategy for Scotland* with its aim to provide more care where
people need it, with as much care as possible delivered locally, and is committed to maintaining and improving safe and effective local services across Scotland, including in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Vale of Leven Hospital, Lightburn Hospital and St John’s Hospital.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15773—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 March 2016

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Legislative Consent Motion: Armed Forces Bill – UK Legislation
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 9 March 2016

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
Culture, Europe and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities

followed by  Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 10 March 2016

11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Lobbying (Scotland) Bill
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill
*followed by* Business Motions
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

**Tuesday 15 March 2016**

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)
*followed by* Scottish Government Business
*followed by* Business Motions
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
*followed by* Members’ Business

**Wednesday 16 March 2016**

9.00 am Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Education and Lifelong Learning
*followed by* Continuation of Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill
*followed by* Business Motions
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
*followed by* Members’ Business

**Thursday 17 March 2016**

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
12.30 pm Members’ Business

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Stage 3 Proceedings: Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-15774—That the Parliament agrees that the Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.


S4M-15776—That the Parliament agrees that the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Clinic) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15777—That the Parliament agrees that the Pharmacy (Premises Standards, Information Obligations etc.) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15778—That the Parliament agrees that the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15779—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15780—That the Parliament agrees that the Reservoirs (Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2 and 4 as noted above.

6. Fairtrade Fortnight 2016: The Parliament debated S4M-15422 in the name of Fiona McLeod—That the Parliament notes that Fairtrade Fortnight 2016 will have the theme, Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers!; understands that it will run from 29 February to 13 March and will be celebrated across Scotland, including in the Fairtrade-status local authority of East Dunbartonshire and its Fairtrade towns such as Lenzie, Bearsden and
Milngavie; believes that the fortnight will bring together shops, cafés and delicatessens in these communities with farmers and producers in similar-sized towns across the world who are being paid a fair price for their foodstuffs thanks to the work of the activists from the Fairtrade network; supports the continuing status of Scotland as a Fairtrade nation and the underpinning and celebration of the country’s achievements; believes that these inspire innovative and groundbreaking new ways to make trade fairer for farmers, and notes the view that public bodies and private businesses should be encouraged to procure fairly-traded products.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister’s Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Support for Families Affected by Murder and Culpable Homicide: The Parliament debated S4M-15486 in the name of Graeme Pearson—That the Parliament recognises the work of organisations such as the Moira Fund and PETAL in supporting people who have experienced the deaths of family members through murder and culpable homicide; further recognises the work of family liaison officers, Victim Support Scotland and Victim Information and Advice in helping victims of crime; believes however that there can be gaps in provision as victims’ families are passed from one organisation to another; considers that one-to-one support, such as that offered in England by Victim Support’s Homicide Service has greatly improved the support available to families by providing help in dealing with official agencies, arranging funerals, liaising with court officials, arranging counselling and providing ongoing support, and notes the view that families affected by such crimes in South Scotland and across the country would greatly benefit if a similar dedicated support service was established in Scotland.

4. SPCB Questions: Questions were answered by a member of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

5. Health (Tobacco, Nicotine, etc and Care) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 3, 4 and 2.

6. Health (Tobacco, Nicotine, etc and Care) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-15801—That the Parliament agrees that the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine, etc and Care) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, that Decision Time be brought forward to 3.50 pm.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Monsignor Paul M. Conroy, PhL, STL, Parish Priest, Sacred Heart Parish Church, Bridgeton, Glasgow and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Glasgow led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15851—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 8 March 2016—

after

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill

*insert*

*followed by* Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion: Enterprise Bill – UK Legislation

*delete*

5.30 pm Decision Time

*and insert*

7.20 pm Decision Time

(b) to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 10 March 2016—

*delete*

5.00 pm Decision Time

*and insert*

6.00 pm Decision Time

(c) and that Rule 2.2.5(a) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Parliament to meet beyond 5.30 pm on—

(i) Tuesday 8 March 2016; and

(ii) Thursday 10 March 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15840—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 4: 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15839—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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
Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour and 50 minutes
Groups 7 to 9: 2 hours and 25 minutes
Groups 10 to 13: 3 hours.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

6. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Amendment 17 was disagreed to (by division: For 44, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

7. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15837—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.
The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 33, 35, 11, 36, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 23, and 24.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

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Amendment 32 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 34, 38, 17 and 8.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 12 and 37.

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

9. Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-15838—That the Parliament agrees that the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

10. Enterprise Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved
S4M-15818—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provision of the Enterprise Bill, introduced by amendment in the House of Commons on 2 February 2016, which relates to apprenticeships information sharing, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive functions of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Armed Forces Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-15761—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Armed Forces Bill, introduced to the House of Commons on 16 September 2015, relating to MOD firefighters, so far as this matter is within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. Childcare Costs Spiralling in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-15741 in the name of Cara Hilton—That the Parliament notes the annual childcare costs survey published by the Family and Childcare Trust; understands that the report provides the most comprehensive analysis of childcare costs and availability in Britain; is concerned at the finding that, while average childcare prices have risen only in line with inflation in the rest of the UK, with the cost of a part-time nursery place for a child under two up by 1.1%, in Scotland the price rose by 4.1%, with the average price of a part-time nursery place for a child under two and an after-school club for a five year old now costing £7,933 a year; is further concerned that, in Scotland, only 13% of local authority areas report having enough childcare for working parents and only 9% can provide childcare needed for disabled children and that the cost of childcare is rising at a significantly faster rate than anywhere else in the UK; welcomes the expansion of preschool early education and childcare in Dunfermline and across Scotland but recognises too what it considers the lack of progress in ensuring that childcare is available that fits in with the lives of working parents and for children of all ages, and notes the calls of the Family and Childcare Trust for the Scottish Government to improve access and affordability for parents to ensure that parents and carers across Scotland have access to flexible, quality and affordable childcare for children of all ages.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Culture, Europe and External Affairs and on Infrastructure, Investment and Cities were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **Rural Affairs:** Alex Fergusson moved S4M-15844—that the Parliament acknowledges the financial difficulties facing Scottish farmers following the delayed payment of common agricultural policy funds as a result of the Scottish Government’s failed £178 million Futures Programme IT system; understands that only 50% of farmers had been paid by the end of February 2016, notwithstanding the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment’s assurances that “most” farmers would have received their payments by the end of January; notes that this is the third indicative deadline that the Scottish Government has failed to meet; recognises that current payments to farmers represent only a quarter of the available basic payment and greening funds; believes that these delays have left the rural economy facing a financial black hole of some £300 million; recognises that farmers across the country have lost trust in the ability of the cabinet secretary to deliver funding before the end of the financial year and supports calls for a full independent inquiry into the Scottish Government’s IT failures; notes that Scottish farm income has fallen by 15% over the past year, which is only the second time this century when incomes have fallen in two consecutive years and, as a result, calls on the Scottish Government to take whatever steps are necessary to process the outstanding £300 million of basic payment and greening funds and the £38 million of Scottish beef scheme funds, including the hiring of temporary staff if necessary; commends the Scottish Government for taking steps to ensure that less favoured area support scheme payments are received promptly, and calls on the Scottish Government to guarantee that all claimants will receive the first instalment of their basic payments by no later than the end of March 2016.

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved amendment S4M-15844.3 to motion S4M-15844—

Leave out from “the financial difficulties” to end and insert—

“that the common agricultural policy (CAP) currently being implemented is the most radical and ambitious ever, with unprecedented simultaneous reforms to both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 of the CAP requiring around 20 schemes to be launched during 2015 and the introduction of greening measures and three payment regions; notes that the timetable of EU negotiations and decisions left administrations with a short timescale in which to implement such radical reforms; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government engaged comprehensively with stakeholders during the development and negotiation of the policy, and that both stakeholders and the Scottish Government agreed that securing the right
policy outcomes for Scotland was the priority even if this risked impacting on the timing of payments within the 1 December to 30 June Pillar 1 payment window; notes that the Scottish Government had issued over 10,000 payments worth around 80% of basic and greening payments to 56% of eligible farmers and crofters as of 7 March 2016; acknowledges that, at the same time as the transition to the new CAP, farmers are facing additional difficulties due to market trends and unfavourable weather and therefore welcomes the announcements of steps by the Scottish Government to accelerate basic payments to farmers using Scottish Government funds and the national less favoured area support scheme expected to deliver payments to the vast majority of eligible farmers and crofters by the end of March 2016; commits to learning lessons from the implementation of the new CAP, and supports the continuation of CAP payments as one of the benefits of Scotland’s continuing membership of the EU”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-15844.2 to motion S4M-15844—

Insert at end—

“and to compensate farmers for interest incurred on loans that have resulted from the Scottish Government’s failure to make payments as planned; expresses concern about the 2016-17 payments and calls on the Scottish Government to issue a statement before the dissolution of the Parliament as to what changes will need to be made to ensure that next year’s payments process will be ready in time; further notes the continuing crisis in the dairy industry, and calls on the Scottish Government to take further action to ensure the survival of the industry across the country.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S4M-15844.1 to motion S4M-15844—

Insert at end—

“; notes the impact on the agricultural supply chain of the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) delays, with merchants, vets and machinery supplies also among those being financially affected, and that store livestock prices have fallen as a result of the delays causing considerable pressures on primary livestock producing areas, notably in the crofting counties; further notes delays to other agricultural grant schemes, such as the Crofting Counties Agricultural Grant Scheme and the Scottish Rural Development Programme, and recognises the hard work and dedication of local Rural Payments and Inspections Division officers...
across Scotland, who have endeavoured to make their part of the BPS system function”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges that the common agricultural policy (CAP) currently being implemented is the most radical and ambitious ever, with unprecedented simultaneous reforms to both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 of the CAP requiring around 20 schemes to be launched during 2015 and the introduction of greening measures and three payment regions; notes that the timetable of EU negotiations and decisions left administrations with a short timescale in which to implement such radical reforms; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government engaged comprehensively with stakeholders during the development and negotiation of the policy, and that both stakeholders and the Scottish Government agreed that securing the right policy outcomes for Scotland was the priority even if this risked impacting on the timing of payments within the 1 December to 30 June Pillar 1 payment window; notes that the Scottish Government had issued over 10,000 payments worth around 80% of basic and greening payments to 56% of eligible farmers and crofters as of 7 March 2016; acknowledges that, at the same time as the transition to the new CAP, farmers are facing additional difficulties due to market trends and unfavourable weather and therefore welcomes the announcements of steps by the Scottish Government to accelerate basic payments to farmers using Scottish Government funds and the national less favoured area support scheme expected to deliver payments to the vast majority of eligible farmers and crofters by the end of March 2016; commits to learning lessons from the implementation of the new CAP, and supports the continuation of CAP payments as one of the benefits of Scotland’s continuing membership of the EU.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15873—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 10 March 2016—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.15 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.
4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15852—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 15 March 2016

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scotland’s Energy Strategy

*followed by* Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Circumstances surrounding the Closure of the Forth Road Bridge

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Legislation Inquiry/Hybrid Bills

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Admissibility of Petitions and Minor Rule Changes

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 16 March 2016

9.00 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

9.00 am  Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion: Scotland Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions

Education and Lifelong Learning

*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Land Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

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5. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-15853—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland’s Adoption Register Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15854—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Part 4 and Part 5 Complaints) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15855—That the Parliament agrees that the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification of Schedules 2 and 3) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15856—That the Parliament agrees that the Kinship Care Assistance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15857—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Social Work Complaints Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

6. Suspension of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15858—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of stage 3 consideration of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill, Rule 9.5.3B of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Suspension of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15859—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of stage 3 consideration of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill, Rule 9.5.3B of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal 30th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S4M-15287 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal, which is now in its 30th year and runs throughout March 2016; understands that, since 1986, the Great Daffodil Appeal has raised over £80 million for the charity across the UK; applauds what it sees as the substantial contribution made by over 80 local
Marie Curie fundraising groups, such as the East Kilbride Fundraising Group, to the Great Daffodil Appeal every year to support Marie Curie services across Scotland; believes that money raised in Scotland in 2015 funded over 30,000 hours of nursing care and emotional support; understands that this means there is support for over 7,500 people living with a terminal illness, and their carers and families, in their own homes in 31 local authorities and in Marie Curie hospices in Edinburgh and Glasgow; considers that fundraising allows the charity to work in partnership with NHS boards and local authorities to develop new and innovative, integrated services that provide person-centred care; applauds the work of staff and volunteers across Marie Curie who, it considers, work toward its vision of a better life for people and their families living with a terminal illness, and notes calls to encourage as many people as possible to support the campaign this year.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **More Electric Car Rapid Charge Points Needed:** The Parliament debated S4M-15291 in the name of Dave Thompson—that the Parliament recognises Scotland’s role in reducing global warming; understands that, when fossil fuels, coal, oil and natural gas are burnt, they release CO2 into the atmosphere and are considered by the vast majority of the scientific community as a contributory cause of global temperature increases; considers that, thanks to human ingenuity, there are smarter ways to generate energy and that travelling by electric car reduces one’s carbon footprint; believes that “fast” (22kw) and “rapid” (50kw) electric charge points are becoming more prevalent in Scotland and that more rapid charge points are needed to make electric car travel in Scotland more efficient to encourage widespread use in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch and across the country, and notes calls for all members to campaign in their constituencies to make this happen.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15875—that the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Lobbying (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:

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The motion was agreed to.

5. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15874—that the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Fiscal Commission 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:

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Groups 4 to 6: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Lobbying (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 23, 19 and 20.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- Amendment 18: (For 96, Against 12, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 21: (For 77, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 22B: (For 77, Against 31, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 22: (For 76, Against 31, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- Amendment 1: (For 30, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 12: (For 34, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 13: (For 35, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 15: (For 35, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 2: (For 31, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 14: (For 35, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 3: (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 4: (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 5: (For 28, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 6: (For 29, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 7: (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 8: (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 9: (For 29, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 10: (For 35, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 11: (For 30, Against 66, Abstentions 11)
- Amendment 16: (For 35, Against 72, Abstentions 0)
- Amendment 22A: (For 35, Against 73, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 17 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

7. Lobbying (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15870—That the Parliament agrees that the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.
Amendment 29 was disagreed to ((by division): For 43, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

9. Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill - Stage 3: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15869—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 6.05 pm.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 7 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Right Reverend David Robertson, Minister of St Peter’s Free Church, Dundee and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15930—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 15 March 2016—

after

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Admissibility of Petitions and Minor Rule Changes

insert

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body motion: Amendments to the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme

(b) to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 16 March 2016—

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

and insert

7.30 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

(c) to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 17 March 2016—

delete

6.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

6.30 pm Decision Time
(d) and that Rule 2.2.5(a) of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Parliament to meet beyond 5.30 pm on Thursday 17 March 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Scotland’s Energy Strategy.

5. **Inquiry into the Circumstances Surrounding the Closure of the Forth Road Bridge:** Adam Ingram, on behalf of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, moved S4M-15904—That the Parliament notes the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee’s 4th Report 2016 (Session 4), *Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the closure of the Forth Road Bridge* (SP Paper 950).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Standing Order Rule Changes - Legislation:** Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee moved S4M-15868—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 4th Report 2016 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes - Legislation* (SP Paper 927), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexes A and C of the report be made with effect from 22 April 2016.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Standing Order Rule Changes - Admissibility of Petitions and Minor Rule Changes:** Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee moved S4M-15867—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 3rd Report 2016 (Session 4), *Standing Order Rule Changes - Admissibility of Petitions and Minor Rule Changes* (SP Paper 904), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 22 April 2016.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme:** Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-15911—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998, determines that, with effect from 6 May 2016, the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme, which was agreed to by resolution of the Parliament on 12 June 2008 and last amended by resolution of the Parliament on 10 November 2015, be amended as follows:
(a) adding the words “and 2.1.8” after “2.1.6” in paragraph 2.1.1;

(b) substituting the words “, 2.1.6 and 2.1.8” for the words “and 2.1.6” in paragraph 2.1.7;

(c) adding new paragraph 2.1.8 as follows:

“2.1.8 A Presiding Officer whose main residence is in a constituency listed in Group Two of Annex A will be treated as if that residence were in Group Three of Annex A and is entitled to reimbursement of Edinburgh accommodation costs in accordance with paragraphs 2.1.2 to 2.1.7.”;

(d) adding the words “or a Presiding Officer to whom paragraph 2.1.8 applies” after “Annex A” in paragraph 2.3.1; and

(e) adding after the definition of “pool” in paragraph 9.1.1 the words “Presiding Officer” means the member who is elected as the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament;”.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Hamilton Accies’ Exemplary Community Work: The Parliament debated S4M-15790 in the name of Margaret Mitchell—That the Parliament congratulates Hamilton Academical (Accies) on what it sees as its success as a football club since being founded in 1874 and its innovative and thriving community ethos; recognises that, in conjunction with Skills Development Scotland, the club’s youth academy runs a modern educational apprenticeship programme; understands that the apprentices all play regularly in the under-20 team and gain valuable social skills and experience through coaching children; notes that, as part of its community outreach programme, the club houses the Hamilton and District Men’s Shed, which aims to encourage older men to remain physically and mentally active and promotes active citizenship; supports the Accies’ additional support needs (ASN) community, which offers weekly parent/carer autism support groups, helps children and families through ASN-exclusive events and activities and recently launched an inclusive football team for four to 17-year-olds; understands that, for the last eight years, the club has delivered the programme, Training for Freedom, which supports prisoners who are in the process of being released by helping them to become responsible and accountable citizens, with the aims of increasing self-esteem and identifying and making use of previously unrecognised skills; notes that Soldiers Off the Street Scotland, which helps ex-service personnel who are homeless, is also supported by the club; welcomes what it sees as the club’s support for kinship carers, people who it believes are often forgotten; notes that the club has set up the charity, Blameless, which aims both to provide hope for children and families affected by alcoholism and addiction and facilitates 12-step recovery support groups; considers that this model of exemplary community work to help vulnerable
people and families is an excellent example of preventative spend that could be replicated by other clubs, and wishes the club, its players and apprentices every success.

The meeting closed at 5.25 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15939—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill—

(a) debate on the groups of amendments specified below shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion no later than the time limits indicated;

(b) time limits shall exclude any period 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 morning session being called or the first division following the lunch break being called) or otherwise not in progress:

Morning session (time limits calculated from the beginning of stage 3 proceedings)

| Groups 1 and 2: | 30 minutes |
| Groups 3 and 4: | 1 hour 10 minutes |
| Group 5 and 6: | 2 hours 10 minutes |

Afternoon session (time limits calculated from time following the lunch break at which Group 7 begins)

| Groups 7, 8 and 9: | 45 minutes |
| Groups 10, 11 and 12: | 1 hour 25 minutes |
| Groups 13 and 14: | 1 hour 45 minutes |
| Groups 15, 16 and 17: | 2 hours 10 minutes |
| Groups 18, 19 and 20: | 2 hours 55 minutes |

The motion was agreed to.

2. Scotland Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15941—That the Parliament notes the agreement on a fiscal framework for the Scotland Bill published by the Scottish and UK governments on 25 February 2016, and agrees that the Scotland Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 28 May 2015, as amended, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

3. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.
4. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. **Land Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Parliament continued consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 2, 26, 27, 28, 29, 3, 4, 30, 5, 6, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 132, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 and 99.

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The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 7, 72, 115 and 117.
The following amendments were not moved: 23, 24, 34H, 34I, 34J, 37A, 104, 106, 9, 111, 112, 113, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134 and 135.

6. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-15925—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

7. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved

S4M-15931—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15932—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2016 be approved.

S4M-15933—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2016 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Schools Autism Awareness Week: The Parliament debated S4M-15289 in the name of Mark McDonald—That the Parliament welcomes the National Autistic Society (NAS) Scotland’s first Schools Autism Awareness Week, which is scheduled to run from 14 to 18 March 2016; understands that the aim of the week is to encourage schools across the country to help pupils understand autism by planning fun and imaginative lessons, activities and assemblies; notes that NAS Scotland has developed resources to support the schools that are taking part; believes that there is a great potential for the week to improve the lives of autistic people by helping children and young people better understand the condition, and hopes that a greater awareness of it in schools will equip a new generation with the knowledge to accept and empathise with autistic people.

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm.
The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. **General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and a Minister.

2. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **Scotland’s Food Future:** The Parliament debated S4M-15826 in the name of Alison Johnstone—That the Parliament believes that everyone in Scotland should have financial and geographical access to nutritious food both as a right and with dignity; welcomes the work of the Scottish Food Coalition and its report, *PLENTY: Food, Farming and Health in a New Scotland*; applauds efforts to strengthen community-based food networks and end food poverty, and commends the work of Granton Community Gardens, Edinburgh Community Food, Broomhouse Health Strategy Group, Pilton Health Project, Leith Community Crops in Pots, Edinburgh Food Belt, Nourish, the Cyrenians and groups providing emergency food relief to people across the Lothians.

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15968—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit 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 5: 30 minutes
   Groups 6 to 12: 1 hour 25 minutes
   Groups 13 to 16: 2 hours 20 minutes
   Groups 17 to 20: 3 hours

   The motion was agreed to.

5. **Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 93, 45, 50, 51, 52, 1, 53, 2, 3, 4, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79.

   The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

   5 (For 85, Against 10, Abstentions 0)
19  (For 81, Against 18, Abstentions 0)
20  (For 81, Against 17, Abstentions 0)
21  (For 82, Against 17, Abstentions 0)
22  (For 81, Against 17, Abstentions 0)
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26  (For 84, Against 13, Abstentions 0)
46  (For 94, Against 0, Abstentions 0)
47  (For 81, Against 15, Abstentions 0)
48  (For 83, Against 13, Abstentions 0)
49  (For 84, Against 13, Abstentions 0)
58  (For 83, Against 12, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

80  (For 28, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
81  (For 27, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
82  (For 28, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
83  (For 32, Against 67, Abstentions 0)
84  (For 15, Against 82, Abstentions 0)
89  (For 24, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
94  (For 5, Against 68, Abstentions 22)
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108 (For 30, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
109 (For 30, Against 66, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 85, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 97 and 110.

6. **Private Housing (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-15944—That the Parliament agrees that the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 84, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

7. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15980—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 22 March 2016—
The motion was agreed to.

8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 6.32 pm
The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Reverend Fraser Donaldson, Greenock Elim Church led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15997—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit 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 5: 45 minutes
   Groups 6 to 8: 1 hour 30 minutes.

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15995—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill, debate on groups of amendments shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion by the time limit indicated, that time limit 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 5: 55 minutes.

   The motion was agreed to.

4. **Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 74, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 76, 77, 78, 79, 29, 80, 30, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 89, 90, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 91, 92, 93, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 94, 95, 96, 67, 97, 68, 98, 99, 69, 70, 1, 100, 101, 71, 72, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 and 73

   Amendment 75 was agreed to (by division: For 61, Against 38, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were not moved: 86A and 95A.
5. Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-15996—That the Parliament agrees that the Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-15993—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

8. Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

Amendment 29 was agreed to (by division: For 96, Against 0, Abstentions 12).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

3 (For 34, Against 71, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 34, Against 68, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 34, Against 69, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 49, Against 58, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were not moved: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

9. Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-15994—That the Parliament agrees that the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-16029—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 23 March 2016—

delete

10:15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert
10:00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

10:00 am Motion of Condolence: Brussels, 22 March 2016

The motion was agreed to.

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6 and 9 as noted above.

12. Bringing About More Local Control: The Parliament debated S4M-15322 in the name of Rob Gibson—That the Parliament welcomes what it sees as the growing means to promote local control in communities through the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and various land reform measures to effect land purchase and access to natural resources; believes that this has been benchmarked in the recent Scottish Government report, Impact Evaluation of the Community Right to Buy; considers that the Scottish Government target of one million acres being in community control by 2020 is both achievable and necessary; notes the view that, the closer to communities the decision-taking processes over matters such as affordable housing, environmental designations, cultural life and health provision are, the more there is a requirement for a fundamental review of local government and the powers to raise local taxes and to answer widespread and increasing calls for localism, including in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross, which has a land area that is equivalent to that of Northern Ireland, and further notes the view that subsidiarity, sustainability and social justice should be applied to all community life, the length and breadth of Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.
The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. Motion of Condolence, Brussels: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-16030—That the Parliament expresses its heartfelt condolences, and those of the people of Scotland, to all those affected by the appalling terrorist attacks in Brussels on 22 March 2016; stands in solidarity with the people of Belgium, and all those communities that have been the victims of terrorism in recent weeks, including the people of Turkey following the terrorist attacks in Ankara; reaffirms its commitment to a diverse and multicultural society, and calls on people across Scotland to unite as one community, both here at home and in solidarity with all those countries affected, to make clear that acts of terrorism will not succeed in dividing us or destroying the freedoms and way of life that we value so highly.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

2. Water Safety in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-15772 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament congratulates what it considers the excellent, ongoing work of the Fife Water Safety initiative, which has brought together the fire and rescue and police services, the RNLI and the Royal Life Saving Society UK to educate young people about the importance of water safety in Fife; understands that, since the death of her son, Cameron Lancaster, at the abandoned Prestonhill Quarry and the second tragic death of John McKay at the same quarry less than a year after Cameron’s accident, Cameron’s mother has been working with partners to raise awareness of the dangers that water may pose to young people; acknowledges that the Fife Water Safety initiative, which was launched in Inverkeithing High School in the Cowdenbeath parliamentary constituency, has been touring west Fife secondary schools providing an interactive 50-minute presentation to each year group, hoping to encourage all Fife schools to adopt the education package including an age-appropriate programme for primary school children; understands that death by drowning is the third highest accidental cause of death in the UK and that, per head of population, there are twice as many accidental drownings in Scotland as in England; further understands that there are more limited rescue options for response and rescue services for inshore water accidents than at sea through the RNLI, which rescued 7,973 people and saved 348 lives in 2015, and notes that Cameron’s mother is working with agencies across Scotland to explore the potential for creating an education programme aimed at teaching teenagers about the dangers of open waters, which may be used across Scotland.

3. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Fair Work, Skills and Training and Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

4. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
5. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

6. Motion of Thanks to the Presiding Officer: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-16027—That the Parliament expresses its thanks to its Presiding Officer, Tricia Marwick, for her dedicated service to the Parliament and pays tribute to all of those other Members who are standing down at the end of this session.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

The meeting closed at 12.57 pm.
ANNEX A

BILLS INTRODUCED

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

20 May 2015

Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament making provision for the restriction of parking on footways and at dropped footways, and double parking (SP Bill 69) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Sandra White
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 69-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 69-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

27 May 2015

Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 and the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. (SP Bill 70) (Committee Bill)

Introduced by: Stewart Stevenson
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 70-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 70-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

1 June 2015

Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill—An Act to re-enact, with amendments, the Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Inquiry (Scotland) Act 1976. (SP Bill 71) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Patricia Ferguson
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 71-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 71-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill

Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law on the removal of parts of the human body for transplantation by providing for decisions to be made on behalf of a deceased adult by a proxy and by authorising removal and use in certain cases where the deceased adult has not recorded an objection. (SP Bill 72) (Member’s Bill)

Introduced by: Anne McTaggart
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 72-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 72-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill

4 June 2015
Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about tobacco, nicotine and related products, in particular to make provision about retailing, to amend the prohibition on smoking in certain areas and to control advertising and promotion; to make provision about a duty of candour following serious incidents in the course of providing care; to make provision about offences applying to ill-treatment or neglect where care is provided; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 73) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 73-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 73-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

16 June 2015

Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the composition of and appointment to the governing bodies and academic boards of higher education institutions; and to revise provision about the academic freedom of various persons carrying out activities at higher education and certain other institutions. (SP Bill 74) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 74-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 74-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Succession (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about succession; to make provision about liferents; to amend the Trusts (Scotland) Act 1921; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 75) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 75-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 75-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

22 June 2015

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for a land rights and responsibilities statement; to establish the Scottish Land Commission, provide for its functions and the functions of the Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner; to make provision about access to, and provision of, information about owners and controllers of land; to make provision about engaging communities in decisions relating to land; to enable certain persons to buy land to further sustainable development; to make provision for non-domestic rates to be levied on shootings and deer forests; to make provision about the change of use of common good land; to make provision about the management of deer on land; to make provision about access rights to land; to amend the law on agricultural holdings to provide for a new form of agricultural tenancy, to remove the requirement to register before tenants of certain holdings can exercise a right to buy, to provide a new power of sale where a landlord is in breach of certain obligations, to provide about rent reviews, to expand the list
of the persons to whom holdings can be assigned or bequeathed and to whom holdings can be transferred on intestacy and to make provision about landlords’ objections to such successor tenants, to provide for a 2 year amnesty period in relation to certain improvements carried out by tenants, and to provide for notice of certain improvements proposed by landlords; and for connected purposes.. (SP Bill 76) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Richard Lochhead
Supported by: Aileen McLeod
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 76-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 76-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

25 June 2015

National Galleries of Scotland Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to change the status of a piece of land currently within Princes Street Gardens so as to enable the City of Edinburgh Council to dispose of it to the National Galleries of Scotland and to provide for that same piece of land to cease to form part of Princes Street Gardens, thus disapplying section 22 of the Schedule to the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991 to that land... (SP Bill 77) (Private Bill)

Introduced by: The Board of Trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 77-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 77-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

28 September 2015

Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish the Scottish Fiscal Commission and to provide for its functions. (SP Bill 78) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 78-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 78-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

7 October 2015

Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about private rented housing; in particular to establish a new type of tenancy to be known as a private residential tenancy. (SP Bill 79) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Alex Neil
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 79-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 79-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

8 October 2015

Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to restate and amend the law relating to burial and cremation; to make provision about exhumation of human remains; to make provision in relation to the inspection and licensing of funeral directors; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 80) (Government Bill)
Introduced by: Shona Robison  
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 80-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 80-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about abusive behaviour; and to make provision about sexual harm including provision about directions to be given to juries in sexual offence cases and provision about orders to prevent future sexual harm. (SP Bill 81) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson  
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 81-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 81-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill

29 October 2015

**Lobbying (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about lobbying, including provision for establishing and maintaining a lobbying register and the publication of a code of conduct. (SP Bill 82) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney  
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 82-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 82-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill

30 October 2015

**Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to consolidate the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985, the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1993, Part 1 of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007, Part 2 of the Home Owner and Debtor Protection (Scotland) Act 2010, the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014, the Protected Trust Deeds (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and related enactments

Introduced by: Hon Frank Mulholland QC  
Supported by: Fergus Ewing  
Tables of Derivations and Destinations (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 83-AD) were printed to accompany the Bill.

17 November 2015

**Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the determination of the day of the poll at the first ordinary general election for membership of the Scottish Parliament after 2016 and about the year in which local government elections fall to be held. (SP Bill 84) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney  
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 84-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 84-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

27 January 2016
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 to make provision about an additional amount of tax to be chargeable in respect of certain transactions relating to dwellings. (SP Bill 85) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 85-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 85-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

28 January 2016

Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2016/17, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2017/18, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 86) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney
Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon, Joe FitzPatrick
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ANNEX B

SECONDARY LEGISLATION AND LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MEMORANDA

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 8 and Consequential Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2016/397 (C.49))

Monday 14 March 2016

Scottish Ministers give notice—
1) That the above Order was laid before the Parliament as an instrument subject to the negative resolution procedure on 20 November 2015;

2) That the Scottish Government accept, in accordance with section 22(2) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, that such an Order ought to have been a Scottish statutory instrument laid in draft under the affirmative resolution procedure;

3) In particular, that the Order made under section 22(2) of that Act was not validly made in accordance with section 22(4) of that Act which provides that it is not made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Parliament;

4) Accordingly that the Order made as an instrument under negative resolution procedure and laid as set out above (and not being an instrument laid before and approved by the Parliament) was not a Scottish Statutory Instrument made under section 22(4) of that Act and had no legal effect as such;

5) The desired provisions were effected by laying a no-procedure commencement Order made under section 24 of the 2005 Act (reference SSI 2015/429) and a negative procedure instrument made under section 10 of the same Act (reference SSI 2015/431).

Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

12 May 2015
Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2YA) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

14 May 2015
Registers of Scotland (Voluntary Registration, Amendment of Fees, etc.) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(l) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012
Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (Modification of Part 1) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 36(6) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003
15 May 2015

Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (Ancillary Provision) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 26(3)(c) of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 and section 58(3)(b) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
20 May 2015

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 24(2) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2YA) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980. The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged.
2 June 2015

Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 2(8) of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011
8 June 2015

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions No. 2) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2)(b) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
9 June 2015

Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986
10 June 2015

Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorities) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 2(8) of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged.
11 June 2015

Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

22 June 2015
Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 115(1) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

29 June 2015
Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

29 July 2015
Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 115(1) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998 (The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on 29 July 2015. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged)

31 August 2015
Qualifying Civil Partnership Modification (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 9(2)(d) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014

Mental Health (Detention in Conditions of Excessive Security) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 326(4) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

7 September 2015
Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

8 September 2015
International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968

9 September 2015
Qualifying Civil Partnership Modification (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 9(2)(d) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged)

10 September 2015
laid under section 14(5)(b) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001
15 September 2015
International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 10(1) of the International Organisations Act 1968
(The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged)

17 September 2015
Legal Aid and Advice and Assistance (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (Withdrawn)

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 32L(3) of the Electricity Act 1989 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 58(3) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

18 September 2015
Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 201(4) of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

22 September 2015
Private Rented Housing Panel (Landlord Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 191(4A) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

30 September 2015
Scottish Tribunals (Administrative Support for Listed Tribunals) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2)(a) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 79(2)(b) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

9 October 2015
Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2)(b) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

2 November 2015
Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Amendment of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 117(5)(b) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007
4 November 2015
Victims’ Rights (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Justice of the Peace Courts (Special Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 288G(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 115 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

5 November 2015
Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2015

9 November 2015
Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Amendment of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 117(5)(b) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged).

12 November 2015
Justice of the Peace Courts (Special Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 288G(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged).

16 November 2015
The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid. The timetable for consideration of these draft SSIs remains unchanged—
Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2015
Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 115 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

18 November 2015
Victims’ Rights (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 (The following draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged)

General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise etc.) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

20 November 2015
Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 44A(7) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

23 November 2015
Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 142(2)(b) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

24 November 2015
Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
(The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn)

25 November 2015
Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 26A(11)(b) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

2 December 2015
Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

10 December 2015
Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 (This draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid. The timetable for consideration remains unchanged)

11 December 2015
Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial (No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/423)
laid under section 14(5)(b) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

16 December 2015
Welfare Funds (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under sections 3(4) and 4(5) of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015

Dog Fouling (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 15(3)(b) of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003

Advice and Assistance and Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions and Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

18 December 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 24(2) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

21 December 2015
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 55(4) of the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014

5 January 2016
Water Environment (Amendment of Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990: Contaminated Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 36(6) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

12 January 2016
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Designation of Persons as Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 72(2)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

14 January 2016
Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 133(2)(b) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

15 January 2016
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (Designation of Persons as Scottish Public Authorities) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 72(2)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (The following draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and
subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

18 January 2016
Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 10(2) of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

Kinship Care Assistance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification of Schedules 2 and 3) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Assessment of Energy Performance of Non-domestic Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Clinic) Amendment Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 105(3) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 87(8) of the Environment Act 1995

Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 44(2) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Reservoirs (Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 114(4) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 and section 58(3) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Services Reform (Social Work Complaints Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Part 4 and Part 5 Complaints) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 69(4) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Scotland’s Adoption Register Regulations 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 117(5) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 25(2)(b)(i) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Letting Agent Code of Practice (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 101(2)(d) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

  19 January 2016

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 165(5) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Pharmacy (Premises Standards, Information Obligations, etc.) Order 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

  22 January 2016

Public Services Reform (Social Work Complaints Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. (The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged.)

Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2015

  25 January 2016

Assessment of Energy Performance of Non-domestic Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. (The draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of these draft SSIs remains unchanged.)

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
  laid under section 165(5) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (The draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and
subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of these draft SSIs remains unchanged.)

3 February 2016
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laied under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

11 February 2016
Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/93)
laid under section 41(3) and (4)(d) and (e) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014
Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/94)
laid under section 41(3) and (4)(c) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the negative procedure—

14 May 2015
Rural Development (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/192)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Rural Payments (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/194)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

26 May 2015
Community Care (Provision of Residential Accommodation Outwith Scotland) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/202)
laid under section 23(3)(b) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

Honey (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/208)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

28 May 2015
University of the West of Scotland (Amendment of the University of Paisley (Scotland) Order of Council 1993) Order of Council 2015 (SSI 2015/209)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/210)
laid under section 161(3) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990
Water Environment (River Basin Management Planning etc.) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/211)
laid under section 36(4) and (5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Education (Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/212)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

All-Scotland Sheriff Court (Sheriff Personal Injury Court) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/213)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Environmental Liability (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/214)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/215)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

29 May 2015
Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/216)
laid under section 62(3) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002

Property Factors (Registration) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/217)
laid under section 30(3) of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/218)
laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments and General Ophthalmic Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/219)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/222)
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014
Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Requests) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/223)
laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Administrative Support) (Specified Persons) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/224)
laid under section 71 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

Scottish Sentencing Council (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/225)
laid under section 201 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/226)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Health and Care Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules Order of Council 2015 (SI 2015/1337)
laid under article 42(3) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

4 June 2015
Scheduled Monument Consent Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/229)
laid under section 60 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Scheduled Monuments (Notification and Publication) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/230)
laid under section 60 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Scheduled Monuments (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/231)
laid under section 60 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Scheduled Monuments (Determination of Appeals by Appointed Persons) (Prescribed Classes) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/232)
laid under section 60 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/233)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and section 80 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/235)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Determination of Appeals by Appointed Persons) (Prescribed Classes) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/236)

laid under section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Historic Environment Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/237)

laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Historic Environment Scotland (First Planning Period) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/238)

laid under section 26(1) of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014


laid under section 26 of the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 and section 127 of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Urgent Works to Crown Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/240)

laid under section 82(3) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

Listed Buildings (Notification and Publication) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/241)

laid under section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

Planning (Listed Building Consent and Conservation Area Consent Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/243)

laid under section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

5 June 2015

St Mary’s Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/248)

laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980
8 June 2015
Town and Country Planning (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/249)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Hazardous Substances Inquiry Session Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2015 (SSI 2015/250)
laid under section 15 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992

17 June 2015
Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian’s Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/260)
laid under section 86 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

Court of Session etc. Fees Order 2015 (SSI 2015/261)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

High Court of Justiciary Fees Order 2015 (SSI 2015/262)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/263)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Sheriff Court Fees Order 2015 (SSI 2015/264)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

19 June 2015
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/266)
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

17 August 2015
The Wester Ross Marine Conservation Order 2015 (SSI 2015/302)
laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

The South Arran Marine Conservation Order 2014 (Urgent Continuation) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/303)
laid under section 165(2) and (4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

21 August 2015
The Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh (Scotland) Amendment Order of Council 2015 (SSI 2015/305)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

2 September 2015
Reservoirs (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/315)
laid under section 114(3) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011
3 September 2015
Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/318)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Self-directed Support (Direct Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/319)
laid under section 22 of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013

4 September 2015
Sea Fishing (EU Control Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/320)
laid under section 30(4) of the Fisheries Act 1981 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/321)
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

7 September 2015
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Open-ended Investment Companies) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/322)
laid under section 68(7) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

9 September 2015
Water Environment (Relevant Enactments and Designation of Responsible Authorities and Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/323)
laid under section 36(4) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

Discontinuance of Legalised Police Cells (Scotland) Rules 2015 (SSI 2015/324)
laid under section 39 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

10 September 2015
Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/325)
laid under section 24(2) the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Tuberculosis in Specified Animals (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/327)
laid under section 33(4) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 September 2015
Scheduled Monuments and Listed Buildings (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/328)
laid under section 60 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 and section 28 of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

17 September 2015
National Health Service (Payments and Remission of Charges) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/333)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) (No. 2) Amendment Rules 2015 (SSI 2015/334)
laid under section 326(3) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Legal Aid (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/337)
laid under 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

1 October 2015
Private and Public Water Supplies (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/346)
laid under section 101(2) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

8 October 2015
Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/347)
laid under section 96(6) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Glasgow Clyde College (Removal and Appointment of Board Members) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/348)
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

12 October 2015
General Dental Council (Indemnity Arrangements) (Dentists and Dental Care Professionals) Rules Order of Council 2015 (SI 2015/1758)
laid under section 51(4) of the Dentists Act 1984

29 October 2015
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/359)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

30 October 2015
Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/363)
laid under section 48 of the Food Safety Act 1990

2 November 2015
Private Rented Housing Panel (Tenant and Third Party Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/369)
laid under section 191(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

Diligence against Earnings (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/370)
laid under section 104 of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

5 November 2015
Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/376)
laid under section 2(4) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to, the European Communities Act 1972

Snares (Training) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/377)
laid under section 26(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

6 November 2015
Sheriff Appeal Court Fees Order 2015 (SSI 2015/379)
laid under section 133(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

9 November 2015
Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/380)
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Scottish Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/381)
laid under section 79(3) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014

18 November 2015
Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/386)
laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and section 75(6) of the Energy Act 2011

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015 (SSI 2015/387)
laid under section 106(1) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2015

20 November 2015
Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/392)
laid under section 56 of the Finance Act 1973

Animal By-Products (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/393)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Seed Potatoes (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/395)
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/396)
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 8 and Consequential Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/397 (C.49))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 and section 22 of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) (Sheriff Appeal Court) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/398)
laid under section 1(3) of the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Act 1975

23 November 2015
Community Right to Buy (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/400)
laid under section 98(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/401)
laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

4 December 2015
Food Information (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/410)
laid under section 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990

11 December 2015
Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/420)
laid under section 135(3) of the Transport Act 1985

17 December 2015
Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 5 and Consequential Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/430 (C.58))
laid under section 101(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Specification of Persons) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/431)
laid under section 10(9)(a) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards and Integration Joint Monitoring Committees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/432)
  laid under section 69(5) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

18 December 2015
Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/433)
  laid under section 60 of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing and Fishing Methods) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/435)
  laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

Inshore Fishing (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Luce Bay) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/436)
  laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

South Arran Marine Conservation Order 2015 (SSI 2015/437)
  laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Waste (Meaning of Recovery) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/438)
  laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/446)
  laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

21 December 2015
Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/448)
  laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

8 January 2016
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/2)
  laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Health Boards (Membership and Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/3)
  laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Community Right to Buy (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/4)
laid under section 98(4) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

13 January 2016
Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/6)
laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/7)
laid under section 16 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

Representation of the People (Absent Voting at Local Government Elections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/8)
laid under section 20(4) of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Act 2015

14 January 2016
Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/12)
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Fireworks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/18)
laid under section 16(3) of the Fireworks Act 2003

15 January 2016
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/15)
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Named Persons (Training, Qualifications, Experience and Position) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/16)
laid under section 99(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Child’s Plan (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/17)
laid under section 99(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

Water Environment (Remedial Measures) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/19)
laid under section 36(5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

18 January 2016
National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/23)
laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Products Containing Meat etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/24)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/25)
laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Fees) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/26)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Prescribed Purposes for Consideration of Suitability) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/27)
laid under section 100(3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

22 January 2016
Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/32)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/33)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

25 January 2016
laid under section 53(4) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/39)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/40)
laid under section 2(7) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

28 January 2016
Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/43)
laid under section 114(3) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Relevant Services in relation to Children at Risk of Becoming Looked After etc.) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/44)
laid under section 99(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014
Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/46)
laid under section 96(5) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Public Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/47)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/49)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Orkney Islands (Landing of Crabs and Lobsters) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/50)
laid under section 20 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Performance) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/51)
laid under section 125 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Water and Sewerage Services Licences (Cross-Border Applications) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/52)
laid under section 34(3) of the Water Services etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/53)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

29 January 2016
Scottish Sentencing Council (Submission of Business Plan) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/55)
laid under section 201 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Ranks and Positions) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/56)
laid under section 28 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/59)
laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

1 February 2016
Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Safeguards Panel) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/61)
laid under section 196 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011
Teachers’ Superannuation and Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/62)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Croft House Grant (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/63)
laid under section 60(1) and (2) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

Registration Services (Fees, etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/64)
laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006, section 54(2) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 and section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

2 February 2016
Concession Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/65)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

4 February 2016
Gender Recognition (Marriage and Civil Partnership Registration) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/66)
laid under section 24(5A) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Gender Recognition (Marriage and Civil Partnership Registration) (Modification) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/67)
laid under section 25(5) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Seed (Licensing and Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/68)
laid under sections 16(1), (1A), (2), (3), 24(5) and 36 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/69)
laid under sections 16(1), (1A), (3)(i) and (5)(a) and 36 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/70)
laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Building (Energy Performance of Buildings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/71)
laid under schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/72)
laid under section 21(7) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970
Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Metal Dealers and Itinerant Metal Dealers) (Verification of Name and Address) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/73)
laid under section 33C(7) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/74)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Police Pensions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/75)
laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/76)
laid under section 103(2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Firefighters’ Compensation and Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/77)
laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/78)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/79)
laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/80)
laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/81)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Education (Fees, Awards and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/82)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/83)
laid under section 6(1) of the Plant Health Act 1967

Country of Origin of Certain Meats (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/84)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972
Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Delegation of Functions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/86)
  laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/87)
  laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Wester Ross Marine Conservation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/88)
  laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/89)
  laid under section 245C of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Conservation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/90)
  laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

12 February 2016
National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/97)
  laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/98)
  laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972.

16 February 2016
Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 2016 (SSI 2016/100)
  laid under section 106(5) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms) 2016 (SSI 2016/101)
  laid under section 105 (5) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

17 February 2016
Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/104)
  laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

23 February 2016
Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/115)
  laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

Salmon Carcass Tagging (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/116)
  laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003
Tweed Regulation (Salmon Carcass Tagging) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/117)
laid under section 77(2) of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006

Tweed Regulation (Salmon Conservation) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/118)
laid under section 77(2) of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006

24 February 2016
Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/113)
laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/114)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2016
(SSI 2016/119)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Steel Sites) (Scotland) Regulations 2016
(SSI 2016/120)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Renewable Energy Generation Relief) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/121)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunication Installations) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/122)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/124)
laid under sections 24(5), 24A(6) and 24B(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966

Concession Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/125)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/126)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/127)
   laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Non-Domestic Rates (Telecommunications and Canals) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/129)
   laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2016 (SSI 2016/131)
   laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the date indicated and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

15 May 2015
Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/196 (C.31))
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 May 2015
Lands Tribunal for Scotland Amendment (Fees) Rules 2015 SSI/2015/199
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/200 (C. 32))
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 May 2015
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No. 3) (Miscellaneous) 2015 (SSI/2015/201)
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 June 2015
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (No.2) (Personal Injury and Remits) (SSI 2015/227)
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (No.3) (Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) 2015 (SSI 2015/228)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 June 2015
Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/242 (C.33))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/244 (C.34))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 June 2015
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No. 4) (Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015 (SSI 2015/245)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Court Amendment) (Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) 2015 (SSI 2015/246)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/247 (C.35))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 June 2015
Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/272 (C.36))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 July 2015
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (No. 3) (Miscellaneous) 2015 (SSI 2015/283)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 August 2015
Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause Rules 1993 Amendment and Miscellaneous Amendments) 2015 (SSI 2015/296)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 and Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No. 4) (Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2015 (SSI 2015/295)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
28 August 2015

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
31 August 2015

Marriage (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/313)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
3 September 2015

Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/314 (C.37))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
2 September 2015

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 9 and Saving Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/317 (C.38))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
3 September 2015

Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/326 (C.39))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
9 September 2015

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/331 (C.40))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
14 September 2015

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 13) and the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/336 (C.41))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
18 September 2015
25 September 2015
Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1)
Order 2015 (SSI 2015/344 (C.42))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

12 October 2015
Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No.4 and Amendment) Order
2015 (SSI 2015/349) (C.43)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

20 October 2015
Act of Sederunt (Child Support Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2015 (SSI
2015/351)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

23 October 2015
Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Appeal Court Rules) 2015 (SSI 2015/356)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

29 October 2015
Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2)
Order 2015 (SSI 2015/358 (C.44))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

30 October 2015
Water Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI
2015/360 (C.45))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

2 November 2015
Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and
Saving Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/361 (C.46))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Independence Referendum (Chief Counting Officer and Counting
Officer Charges and Expenses) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/368)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

4 November 2015
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (No. 5)
(Request for Final Decision and Reasons) 2015 (SSI 2015/375)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 November 2015
Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 5, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/378 (C.47))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 November 2015
Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/382 (C.48))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

23 November 2015
Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3 and Savings) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/399 (C.50))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 December 2015
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 10 and Saving Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/406 (C.51))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 December 2015
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 Amendment) (No. 4) (Protective Expenses Orders) 2015 (SSI 2015/408)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Food Information (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/410)
laid under section 48(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990

7 December 2015
Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/409 (C.52))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/411 (C.53))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
9 December 2015
Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/417 (C.54))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 December 2015
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Sheriff Appeal Court Rules and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015 (SSI 2015/419)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 December 2015
Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/422 (C.55))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 December 2015
Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2015 (SSI 2015/424)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 December 2015
Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/428 (C.56))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/429 (C.57))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 December 2015
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 6) (Special Measures in the Justice of the Peace Court) 2015 (SSI 2015/443)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 January 2016
Scottish Parliament Elections (Regional Returning Officers and Constituency Returning Officers) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/9)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Parliament Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/10)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 January 2016
Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/11 (C.1))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/13 (C.2))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/14 (C.3))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 January 2016
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/22 (C.4))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 January 2016
Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/30 (C.5))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 January 2016
Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (Commencement No. 9) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/31 (C.6))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 January 2016
Specified Diseases (Notification) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/41)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 January 2016
Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provision) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/42 (C.7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
Water Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/48 (C.8))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 February 2016
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 11) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/60 (C.9))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

4 February 2016
Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/85 (C.10))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 February 2016
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) Order 2016: SSI 2016/95 (C. 11)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Appointment of Chief Inspector) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/96)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 February 2016
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules 1996 Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2016 (SSI 2016/103)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 February 2016
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session 1994 and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2016 (SSI 2016/102)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 February 2016
Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provisions) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/128 (C. 12))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 February 2016
Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/130 (C. 13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 February 2016
Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/132 (C. 14))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents
The following documents were laid before the Parliament for consultation—

29 September 2015
Public Services Reform (Social Work Complaints Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] (SG/2015/149)
laid under section 26(2)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Public Services Reform (Social Work Complaints Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2016 - Explanatory Document (SG/2015/150)
laid under section 26(2)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 September 2015
Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] (SG/2015/156)
laid under section 26(2)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland) Order 2016 - Explanatory Document (SG/2015/157)
laid under section 26(2)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Legislative Consent Memoranda
The following memoranda were lodged on the dates indicated:

18 June 2015
John Swinney: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Scotland Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 37.1)

12 November 2015
Alex Neil: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Welfare Reform and Work Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4)38.1)
1 December 2015
Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum UK Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM(S4)39.1

9 December 2015
John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 40.1)

10 February 2016
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Enterprise Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 40.2)

1 March 2016
John Swinney: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Scotland Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 37.2)
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

14 May 2015
2014 Annual report of the Electoral Management Board for Scotland (EMBS/2015/0)
   laid under section 8(2) of the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011

HM Fire Service Inspectorate Performance Management Information Systems in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2015/39)
   laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Local Policing+ Inspection Programme - Inspection of Aberdeen City Division (HMICS/2015/04) –

Local Policing+ Inspection Programme - Inspection of custody centre located in Aberdeen City Division (HMICS/2015/05) –
   laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

20 May 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2015 (SPSO/2015/05)
   Volume 1
   Case ref: 201400643, Lanarkshire NHS Board
   Case ref: 201305814, Fife NHS Board
   Case ref: 201305516, Grampian NHS Board
   Case ref: 201306190, Borders NHS Board
   laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Services: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/6)
   laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

15 May 2015
   laid under section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

28 May 2015
Climate Ready Scotland: Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme
Annual Progress Report 2015 (SG/2015/58)
laid under section 54 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2014/15 (SCJC/2015/01) —
Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Programme 2015/16 (SCJC/2015/02) —
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal
Legal Assistance Act 2013

1 June 2015
Revenue Scotland Corporate Plan: June 2015–March 2018 (RS/2015/04)
laid under Section 11(4)(b) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers
Act 2014

2 June 2015
Law Commission and Scottish Law Commission - Statute Law Repeals: 
Twentieth Report Draft Statute Law (Repeals) Bill (SG/2015/60)
laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

5 June 2015
Framework document for the National Crime Agency (SG/2015/66)
laid under paragraph 6(2)(c) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act
2013

Report for 2014 - 2015 of the Appointed Person for Scotland under Section
laid under section 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

8 June 2015
Determining a Scottish cap for 2013 (SG/2015/76)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not
under any laying power

9 June 2015
Government Chemist Review 2014 (SG/2015/38)
laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders Regulating the Management of
Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 (SG/2015/64)
laid under section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

10 June 2015
HM Courts & Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15
SG/2015/57
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 14/15 year ended 31 March 2015
and Independent Auditor’s Report (SP Paper 759)
laid before the Parliament under section 25(6) of the Public Finance
and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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12 June 2015
Scottish Government Report on the operation of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 (SG/2015/82)
laid under section (1) and (6) of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012

16 June 2015
Food Standards Agency in Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 SG/2015/49—
Food Standards Agency Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts 2014/15 SG/2015/50—
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 4 of the Food Standards Act 1999

17 June 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2015 (SPSO/2015/06)
Volume 1 of 3
Case ref: 201401527, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division
Case ref: 201304732, Highland NHS Board
Volume 2 of 3
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
Volume 3 of 3
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002.

Audit Scotland: Managing ICT contracts in central government: An update (AGS/2015/07)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

18 June 2015
Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2014-15 (SG/2015/69)
laid under section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

22 June 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—
Local Policing+ Inspection of the approach to missing person investigations in Aberdeen City Division (HMICS/2015/07)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 SG/2015/91
laid under section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
23 June 2015
The Electoral Commission report on the regulation of campaigners at the independence referendum held on 18 September 2014 (ELC/2015/02) laid under schedule 5, paragraph 14 and schedule 6, paragraph 29 of the Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013

25 June 2015
Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care Annual Report and Accounts and Performance Review Report 2014/2015 (SG/2015/54) laid by a member of the Scottish Government under paragraph 16(2) of schedule 7 the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002


Annual Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to the Scottish Ministers for 2014-2015 (SG/2015/56) laid by a member of the Scottish Government under section 107(3) of the Police Act 1997


General Pharmaceutical Council Annual Report: Annual fitness to practise report and annual accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/93) laid by a member of the Scottish Government under Paragraphs 7 and 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

26 June 2015


Coatbridge College Annual Report of the Board of Management and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2015/94)
laid by a member of the Scottish Government under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2013/14 Audit of Coatbridge College Governance of Severance Arrangements (SG/2015/95)
laid by a member of the Scottish Government under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Bord Na Gaidhlig Annual Report 2014/2015 (SG/2015/96)
laid by a member of the Scottish Government under paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Annual Review of Policing (SPA/2015/01)
laid by the Scottish Police Authority under Section 39 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

29 June 2015
Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/72)
laid under paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the Climate Change Act 2008

Education Scotland Annual Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2015/86)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under schedule 5 to the Railways Act 2005

UK Anti-Doping Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/88)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

30 June 2015
laid under paragraph 8 of schedule 9A to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts Financial Year: April 2014 to March 2015 (SG/2015/81)
laid under sections 14(8) & 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995
Committee on Climate Change Meeting Carbon Budgets - Progress in reducing the UK's emissions - 2015 Report to Parliament (SG/2015/92)
  laid under sections 36 and 59 of the Climate Change Act 2008

Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 2014 for the year ended 31 December 2014 (SG/2015/99)
  laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Engineering Construction Industry Training Board Annual Report & Accounts 2014 (SG/2015/100)
  laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

2 July 2015
The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution Fund Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/73)
  laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

6 July 2015
Statement - Scottish Canals: Fees of Chair and Board Members July 2015 (SG/2015/103)
  laid under paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Transport Act 1962 as amended by Part II of Schedule 2 to the Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000

7 July 2015
The Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts For the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/106)
  laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

9 July 2015
The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/108)
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 July 2015
  laid under section 5 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

13 July 2015
  laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962

Heritage Lottery Fund: National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/62)
  laid under sections 34(3) and 35(5) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993
National Heritage Memorial Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/63)
laid under section 7(1) and (3) of the National Heritage Act 1980

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

General Dental Council Annual report and accounts 2014 (SG/2015/70)
laid under sections 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

laid under Paragraphs 14 and 16 of Schedule 4 to the Gambling Act 2005 and Section 14(3) and paragraph 11(4) of Schedule 2A to the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 July 2015
British Tourist Authority trading as VisitBritain & VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/77)
laid under section 6(4) & (6) of the Development of Tourism Act 1969

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by The Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the First Minister of Scotland, and the Welsh Ministers For the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/78)
laid under Sections 11 and 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

laid under Section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

laid under section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 July 2015
Half-yearly report of the Interception of Communications Commissioner July 2015 (SG/2015/105)
laid under section 58(6) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2014–15 (SG/2015/113)
laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

20 July 2015
laid under paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

laid under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990

TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd (formerly Macrocom (1033) Limited) Annual report and consolidated financial statements 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/110)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

21 July 2015
laid under section 34(6) to the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

22 July 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2015 (SPSO/2015/07)
laid by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

24 July 2015
Queen's and Lords Treasurer's Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/102)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/111)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 July 2015
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

4 August 2015
Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/119)  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000  
7 August 2015

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/121)  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000  
19 August 2015

laid under section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965  
26 August 2015

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2015 (SPSO/2015/08) -  
Volume 1  
Case ref: 201304283, A Medical Practice in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board area  
Case ref: 201402113, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division  
Case ref: 201402644, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board  
Case ref: 201403330, Scottish Prison Service  
Volumes 2 & 3  
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations  
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002  

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2014/15 (SCfS/2015/01) –  
laid under schedule 1, paragraph 10f of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions & Commissioners etc. Act 2010  
28 August 2015

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000  

31 August 2015

laid under section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007
1 September 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports
and Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

2 September 2015
The Electoral Commission Annual Reports and Accounts 2014-2015
(ELC/2015/03)
laid under Paragraph 20A(1) of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties,

3 September 2015
HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Independent Assurance Review
Police Scotland – Call Handling Interim Report September 2015
(SG/2015/126)
laid under section 78(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act
2012.

The report of the Advisory Group on Stop and Search August 2015
(SG/2015/128)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the
Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

8 September 2015
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish
Government under section 2B and paragraph 19 of section 1 to the
Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 as amended by the Crofters Reform
(Scotland) Act 2007 and the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

National Records of Scotland Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 Report by
the Keeper of the Records of Scotland, 2015 (SG/2015/118)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish
Government under section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act
2011

Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31
March 2015 (SG/2015/123)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish
Government under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and
Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

11 September 2015
Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 Months to 31
March 2015 (SG/2015/140)
laid under Article 12(7) of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 (SSI
2008/77) and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000
14 September 2015
Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2014-2015 (SG/2015/122)—
Transport Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/134)—
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 September 2015
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 September 2015
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

17 September 2015
  laid under Paragraph 12(5) of Schedule 1A to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 (as amended by the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014)

  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2014/15 (CES/2015/01)
  laid by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland in pursuance of section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

23 September 2015
  laid under Section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

‘Efficiency of prosecuting criminal cases through the sheriff courts’: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/8)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

24 September 2015
Scottish Information Commissioner 2014/15 Annual Report  (SG/2015/127)
laid under Section 46 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/138)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 September 2015
laid under Section 12 of the Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

29 September 2015
Scottish Court Service annual report and accounts 2014/2015 (SCS/2015/02)
laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

30 September 2015
Scottish Housing Regulator Our Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/137)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under Section 26B of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2015 (SPSO/2015/09)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

1 October 2015
HM Fire Service Inspectorate Managing Automatic Fire Signals (SG/2015/125)
laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/136)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
2014/15 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts
(SG/2015/141)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

5 October 2015
Statutory Guidance on the Selection of Tenderers and Award of Contracts:
Addressing Fair Work Practices, including the Living Wage, in Procurement -
October 2015 (SG/2015/158)
laid under section 29(4) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act
2014

6 October 2015
Children & Young People’s Commissioner Scotland 2014-2015
(CCYP/2015/2)
laid under section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young
People (Scotland) Act 2003

Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to
31 March 2015 (SG/2015/163)—
Borders Health Board Annual Accounts Final 2014/15 (SG/2015/164)—
Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for Year
Ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/165)—
Fife Health Board Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March
2015 (SG/2015/166)—
Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015
(SG/2015/167)—
Grampian Health Board Annual Accounts Year ended 31st March 2015
(SG/2015/168)—
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year
ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/169)—
Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015
(SG/2015/170)—
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

7 October 2015
SG/2015/143
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not
under any laying power

NHS Lothian Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31st March 2015
(SG/2015/171)—
NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015
(SG/2015/172)—
Shetland NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015
(SG/2015/173)—
NHS Western Isles Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015
(SG/2015/174)—
Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Accounts Financial year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/175)—
National Waiting Times Centre Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/176)—
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 October 2015
HM Fire Service Inspectorate Planning and Defining Service Resources in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2015/133)
  laid under Section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Scotland’s Census 2011 General Report October 2015 (SG/2015/191)
  laid under Section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920

The 2014/15 audit of NHS Highland Update on 2013/14 financial management issues (SG/2015/184)—
The 2014/15 audit of NHS 24 Update on management of an IT contract (SG/2015/188)—
The 2014/15 audit of NHS Tayside Financial management (SG/2015/186)—
NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 (SG/2015/187)—
Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/183)—
Tayside Health Board Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/185)—
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 October 2015
Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd Annual Report & Accounts 2015 (SG/2015/152)
  laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1984

  laid under section 11(7) of the Child Poverty Act 2010

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/135)
  laid under Section 15(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 & Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/177)—
Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/182)—
Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/180)—
NHS Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/178)—
The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/181)—
NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/179)—

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 October 2015
laid under Section 52 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009

15 October 2015
Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Strategic Plan 2015-17 (SG/2015/195)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 42(11)(a) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2014/2015 (SG/2015/155)
laid under section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

16 October 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/197)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15: (SG/2015/190)
laid under section 30(1) of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990

The General Teaching Council for Scotland – Annual Reports and Accounts 2014-2015 (GTCS/2015/01)
laid by the General Teaching Council for Scotland under Schedule 3, paragraph 5 (1) of the Public Services Reform (General Teaching Council for Scotland) Order 2011

20 October 2015
HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection Programme Inspection of Edinburgh Division (HMICS/2015/08)
laid under Section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SPCPF/2015/02)
laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102(2) (b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

21 October 2015
Children's Hearing Scotland Annual Report and Accounts year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/205)
laid under Paragraph 23(4) of Schedule 1 to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Children's Hearing Scotland Annual Report April 2014 - March 2015 (SG/2015/204)
laid under Paragraph 23(4) of Schedule 1 to the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS in Scotland 2015: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/9)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report 2014/2015 (SHRC/2015/01)
laid under section 15 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2015 (SPSO/2015/10)
Volume 1
Case ref: 201406017 and 201503127, Lanarkshire NHS Board and Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Case ref: 201403377, NHS 24
Case ref: 201401377, Fife NHS Board
Volumes 2 & 3
Annexes: Reports of Discontinued Investigations
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 October 2015
Treasure Trove in Scotland Report by Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer 2014/2015 (SG/2015/210)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

26 October 2015
Scotland The Hydro Nation 2nd Annual Report (SG/2015/162)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under Section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

27 October 2015
General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic Plan 2016-19 (SG/2015/206)
laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

The Scottish Report on Progress Towards Meeting the Interim Target (SG/2015/193)
laid under Section 39 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target 2013 (SG/2015/192)
laid under Section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

28 October 2015
Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Report 2014/15 (SG/2015/212)
laid under Paragraphs 21 and 22 of Schedule 3 of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Scottish Children's Reporter Administration Annual Accounts Year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/213)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 October 2015
laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Preparedness of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for a serious flooding event (SG/2015/160)
laid under Section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

laid under Section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Annual Accounts 2014-2015 (SG/2015/218)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

30 October 2015
The Scottish Civil Estate: Efficiency and Sustainability 2014/15 The Fifth Report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2015/114)
laid under Section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
laid under Section 5(4) of The Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

Scottish Government Report on the use of the Section 5 power under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (as amended) (SG/2015/215)  
laid under Section 7A of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (as amended)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual report 2015 s(SPSO/2015/AR)  
laid in pursuance of section 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2015-16 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2016 (SG/2015/161)  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

6 November 2015
National Library of Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/219)—
National Museums Scotland Annual Reports and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/220)—
National Galleries of Scotland Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/221)—
Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/222)—  
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 November 2015
laid under section 78(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

12 November 2015
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 November 2015
CalMac Ferries Limited Directors’ Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/199)—
David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors’ Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/200)—
Argyll Ferries Limited Directors’ Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/201)—
laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

16 November 2015
Creative Scotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/224)
laid under Section 34 of the National Lottery Etc. Act 1993

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland: Commissioners’ report and consolidated financial statements 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/228)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/227)
laid under Paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 1 to the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 (UKSA/2015/01)
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

18 November 2015
Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/386)
laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and section 75(6) of the Energy Act 2011

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015 (SSI 2015/387)
laid under section 106(1) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2015

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2015 (SPSO/2015/11)
Volume 1 of 3
Case ref: 201404087, Lanarkshire NHS Board
Case ref: 201401377, Fife NHS Board
Case ref: 201405009, Borders NHS Board
Volume 2 & 3
Annexes: Reports of Discontinued Investigations
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Queen’s Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/208)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

24 November 2015
Annual Report and Accounts for the Scottish Road Works Commissioner (SG/2015/248)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 November 2015
Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/250)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 November 2015
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

HMICS Joint Thematic Review of MAPPA in Scotland (HMICS/2015/09)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

VisitScotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/214)—
Scottish Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2015/225)—
NHS Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2015/226)—
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under section 80HA of the Scotland Act 1998 (as amended by the Finance Act 2014)

Press Recognition Panel Annual report and financial statements for the period 3 November 2014 to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/209)
laid under Sections 12.4 and 13.1 of the Royal Charter on Self-Regulation of the Press

30 November 2015
laid under Paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001
2 December 2015
Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/247)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 December 2015
Scottish Legal Complaints Commissioner Annual Report 1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015 SG/2015/144
laid under Paragraph 16 of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts year ended 30 June 2015 SG/2015/147
laid under Paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 December 2015
Health and Social Care Integration: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission Scotland (AGS/2015/10)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 2014/2015: (SG/2015/196)
laid under paragraph 10(1) of schedule 2 to the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 December 2015
Sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 (SG/2015/233)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under Section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Implementing the Scotland Act 2012 - an update: a report prepared for the Auditor General and Accounts Commission for Scotland (AGS/2015/11)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

11 December 2015
Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/189)
laid under Section 15(2) of Schedule 11 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/253)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2014/2015 (SG/2015/254)
laid under Paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

laid under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001. (Note: The Consultation Statement for the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2015 (SG 2015/255) has been withdrawn and re-laid on 17 December 2015)

14 December 2015
Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2014-15 (SG/2015/232)—
Scottish Legal Aid Board Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/237)—
laid under Section 5(7)(a) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/239)—
Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/240)—
Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/241)—
Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/242)—
Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/243)—
North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/244)—
South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/245)—
Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/246)—
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 December 2015
The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/229)—
Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2015/257)—
Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/258)—
Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/216)—
   laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/259) laid under Paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 4 to the Natural Environmental and Rural Communities Act 2006

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2015 (SPSO/2015/12) laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/252) laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

17 December 2015

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2014/2015 (SG/2015/120) laid under Section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

   laid under Section 43(5) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006


384
Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007
Remedial Order 2015 (SG 2015/255) was withdrawn and re-laid

laid under Section 61 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

18 December 2015
Annual Report and Accounts for the Scottish Police Authority for the year to
31 March 2015 (SG/2015/203)
laid under Section 7(5) and 15(3) of The Police, Public Order and
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2014-2015
(SG/2015/249)
laid under Section 42A(5)(b) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 and
Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2014/15 audit of the Scottish Police Authority (SG/2015/256)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

21 December 2015
The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/262)
laid section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland)
Act 2000

Prison statistics and population projections Scotland: 2013-14 (SG/2015/263)
laid under section 5(1) of the Prisons (Scotland) 1989

18 January 2016
Explanatory Document – The Public Services Reform (Social Work
Complaints Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SG/2016/4)—
Explanatory Document – The Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland)
Order 2016 (SG/2016/5)
laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland)
Act 2010

20 January 2016
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for
January 2016 (SPSO/2016/01)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public
Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 January 2016
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2015-16 Spring Budget Revision to the
Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/2)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the
Scottish Government and not under any laying power

27 January 2016
HMICS Audit and Assurance Review of the use of the Facial Search
functionality within the UK Police National Database (PND) by Police Scotland
(HMICS/2016/01)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act
2012

28 January 2016
Scotland’s Budget Documents 2016-17: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting
Document for the year ending 31 March 2017 (SG/2016/1)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not
under any laying power

Report to the Scottish Parliament in Respect of Changes to the National
Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (SG/2016/10)
laid under section 22 of The Public Service Pensions Act 2013

3 February 2016
NHS 24 Board Meeting: Future Programme Implementation October 2015 –
Lessons Learned (SG/2016/11)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not
under any laying power

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 – Report by the
Scottish Ministers (SG/2016/14)
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government
Finance Act 1992

Scottish Water Interim Accounts For the six months to 20 September 2015
(SG/2016/13)
laid Section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and
Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

4 February 2016
Community Payback Order: Scottish Government Summary of Local Authority
Annual Reports 2014-15 (SG/2016/3)
laid under Section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

8 February 2016
Homeowner Housing Panel Annual Report 2014 (SG/2016/8)
laid under section 27(3) of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011

9 February 2016
Marine Scotland: Report to the Scottish Parliament on Orders Regulating the
Management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967
(SG/2016/8)
laid under Section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

12 February 2016
Private Rented Housing Panel Annual Report 2014 (SG/2016/12)
laid under Section 29 (4) of the Housing Scotland Act 2006

17 February 2016
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for
February 2016 (SPSO/2016/02)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services
Ombudsman Act 2002

19 February 2016
Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2015 (SG/2016/15)
laid under Section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

29 February 2016
laid under section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

9 March 2016
Changing Models of Health and Social Care: report and accompanying
supplement prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts
Commission for Scotland (AGS/2016/02)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Public Finance and
Accountability (Scotland) Act

16 March 2016
Borders College Report and Financial Statements for 16 months ended 31
July 2015 (SG/2016/39)—
City of Glasgow College Annual Report 2014-2015 (SG/2016/35)—
Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for
the Period 1 April 2014 to 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/38)-
Fife College Annual Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2016/34)—
Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial
Statements for the Sixteen Months Ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/36)—
South Lanarkshire College Report and Financial Statements for the 16 month
period ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/37)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

17 March 2016
Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For
the sixteen month period ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/40)—
Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the period
ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/4)—
University of the Highlands and Islands: Inverness College Financial
Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/42)—
North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the Sixteen Month Period to 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/43)—
University of the Highlands and Islands: Perth College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/44)—
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Canals Annual Review 2014/15 (SG/2016/17)
  laid under section 24(3) of the Transport Act 1962

Guidance under the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (SG/2016/27)
  laid under sections 10(3), 13(3), 20(5), 26(4) and 29(4) of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

18 March 2016
West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/51)—
The North Highland College Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/50)—
New College Lanarkshire Financial Statements Period ending 31st July 2015 (SG/2016/49)—
University of the Highlands and Islands: Moray College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/48)—
Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/46)—
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (SPSO/2016/SP)
  laid under Section 17A of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

21 March 2016
Children and Young People’s Commissioner Scotland: Strategic Plan 2016-20 (CCYP/2016/01)
  laid under section 14A (1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

  laid under Section 33(1)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission: Budget 01 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (SLCC/2016/01)
laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Report on the Regulation of Campaigners At The Scottish Independence Referendum Held on 18 September 2014 – Supplementary Information (ELC/2016/01)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by the Electoral Commission under Schedule 5, paragraph 14 and Schedule 6, paragraph 29 of the Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013

22 March 2016
Getting the best from our land: Report on the consultation process undertaken to produce the Land Use Strategy 2016 – 2021 (SG/2016/7)—
Getting the best from our land: A Land Use Strategy for Scotland 2016 – 2021 (SG/2016/6)—
laid under section 57 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Enterprise Business Plan 2015-18: 2016-17 Operating Year Update (SG/2016/30)—
Framework Agreement between Directorate for Economic Development and Scottish Enterprise (SG/2016/31)—
Framework Agreement between Directorate for Economic Development and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (SG/2016/32)—
Impact Analysis of Sullom Voe Terminal and Related Job Reductions (SG/2016/33)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government

Return of expenditure Incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and Incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2015 (SG/2016/23)
laid under section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

Sixth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2016/18)
laid under section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

laid under section 52 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (CES/2016/01)
laid under section 14(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010
The 2014/15 audit of Edinburgh College (SG/2016/55)—
The 2014/15 audit of Glasgow Clyde College (SG/2016/57)—
Glasgow Colleges Regional Board Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2016/58)—
The 2014/15 audit of Glasgow Colleges Regional Board (SG/2016/59)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2016/17 (PSoS/2016/01)
laid under section 35(4)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (SHRC/2016/01)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2016 (SPSO/2016/03)
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were published on the dates shown—

13 May 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 28th Report 2015 (Session 4): Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 721)


15 May 2015

20 May 2015
Devolution (Further Powers) Committee, 4th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill (SP Paper 725)


21 May 2015

27 May 2015
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 32nd report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 702)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st Report, 2015 (Session 4): Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 730)

28 May 2015

1 June 2015
2 June 2015


3 June 2015

4 June 2015

Education and Culture Committee, 5th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 742)

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 7th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Annual Report (SP Paper 746)
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 7th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 747)

5 June 2015
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 5th Report, 2015 (Session 4) Stage 1 Report on the Harbours (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 750)

10 June 2015
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Education (Scotland) Bill - SP Paper 756

11 June 2015

Education and Culture Committee, 7th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 758)

17 June 2015


18 June 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 760)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th report, 2015 (Session 4): Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 761)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th report, 2015 (Session 4): Mental Health (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 762)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st Report, 2015 (Session 4): Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 763)

19 June 2015


23 June 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 42nd report 2015 (Session 4): Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 765)

Health and Sport Committee, 8th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 769)

24 June 2015

Justice Committee, 12th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2015 (SP Paper 770)


26 June 2015

29 June 2015
Finance Committee 12th Report, 2015 (Session 4) Scotland’s Fiscal Framework (SP Paper 771)

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 6th Report, 2015 (Session 4) Inquiry into freight transport in Scotland (SP Paper 772)

1 July 2015
Justice Committee, 13th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 774)

6 July 2015

2 September 2015
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 776)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 777)


4 September 2015
Justice Committee, 14th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 779)

8 September 2015


9 September 2015

10 September 2015
Education and Culture Committee, 9th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on Education (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 785)

11 September 2015
Justice Committee, 15th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Apologies (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 786)
16 September 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th report 2015 (Session 4): Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 788)

17 September 2015
Justice Committee, 16th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 790)

21 September 2015
Health and Sport Committee, 10th report 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Carers (Scotland) Bill (SP paper 789)

23 September 2015
Education and Culture Committee, 10th report 2015 (Session 4): Attainment of pupils with a sensory impairment (SP Paper 791)

24 September 2015
Health and Sport Committee, 11th report 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill (SP paper 792)

25 September 2015

28 September 2015

29 September 2015
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd report 2015 (Session 4): Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 799)

30 September 2015
Health and Sport Committee, 12th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 803)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 54th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 800)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 55th report 2015 (Session 4): Community Justice (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 801)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th report 2015 (Session 4): Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 802)

5 October 2015
Health and Sport Committee, 13th report 2015 (Session 4): NHS boards budget scrutiny 2015-16 (SP paper 804)

6 October 2015

7 October 2015
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 806)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th report 2015 (Session 4): Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 807)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th report 2015 (Session 4): Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 808)

13 October 2015

28 October 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd report 2015 (Session 4): Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 819)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd report 2015 (Session 4): Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 820)

30 October 2015
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 9th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 823)

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 9th report 2015 (Session 4): The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] (SP Paper 822)
4 November 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 66th Report 2015 (Session 4): Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 825)

5 November 2015

9 November 2015
Health and Sport Committee, 14th report 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care)(Scotland) Bill (SP paper 826)

11 November 2015
Justice Committee, 18th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 381)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th report 2015 (Session 4): Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 829)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 69th report 2015 (Session 4): Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 830)

12 November 2015
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 7th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 832)

13 November 2015
National Galleries of Scotland Bill Committee, 1st Report, 2015 (Session 4): Preliminary Stage Report on the National Galleries of Scotland Bill (SP Paper 833)

18 November 2015
Justice Committee, 19th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 837)


24 November 2015
Health and Sport Committee, 15th report 2015 (Session 4): We need to talk about palliative care (SP paper 836)

25 November 2015


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2 December 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 74th Report 2015 (Session 4): Lobbying (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 842)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 75th Report 2015 (Session 4): Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 843)

3 December 2015
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 76th report 2015 (Session 4): Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 844)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 77th report 2015 (Session 4): Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 846)

4 December 2015

Finance Committee, 14th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2015 (SP Paper 846)

8 December 2015
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 79th Report 2015 (Session 4): Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 848)

9 December 2015

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 80th Report 2015 (Session 4): Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 850)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 81st Report 2015 (Session 4): Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 851)

11 December 2015
Justice Committee, 21st Report, 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 856)

Welfare Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Welfare Reform and Work Bill (LCM(S4) 38.1) (SP Paper 852)

14 December 2015


Public Petitions Committee, 2nd Report, 2015 (Session 4): Review of the Petitions Process (SP Paper 859)


17 December 2015
Education and Culture Committee, 12th Report, 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 861)

5 January 2016

6 January 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2nd Report 2016 (Session 4): Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 864)

7 January 2016
Health and Sport Committee, 1st report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 868)

Education and Culture Committee, 2016 (Session 4): Report on Draft Budget 2016-17

8 January 2016
Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2016 (SP Paper 871)

13 January 2016

Health and Sport Committee, 2nd Report, 2016 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 873)

Education and Culture Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 876)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report 2016 (Session 4): Apologies (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 870)

14 January 2016
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 2nd Report, 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 879)

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 880)

20 January 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 7th Report 2016 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 884)
21 January 2016
Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2016 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 885)

26 January 2016
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 3rd Report, 2016 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum: Enterprise Bill (SP Paper 891)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 8th Report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 888)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 9th Report 2015 (Session 4): Education (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 889)

28 January 2016
Equal Opportunities Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Removing Barriers: race, ethnicity and employment (SP Paper 890)

29 January 2016
Scottish Commission for Public Audit, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Audit Scotland’s budget proposal for 2016-17 (SP Paper 892)

Health and Sport Committee, 3rd report 2016 (Session 4): Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 Report (SP paper 894)


1 February 2016
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 2nd Report, 2016 (Session 4): Report on Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 895)

2 February 2016
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report 2016 (Session 4): Budget (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 899)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 11th Report 2016 (Session 4): Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 900)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 13th Report 2016 (Session 4): Carers (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 902)

3 February 2016
Health and Sport Committee, 4th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 903)
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Health and Sport Committee, 5th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 905)

Welfare Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 906)

8 February 2016
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 4th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Report on Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 907)

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9 February 2016
Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2016 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 910)

10 February 2016
Justice Committee, 4th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 912)


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Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 5th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 917)


24 February 2016

25 February 2016
Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill (LCM(S4) 39.1) (SP Paper 919)

26 February 2016

1 March 2016
Health and Sport Committee, 6th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 920)
Health and Sport Committee, 7th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 921)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th report 2016 (Session 4): Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 923)

9 March 2016
Finance Committee: 4th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation

10 March 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 25th Report 2016 (Session 4): Land Reform (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 940)

11 March 2016

15 March 2016

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 26th Report 2015 (Session 4): Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 955)

Public Petitions Committee 1st Report 2016 (Session 4): Annual Report 2015-2016 (SP Paper 954)

16 March 2016
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 8th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Legacy Paper (SP Paper 948)

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18 March 2016
Justice Sub-Committee on Policing, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Legacy Paper (SP Paper 970)

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22 March 2016

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Finance Committee, 6th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Legacy Paper (SP Paper 973)
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Each item of the business in the Journal is listed once below, other than affirmative instruments and legislative consent motions (for which cumulative entries are included in addition to individual entries for each item). The only entries recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings, but not now recorded below, are those for Decision Time at the end of each day’s business.
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  (Scotland) Act 1995) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15190 Wednesday 16
  December 2015
Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland)
  Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-13634 Thursday 25
  June 2015
Advice and Assistance and Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions and
  Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-
  15719 Wednesday 24 February 2016
Age and Social Isolation Report S4M-15198 Wednesday 6 January 2016
Agriculture, Current Challenges Facing the Sector and the Opportunities S4M-
  14327 Wednesday 23 September 2015
Air Pollution in Scotland, Members’ Business S4M-14433 Wednesday 18
  November 2015
Air Quality (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15774
  Wednesday 2 March 2016
Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3 S4M-13606 Thursday 25
  June 2015
Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill
Allied Health Professionals, Enabling Active and Independent Living S4M-
  13196 Tuesday 19 May 2015
Ambitious Housebuilding Programme for Scotland S4M-14859 Wednesday 18
  November 2015
  Stage 1 S4M-14673 Thursday 4 February 2016
Apologies (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-14297 Tuesday 27 October 2015
  Stage 3 S4M-15144 Tuesday 19 January 2016
Approval of Scottish Statutory Instruments—
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  (Scotland) Act 1995) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15190 Wednesday 16
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  Assessment of Energy Performance of Non-domestic Buildings
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  March 2016

Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-15104 Wednesday 9 December 2015

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Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification of Schedules 2 and 3) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15855 Wednesday 9 March 2016


Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15373 Wednesday 20 January 2016


Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14697 Wednesday 4 November 2015

Dog Fouling (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15374 Wednesday 20 January 2016

Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-13438 Wednesday 10 June 2015

Enhanced Enforcement Areas Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-13266 Wednesday 27 May 2015

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14705 Wednesday 4 November 2015

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] Wednesday 3 June 2015

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15717 Wednesday 24 February 2016


General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise etc.) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-15299 Wednesday 13 January 2016

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14948 Wednesday 25 November 2015

Justice of the Peace Courts (Special Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-15191 Wednesday 16 December 2015

Kinship Care Assistance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15856 Wednesday 9 March 2016

Letting Agent Code of Practice (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15720 Wednesday 24 February 2016

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15597 Wednesday 10 February 2016

Mental Health (Detention in Conditions of Excessive Security) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] Wednesday 28 October 2015

Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15438 Wednesday 27 January 2016

National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Clinic) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15776 Wednesday 2 March 2016

Pharmacy (Premises Standards, Information Obligations etc.) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15777 Wednesday 2 March 2016


Private Rented Housing Panel (Landlord Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-14871 Wednesday 18 November 2015


Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15778 Wednesday 2 March 2016

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] S4M-13437 Wednesday 10 June 2015

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2016 S4M-15300 [draft] Wednesday 13 January 2016

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15779 Wednesday 2 March 2016


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Qualifying Civil Partnership Modification (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14412 Wednesday 30 September 2015
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Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] be approved S4M-15548 Wednesday 3 February 2016
Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14707 Wednesday 4 November 2015
Reservoirs (Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15780 Wednesday 2 March 2016
Scotland’s Adoption Register Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15853 Wednesday 9 March 2016
Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2016 S4M-15932 Wednesday 16 March 2016
Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2016 S4M-15933 Wednesday 16 March 2016
Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-15045 Wednesday 9 December 2015
Scottish Tribunals (Administrative Support for Listed Tribunals) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14872 Wednesday 18 November 2015
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Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15375 Wednesday 20 January 2016
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  Stage 3 S4M-15993 Tuesday 22 March 2016

BBC Charter Renewal Process S4M-15695 Tuesday 23 February 2016

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Budget (Scotland) (No.5) Bill—
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Caledonian Canal, World First, Members’ Business S4M-13221 Thursday 4 June 2015

Carers (Scotland) Bill—
Stage 1 S4M-14702 Thursday 5 November 2015
Financial Resolution S4M-12890 Thursday 5 November 2015
Stage 3 S4M-15561 Thursday 4 February 2016

Carers Week 2015 Members’ Business S4M-13261 Wednesday 10 June 2015

Caring in Craigmillar Members’ Business S4M-15407 Tuesday 1 March 2016

Celebrating the Work of Home-Start in North Glasgow and across Scotland Members’ Business Thursday 11 June 2015

Celtic Rainforest Members’ Business S4M-14521 Tuesday 5 January 2016

Celebrating the Success of Scotland’s Young People and Youth Work S4M-15380 Thursday 21 January 2016

Changing Relationships: Parliamentary Scrutiny of Intergovernmental Relations S4M-14820 Tuesday 17 November 2015

Charlie Hebdo Members’ Business S4M-15065 Thursday 7 January 2016

Childcare Costs Spiralling in Scotland Members’ Business S4M-15741 Tuesday 8 March 2016

Children’s Grief Awareness Week Members’ Business S4M-14730 Wednesday 25 November 2015


Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification of Schedules 2 and 3) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15855 Wednesday 9 March 2016

Circular Economy (Waste Management) S4M-13134 Thursday 14 May 2015

Citizens Advice Scotland Report, It’s Not Fine Members’ Business S4M-13816 Tuesday 22 September 2015


Code of Conduct Revisions S4M-15512 Tuesday 2 February 2016

Commending the Employees of City Building and RSBi Members’ Business S4M-14715 Wednesday 2 December 2015

Committee Meetings—
S4M-14695 Wednesday 4 November 2015
S4M-15685 Tuesday 23 February 2016

Committees—
Establishment of—
S4M-13532 Wednesday 17 June 2015
S4M-14114 Wednesday 2 September 2015

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3 S4M-13523 Wednesday 17 June 2015

Community Energy Fortnight 2015 Members’ Business S4M-14109 Tuesday 15 September 2015

Community Justice (Scotland) Bill—
Stage 1 S4M-14879 Thursday 19 November 2015
Financial Resolution S4M-14805 Thursday 19 November 2015
Stage 3 S4M-15607 Thursday 11 February 2016

Congratulations to Kinghorn Lifeboat Station on its 50th Anniversary Members’ Business S4M-12759 Tuesday 23 June 2015

Continuing Care (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15373 Wednesday 20 January 2016

Continuing Success of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust Members’ Business S4M-14721 Thursday 10 December 2015


Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3 S4M-15087 Tuesday 8 December 2015

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14697 Wednesday 4 November 2015

Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill S4M-15429 Thursday 25 February 2016
Delivering a World Class Education System  S4M-15282 Tuesday 12 January 2016

Designation of Lead Committee—
S4M-13117 Wednesday 13 May 2015
S4M-13268 Wednesday 27 May 2015
S4M-13436 Wednesday 10 June 2015
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S4M-13636 Thursday 25 June 2015
S4M-14459 Wednesday 7 October 2015
S4M-14632 Thursday 29 October 2015
S4M-14696 Wednesday 4 November 2015
S4M-14786 Wednesday 11 November 2015
S4M-14947 Wednesday 25 November 2015
S4M-15545 Wednesday 3 February 2016
S4M-15723 Wednesday 24 February 2016

Do the Human Right Thing: Keep the Human Rights Act Members’ Business
S4M-13562 Tuesday 8 September 2015

Dog Fouling (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15374
Wednesday 20 January 2016

Eating Disorder Awareness Week 2016 Members’ Business S4M-15580
Tuesday 23 February 2016

Economic Impact of the Film, TV and Video Games Industries S4M-14048
Thursday 3 September 2015

Edinburgh Airport Flight Path Trial, Lack of Community Consultation Members’ Business S4M-14018 Thursday 10 September 2015

Education S4M-15430 Wednesday 27 January 2016

Education (School Lunches) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-13438
Wednesday 10 June 2015

Education (Scotland) Bill—
Stage 1 S4M-14614 Thursday 29 October 2015
Financial Resolution S4M-13938 Thursday 29 October 2015
Stage 3 S4M-15521 Tuesday 2 February 2016

Emergency Ministerial Statement Tuesday 23 February 2016

Employment S4M-14405 Wednesday 30 September 2015

Empowering Scotland’s Island Communities S4M-14448 Tuesday 6 October 2015

Encouraging Good Employment Practices in Wales Members’ Business S4M-12703 Wednesday 3 June 2015

Energy Storage Network Members’ Business S4M-14440 Wednesday 11 November 2015

Enterprise Bill - UK Legislation—
S4M-15577 Tuesday 9 February 2016
S4M-15818 Tuesday 8 March 2016

Environmental Regulation (Enforcement Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14705 Wednesday 4 November 2015
Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] Wednesday 3 June 2015
Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15717 Wednesday 24 February 2016
Equity and Excellence in Education S4M-13246 Tuesday 26 May 2015
EU Referendum S4M-13404 Tuesday 9 June 2015
Extension of the Blue Badge Eligibility Criteria Members’ Business S4M-13357 Wednesday 16 September 2015
Extra Spending on Home of Nuclear Submarines Members’ Business S4M-14089 Thursday 8 October 2015

F

Fair Trade is the Goal for Gleniffer High School and Bala Sport, Members’ Business S4M-13467 Wednesday 2 September 2015
Fairtrade Fortnight 2016 Members’ Business S4M-13467 Wednesday 2 March 2016
First Minister’s Questions—
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Fifth Anniversary of the Family Nurse Partnership Programme in NHS Lothian

Members’ Business S4M-13494 Thursday 25 June 2015

First Minister Statement, Tuesday 1 September 2015

Forth Road Bridge Inquiry: Inquiry into the Circumstances Surrounding the Closure of the Forth Road Bridge S4M-15904 Tuesday 15 March 2016


Freight Transport in Scotland S4M-14193 Thursday 10 September 2015

Fuel Poverty S4M-15432 Tuesday 9 June 2015

Future Delivery of Social Security in Scotland S4M-14560 Thursday 12 November 2015

Future of Renewables in Scotland’s Energy Policy S4M-14272 Thursday 17 September 2015

Future of Scotland’s Economy S4M-13203 Wednesday 20 May 2015

Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 10th Anniversary Members’ Business S4M-13316 Tuesday 9 June 2015

Garioch Home-Start Celebrates 20 Years Members’ Business S4M-14515 Wednesday 16 December 2015

General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise etc.) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-15299 Wednesday 13 January 2016

General Questions—

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GP Practices at the Deep End, Healthy Life Expectancy Members’ Business S4M-14164 Wednesday 28 October 2015

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Halt Welfare Reform Members’ Business S4M-13845 Wednesday 28 October 2015
Hamilton Accies’ Exemplary Community Work Members’ Business S4M-15790 Tuesday 15 March 2016

Harbours (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-13511 Tuesday 16 June 2015
  Stage 3 S4M-14595 Tuesday 27 October 2015

Health—
  S4M-13416 Wednesday 10 June 2015
  S4M-15098 Wednesday 9 December 2015
  S4M-15766 Wednesday 2 March 2016

Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-15003 Tuesday 1 December 2015
  Financial Resolution S4M-14200 Tuesday 1 December 2015
  Stage 3 S4M-15801 Thursday 3 March 2016

HGV Driver Shortages in Scotland Members’ Business S4M-14914 Tuesday 19 January 2016

Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-15304 Thursday 14 January 2016
  Stage 3 S4M-15838 Tuesday 8 March 2016


Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 Members’ Business S4M-15216 Tuesday 26 January 2016

Housing and Wellbeing in Scotland S4M-14167 Wednesday 9 September 2015

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-13107 Tuesday 12 May 2015
  Financial Resolution S4M-12553 Tuesday 12 May 2015
  Stage 3 S4M-14421 Thursday 1 October 2015

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Impact of UK Immigration Bill on Scotland Oesophagus Members’ Business S4M-15116 Thursday 21 January 2016
Importance of Local Newspapers Members’ Business S4M-15408 Thursday 11 February 2016

Importance of Recognising the Condition, Barrett’s Oesophagus Members’ Business S4M-12968 Wednesday 24 June 2015

Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill—
  S4M-14375 Tuesday 29 September 2015
  S4M-15201 Thursday 17 December 2015

International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation Members’ Business S4M-15275 Wednesday 10 February 2016

International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14948 Wednesday 25 November 2015

Internationalising Scottish Business S4M-14190 Thursday 10 September 2015

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-14328 Thursday 24 September 2015
  Financial Resolution S4M-13101 Wednesday 7 October 2015
  Stage 3 S4M-15113 Thursday 10 December 2015

Israel Needs Cultural Bridges, not Boycotts Members’ Business S4M-15573 Thursday 25 February 2016

J

Jobs in Scotland’s New Economy Members’ Business S4M-15356 Wednesday 20 January 2016

Justice of the Peace Courts (Special Measures) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-15191 Wednesday 16 December 2015

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Keep CalMac Public S4M-14942 Wednesday 25 November 2015

Keeping Litter off Streets Members’ Business S4M-14991 Tuesday 2 February 2016

Kinship Care Assistance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15856 Wednesday 9 March 2016

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Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-15694 Tuesday 23 February 2016
  Financial Resolution S4M-15563 Tuesday 23 February 2016
  Stage 3 S4M-15837 Thursday 8 March 2016

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill—
  Stage 1 S4M-15181 Wednesday 16 December 2015
  Financial Resolution S4M-15109 Wednesday 16 December 2015
  Stage 3 S4M-15925 Wednesday 16 March 2016

Legislative Consent Motions—
  Armed Forces Bill - UK Legislation S4M-15761 Tuesday 8 March 2016
  Enterprise Bill - UK Legislation—
    S4M-15577 Tuesday 9 February 2016
    S4M-15818 Tuesday 8 March 2016
Scotland Bill - UK Legislation S4M-15941 Wednesday 16 March 2016

Letting Agent Code of Practice (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15720 Wednesday 24 February 2016

Lobbying (Scotland) Bill—
Stage 1 S4M-15220 Thursday 7 January 2016
Financial Resolution S4M-15213 Thursday 7 January 2016
Stage 3 S4M-15870 Thursday 10 March 2016

Local Authority (Capital Finance and Accounting) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15597 Wednesday 10 February 2016

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]—
S4M-15596 Wednesday 10 February 2016
S4M-15735 Thursday 25 February 2016

Making Progress on Changing Scotland’s Relationship with Alcohol S4M-13358 Thursday 4 June 2015

Marie Curie’s Changing the Conversation on Terminal Illness Report Members’ Business S4M-12957 Tuesday 12 May 2015

Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal 30th Anniversary Members’ Business S4M-15287 Wednesday 9 March 2016

Marine Tourism S4M-13510 Tuesday 16 June 2015
Marischal Square Members’ Business S4M-14804 Tuesday 8 December 2015

Media, Society and Democracy Members’ Business S4M-13064 Thursday 14 May 2015

Members’ Expenses Scheme, Reimbursement—
S4M-14776 Tuesday 10 November 2015
S4M-15911 Tuesday 15 March 2016

Memorandum of Understanding on the BBC S4M-13584 Tuesday 23 June 2015

Mental Health (Detention in Conditions of Excessive Security) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] Wednesday 28 October 2015

Mental Health (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3 S4M-13599 Wednesday 24 June 2015
Microchipping of Dogs (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15438 Wednesday 27 January 2016

Minimum Room Sizes in New-build Homes Members’ Business S4M-13774 Tuesday 10 November 2015

Ministerial Statement—
Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Services Wednesday 24 June 2015
Draft Budget 2016-17 Wednesday 16 December 2015
Fiscal Framework—
Tuesday 23 February 2016
Tuesday 23 February 2016 Emergency Statement

Flooding—
Tuesday 23 June 2015
Tuesday 12 January 2016
Forth Road Bridge Tuesday 8 December 2015

Further Education provision in Glasgow Thursday 8 October 2015
Future Prosperity for the North Sea Tuesday 15 September 2015
Future of Onshore Wind as part of Scotland’s Balanced Energy Mix
Future of the Scottish Steel Industry **Tuesday 27 October 2015**
Historic Child Abuse Inquiry **Thursday 28 May 2015**
Longannet Power Station **Thursday 3 September 2015**
Outcome of the UK General Election **Wednesday 13 May 2015**
Policing—
  **Thursday 3 September 2015**
  **Tuesday 10 November 2015**
Programme of Child Protection Work **Thursday 25 February 2016**
Provisional Outturn 2014-15, **Thursday 18 June 2015**
Publication of the 2013 Greenhouse Gas Inventory **Tuesday 9 June 2015**
Scotland’s Energy Strategy, **Tuesday 15 March 2016**
Scotland’s Public Finances Update **Thursday 26 November 2015**
Scottish Government Response to the Vale of Leven Inquiry **Thursday 18 June 2015**
Scottish Government Report on the operation of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 **Tuesday 16 June 2015**
Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target Report 2013 and Report on Progress Towards Meeting the Interim Target **Tuesday 27 October 2015**
Update on Common Agricultural Policy Payments **Thursday 10 December 2015**
Winter Transport Resilience, **Thursday 29 October 2015**
More Electric Car Rapid Charge Points Needed **Members’ Business S4M-15291 Thursday 10 March 2016**
Motions of Condolence—
  Brussels, **Wednesday 23 March 2016**
  Paris, 13 November 2015, **S4M-14848 Tuesday 17 November 2015**
Motion of Thanks to the Presiding Officer, **S4M-16027 Wednesday 23 March 2016**
Motions without Notice—
  Rule 8.14.3—
  **Thursday 11 June 2015**
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Named Persons S4M-14999 Wednesday 2 December 2015
National Galleries of Scotland Bill— S4M-14956 Thursday 3 December 2015 S4M-15281 Tuesday 19 January 2016
National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (Independent Clinic) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15776 Wednesday 2 March 2016
National Strategy for Survivors of Childhood Abuse S4M-14517 Wednesday 9 December 2015
National Third Sector GIRFEC Project Members’ Business S4M-13954 Thursday 19 November 2015
New Campaign, Is it Coeliac Disease? Members’ Business S4M-13123 Thursday 26 November 2015
New Global Goals, Leave No One Behind Members’ Business S4M-15261 Thursday 4 February 2016
NPT, the Marshall Islands and the UK Government’s Failure to Meet its Obligations Members’ Business S4M-13558 Wednesday 23 September 2015
Nursery Vouchers Members’ Business S4M-13312 Wednesday 3 June 2015

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Oaths and Affirmations, Wednesday 13 January 2016
Office of the Clerk, S4M-14784 and S4M-14785 Wednesday 11 November 2015
Overview of Scotland’s Colleges 2015; 2012-13 Audit of North Glasgow College and 2013-14 Audit of Coatbridge College S4M-15584 Tuesday 9 February 2016

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Parliamentary Recess Dates S4M-14462 Wednesday 7 October 2015
Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill S4M-15130 Tuesday 26 January 2016
Perth Bid to Become the UK City of Culture 2021 Members’ Business S4M-14481 Tuesday 15 December 2015
Pharmacy (Premises Standards, Information Obligations etc.) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15777 Wednesday 2 March 2016
Portfolio Questions— Wednesday 13 May 2015
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Postcode Penalty Members’ Business S4M-14183 Thursday 24 September 2015
Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3 S4M-13597 Tuesday 23 June 2015
Private Rented Housing Panel (Landlord Applications) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-14871 Thursday 18 November 2015
Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill—
 Stage 1 S4M-15365 Thursday 21 January 2016
 Financial Resolution Thursday 21 January 2016
 Stage 3 S4M-15944 Thursday 17 March 2016
Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15778 Wednesday 2 March 2016
Progress in the Scottish Economy S4M-14156 Tuesday 8 September 2015
Progress on Implementing Recommendations of the Expert Review Group in New Psychoactive Substances S4M-14403 Tuesday 29 September 2015
Promoting Responsible Off-road Motorbike and Quad Bike Ownership, Members’ Business, S4M-13293 Thursday 18 June 2015
Promoting Sustainable GP Recruitment, *Members’ Business*, *S4M-13973*
Tuesday 1 September 2015

Protecting Children from Harmful Content Online *Members’ Business* *S4M-15111*
Thursday 14 January 2016

Protecting Employee Rights and Access to Justice *S4M-13442*
Thursday 11 June 2015

Protecting Frontline Fire and Rescue Services *Members’ Business* *S4M-15036*
Wednesday 20 January 2016

Protecting Rent-tied Pub Tenants in Scotland *Members’ Business* *S4M-12348*
Wednesday 20 May 2015

Protecting Workers from Violence and Abuse *Members’ Business* *S4M-14514*
Thursday 12 November 2015

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland)
Amendment Order 2015 [draft] *S4M-13437*
Wednesday 10 June 2015

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2016 *S4M-15300* [draft]
Wednesday 13 January 2016

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2016 [draft] *S4M-15779* Wednesday 2 March 2016


Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] *S4M-15721*
Wednesday 24 February 2016


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Qualifying Civil Partnership Modification (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] *S4M-14412* Wednesday 30 September 2015

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Redesigning Primary Care for Scotland’s Communities *S4M-15172* Tuesday 15 December 2015

Referral of SSI—
*S4M-14053* Wednesday 2 September 2015
*S4M-14172* Tuesday 8 September 2015

Registers of Scotland (Voluntary Registration, Amendment of Fees, etc.) Order 2015 [draft] *S4M-13439* Wednesday 10 June 2015

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] *S4M-14189* Wednesday 9 September 2015

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 [draft] be approved *S4M-15548* Wednesday 3 February 2016

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exclusions and Exceptions) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2016 [draft] *S4M-15722* Wednesday 24 February 2016
Remembering Srebrenica Members’ Business S4M-13309 Tuesday 16 June 2015

Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14707 Wednesday 4 November 2015

Reservoirs (Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] S4M-15780 Wednesday 2 March 2016

Responding to the Global Refugee Crisis S4M-14245 Tuesday 15 September 2015

Review of the Petitions Process S4M-15343 Tuesday 19 January 2016

Reviewing Arrangements for Managing Sex Offenders Members’ Business S4M-14110 Thursday 3 December 2015

RMT Strike over Caledonian Sleeper Concerns Members’ Business S4M-15202 Wednesday 13 January 2016

Rural Affairs S4M-15844 Wednesday 9 March 2016

Save Our Steel Members’ Business S4M-14559 Wednesday 4 November 2015

Schools Autism Awareness Week Members’ Business S4M-15289 Wednesday 16 March 2016


Scotland and Malawi 10 Years Since the Cooperation Agreement S4M-14775 Wednesday 11 November 2015

Scotland Bill - UK Legislation S4M-15941 Wednesday 16 March 2016

Scotland Can Do, a Framework for Entrepreneurship and Innovation S4M-13338 Tuesday 2 June 2015

Scotland’s Adoption Register Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15853 Wednesday 9 March 2016

Scotland’s Fiscal Framework: 12th Report 2015 (Session 4) of the Finance Committee S4M-14432 Wednesday 7 October 2015

Scotland’s Food Future Members’ Business S4M-15826 Thursday 17 March 2016

Scotland’s Future Prosperity S4M-15588 Wednesday 10 February 2016

Scotland’s Future, Democracy and Devolution S4M-14252 Wednesday 16 September 2015


Scotland’s Universities—
S4M-13313 Wednesday 3 June 2015
S4M-14596 Wednesday 28 October 2015

Scottish Apprenticeship Week S4M-13112 Wednesday 13 May 2015

Scottish Commission for Human Rights, Appointment of, S4M-15504 Tuesday 2 February 2016

Scottish Cot Death Trust 30th Anniversary Members’ Business S4M-12916 Wednesday 17 June 2015

Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill—
Stage 1 S4M-15221 Thursday 7 January 2016
Stage 3 S4M-15709 Thursday 25 February 2016
Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill—
   Stage 1 S4M-13285 Thursday 28 May 2015
   Stage 3 S4M-13529 Thursday 18 June 2015
Scottish Fire Sprinkler Coordination Group S4M-12535 Members’ Business
   Thursday 21 May 2015
Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill—
   Stage 1 S4M-15303 Thursday 14 January 2016
   Financial Resolution S4M-14626 Thursday 14 January 2016
   Stage 3 S4M-15869 Thursday 10 March 2016
Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2015-16, Tuesday 1
   September and Wednesday 2 September 2015
Scottish Grocers’ Federation Launches Scottish Local Shop Report Members’
   Business S4M-14652 Tuesday 12 January 2016
Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2016 S4M-15932 Wednesday
   16 March 2016
Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2016 S4M-15933
   Wednesday 16 March 2016
Scottish Oceans Institute’s Work on Seal Deaths and Population Decline
   Members’ Business S4M-13880 Wednesday 9 September 2015
Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-15045
   Wednesday 9 December 2015
Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2015 [draft] S4M-14313 Tuesday
   22 September 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2015
   [draft] S4M-13635 Thursday 25 June 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2016
   [draft] S4M-15599 Wednesday 10 February 2016
Scottish Rate Resolution S4M-15497 Thursday 11 February 2016
Scottish Tribunals (Administrative Support for Listed Tribunals) Order 2015
   [draft] S4M-14872 Wednesday 18 November 2015
Scottish Tribunals (Listed Tribunals) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-14873
   Wednesday 18 November 2015
Sea Fisheries and End Year Negotiations S4M-15031 Thursday 3 December
   2015
Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
   S4M-15375 Wednesday 20 January 2016
Sewage Sludge Spreading Members’ Business S4M-13248 Thursday 3
   September 2015
Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill—
   Stage 1 S4M-14437 Thursday 8 October 2015
   Stage 3 S4M-15146 Thursday 17 December 2015
Social Security S4M-15758 Tuesday 1 March 2016
SPCB Question Time—
   Thursday 4 June 2015
   Thursday 12 November 2015
   Thursday 3 March 2016
St Andrew’s Day Members’ Business S4M-14714 Tuesday 1 December 2015
Standards Commission for Scotland, Appointment of Member S4M-13384
Tuesday 9 June 2015

Standing Order Rule Changes—
Admissibility of Petitions and Minor Rule Changes S4M-15867 Tuesday 15 March 2016
Consolidation Bills S4M-14555 Tuesday 27 October 2015
Legislation S4M-15868 Tuesday 15 March 2016
Printed and Published S4M-14556 Tuesday 27 October 2015
Scottish Rate of Income Tax S4M-14554 Tuesday 27 October 2015
StepChange Debt Charity’s Action Plan on Problem Debt Members’ Business S4M-13952 Tuesday 5 November 2015

Stonehaven Dialysis Unit Members’ Business S4M-13354
Wednesday 7 October 2015

Succession (Scotland) Bill—
Stage 1 S4M-14768 Tuesday 11 November 2015
Stage 3 S4M-15440 Thursday 28 January 2016

Support for Families Affected by Murder and Culpable Homicide Members’ Business
Thursday 3 March 2016

Supporting Public Services, Tackling Inequality and Growing Scotland’s Economy
Tuesday 3 March 2016

Supporting Scotland’s Children S4M-14688 Tuesday 11 November 2015
Supporting See Me in Work Members’ Business S4M-13077 Thursday 13 May 2015

Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders—
S4M-13349 Wednesday 3 June 2015
S4M-13531 Wednesday 17 June 2015
S4M-14650 Thursday 29 October 2015
S4M-14695 Tuesday 4 November 2015
S4M-15550 Wednesday 3 February 2016
S4M-15544 Wednesday 3 February 2016
S4M-15859 Wednesday 9 March 2016

Syrian Air Strikes Members’ Business S4M-15046 Thursday 17 December 2015

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Taking Action to Protect Asylum Seekers and Refugees Across Europe Members’ Business S4M-14081 Thursday 1 October 2015

Ten Million Missing Voters Members’ Business S4M-15307 Wednesday 27 January 2016

Through Our Eyes Members’ Business S4M-13110 Tuesday 26 May 2015

Time for Reflection—
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Trade Union Bill —
S4M-14766 Tuesday 10 November 2015
S4M-15414 Tuesday 26 January 2016

Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill
S4M-15128 Tuesday 9 February 2016

Trident, Welfare or Warfare S4M-14681 Tuesday 3 November 2015

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Undercover Policing in Scotland, Need for an Inquiry Members’ Business
S4M-15085 Wednesday 6 January 2016

Universal Children’s Day 2015 Members’ Business S4M-14499 Tuesday 17 November 2015

V

Victims’ Rights (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] S4M-15192 Wednesday 16 December 2015

Violence against Women, 16 Days of Activism S4M-14930 Tuesday 24 November 2015

Volunteering and Self-management Members’ Business S4M-13894
Thursday 29 October 2015

W

Water Environment (Amendment of Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990: Contaminated Land) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft] S4M-15549 Wednesday 3 February 2016


Water Safety in Scotland Members’ Business, S4M-15772 Wednesday 23 March 2016

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Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/242 (C.33)) (5 June 2015)
Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (Commencement No. 9) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/31 (C.6)) (22 January 2016)
Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/429 (C.57)) (17 December 2015)
Marriage (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/313) (31 August 2015)
Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/361 (C.46)) (2 November 2015)
Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/417 (C.54)) (9 December 2015)
Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/409 (C.52)) (7 December 2015)
Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/326 (C.39)) (9 September 2015)
Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/331 (C.40)) (14 September 2015)
Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/411 (C.53)) (7 December 2015)
Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/30 (C.5)) (21 January 2016)
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/22 (C.4)) (18 January 2016)
Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/314 (C.37)) (2 September 2015)
Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 5 and Transitional Provision) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/42 (C.7)) (28 January 2016)
Scottish Independence Referendum (Chief Counting Officer and Counting Officer Charges and Expenses) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/368) (2 November 2015)
Scottish Parliament Elections (Returning Officer Fees and Charges) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/10) (13 January 2016)
Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/11 (C.1)) (14 January 2016)
Specified Diseases (Notification) Amendment (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/41) (25 January 2016)
The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Appointment of Chief Inspector) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/96) (12 February 2016)
The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/200 (C. 32)) (21 May 2015)
Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/422 (C.55)) (11 December 2015)
Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004 (Commencement No. 8) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/244 (C.34)) (5 June 2015)

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Water Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/360 (C.45)) (30 October 2015)
Water Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/48 (C.8)) (28 January 2016)
Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/14 (C.3)) (14 January 2016)
Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/428 (C.56)) (17 December 2015)

Other Documents Consultation

The following documents were laid before the Parliament for consultation—

Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland) Order 2016 - Explanatory Document (SG/2015/157) (30 September 2015)
Public Services Reform (Insolvency) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft] (SG/2015/156) (30 September 2015)

Legislative Consent Memoranda

The following Legislative Consent Memorandum were lodged on the dates indicated:

Enterprise Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 40.1) (9 December 2015) John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy
Enterprise Bill (UK Parliament legislation) Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM(S4) 40.2) (10 February 2016) Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training
Scotland Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 37.1) John Swinney (18 June 2015)
Scotland Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 37.2) 1 March 2016 John Swinney
UK Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM(S4)39.1 (1 December 2015) Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Welfare Reform and Work Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4)38.1) Alex Neil (12 November 2015)

Other documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors in the Sheriff Appeal Court) 2015 (SSI 2015/387) (18 November 2015)


Advisory Group on Stop and Search Report August 2015 (SG/2015/128) (3 September 2015)


Annual Report and Accounts for the Scottish Police Authority for the year to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/203) (18 December 2015)

Annual Report and Accounts for the Scottish Road Works Commissioner (SG/2015/248) (24 November 2015)


Audit of Coatbridge College Governance of Severance Arrangements 2013/14 (SG/2015/95) (26 June 2015)


Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/163) (6 October 2015)

Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements For the sixteen month period ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/40) (17 March 2016)


Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/167) *(6 October 2015)*


Framework Agreement between Directorate for Economic Development and Scottish Enterprise (SG/2016/31) *(22 March 2016)*

Framework Agreement between Directorate for Economic Development and Highlands and Islands Enterprise (SG/2016/32) *(22 March 2016)*

Framework document for the National Crime Agency (SG/2015/66) *(2 June 2015)*


General Dental Council Annual report and accounts 2014 (SG/2015/70) *(13 July 2015)*


General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic Plan 2016-19 (SG/2015/206) *(27 October 2015)*

General Teaching Council for Scotland – Annual Reports and Accounts 2014-2015 (GTCS/2015/01) *(16 October 2015)*

Getting the best from our land: A Land Use Strategy for Scotland 2016 – 2021 (SG/2016/6) *(22 March 2016)*

Getting the best from our land: Report on the consultation process undertaken to produce the Land Use Strategy 2016 – 2021 (SG/2016/7) *(22 March 2016)*

Glasgow Clyde College (SG/2016/57) 2014/15 audit *(22 March 2016)*


Glasgow Colleges Regional Board (SG/2016/59) 2014/15 audit *(22 March 2016)*


Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/240) *(14 December 2015)*


Government Chemist Review 2014 (SG/2015/38) *(9 June 2015)*
Grampian Health Board Annual Accounts Year ended 31st March 2015 (SG/2015/168) (6 October 2015)
Guidance under the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (SG/2016/27) (17 March 2016)
Health and Social Care Integration: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and Accounts Commission Scotland (AGS/2015/10) (7 December 2015)
Healthcare Improvement Scotland Annual Accounts Financial year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/175) (7 October 2015)
Highland Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/183) (8 October 2015)
HM Fire Service Inspectorate Managing Automatic Fire Signals (SG/2015/125) (1 October 2015)
HM Fire Service Inspectorate Planning and Defining Service Resources in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2015/133) (8 October 2015)
HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Preparedness of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for a serious flooding event (SG/2015/160) (29 October 2015)
HMICS Audit and Assurance Review of the use of the Facial Search functionality within the UK Police National Database (PND) by Police Scotland (HMICS/2016/01) (27 January 2016)

HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection Programme Inspection of Edinburgh Division (HMICS/2015/08) (20 October 2015)

Homeowner Housing Panel Annual Report 2014 (SG/2016/8) (8 February 2016)

Impact Analysis of Sullom Voe Terminal and Related Job Reductions (SG/2016/33) (22 March 2016)


Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner Strategic Plan 2015-17 (SG/2015/195) (15 October 2015)

Industrial Development Act 1982 Annual Report by The Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, the First Minister of Scotland, and the Welsh Ministers For the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/78) (15 July 2015)


Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/170) (6 October 2015)


Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/46) (18 March 2016)

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2016 – Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2016/14) (3 February 2016)

Local Policing+ Inspection of the approach to missing person investigations in Aberdeen City Division (HMICS/2015/07) (12 June 2015)

Local Policing+ Inspection Programme - Inspection of Aberdeen City Division (HMICS/2015/04) (14 May 2015)

Local Policing+ Inspection Programme - Inspection of custody centre located in Aberdeen City Division (HMCS/2015/05) (14 May 2015)


Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/182) (9 October 2015)


National Galleries of Scotland Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/221) (6 November 2015)


National Waiting Times Centre Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/176) (7 October 2015)


NHS 24 Board Meeting: Future Programme Implementation October 2015 – Lessons Learned (SG/2016/11) (3 February 2016)
NHS 24 Update on management of an IT contract 2014/15 audit (SG/2015/188) (8 October 2015)
NHS Education for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/177) (9 October 2015)
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/169) (6 October 2015)
NHS Health Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/178) (9 October 2015)
NHS National Services Scotland Annual Report & Accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/179) (9 October 2015)
NHS Orkney Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/172) (7 October 2015)
NHS Western Isles Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 (SG/2015/174) (7 October 2015)
North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the Sixteen Month Period to 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/43) (17 March 2016)
North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SG/2015/244) (14 December 2015)
Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts For the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/106) (7 July 2015)
Police Scotland Annual Police Plan 2016/17 (PSoS/2016/01) (22 March 2016)
Private Rented Housing Panel Annual Report 2014 (SG/2016/12) (12 February 2016)
Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts For the 12 Months to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/140) (11 September 2015)
Queen’s Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/208) (18 November 2015)
Queen’s and Lords Treasurer’s Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/102) (24 July 2015)
Regulation of Campaigners At The Scottish Independence Referendum Held on 18 September 2014 – Supplementary Information (ELC/2016/01) (21 March 2016)
Return of expenditure Incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and Incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2015 (SG/2016/23) (22 March 2016)
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland: Commissioners’ report and consolidated financial statements 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/228) (16 November 2015)
Scotland The Hydro Nation 2nd Annual Report (SG/2015/162) (26 October 2015)
Scotland’s Budget Documents 2016-17: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document for the year ending 31 March 2017 (SG/2016/1) (28 January 2016)
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2015-16 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2016 (SG/2016/2) (22 January 2016)
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2015-16 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2016 (SG/2015/161) (30 October 2015)
Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/227) (16 November 2015)
Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/180) (9 October 2015)
Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration Annual Accounts Year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/213) (28 October 2015)
Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Programme 2015/16 (SCJC/2015/02) (28 May 2015)
Scottish Commission for Human Rights Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (SHRC/2016/01) (23 March 2016)
Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/229) (16 December 2015)
Scottish Court Service annual report and accounts 2014/2015 (SCS/2015/02) (29 September 2015)
Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/123) (8 September 2015)
Scottish Enterprise Business Plan 2015-18: 2016-17 Operating Year Update (SG/2016/30) (22 March 2016)
Scottish Fire and Rescue Services: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/6) (20 May 2015)
Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts 2014/15 audit (SG/2015/141) (1 October 2015)
Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/136) (1 October 2015)


Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/138) (24 September 2015)


Scottish Legal Aid Board Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/237) (14 December 2015)

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts year ended 30 June 2015 SG/2015/147 (4 December 2015)


Scottish Parliament in Respect of Changes to the National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) (SG/2016/10) (28 January 2016)

Scottish Parliament on Orders Regulating the Management of Shellfisheries under the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967 (SG/2015/64) (9 June 2015)


Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts 2014/15 (SPPCF/2015/02) (20 October 2015)

Scottish Police Authority (SG/2015/256) 2014/15 audit (18 December 2015)


Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/197) (16 October 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual report 2015 s(SPSO/2015/AR) (30 October 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2015 (SPSO/2015/07) (22 July 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2015 (SPSO/2015/09) (30 September 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2015 (SPSO/2015/12) (16 December 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2016 (SPSO/2016/01) (20 January 2016)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2016 (SPSO/2016/02) (17 February 2016)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2016 (SPSO/2016/03) (23 March 2016)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2015 (SPSO/2015/05) (20 May 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2015 (SPSO/2015/06) (17 June 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2015 (SPSO/2015/08) (26 August 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2015 (SPSO/2015/11) (18 November 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for October 2015 (SPSO/2015/10) (21 October 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations (1 September 2015)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Strategic Plan 2016-2020 (SPSO/2016/SP) (18 March 2016)
Scottish Report on Progress Towards Meeting the Interim Target (SG/2015/193) (27 October 2015)
Scottish Water Interim Accounts For the six months to 20 September 2015 (SG/2016/13) (3 February 2016)
Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2014-15 (SG/2015/69) (18 June 2015)
Shetland NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/173) (7 October 2015)
Sixth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2016/18) (22 March 2016)
South Lanarkshire College Report and Financial Statements for the 16 month period ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/37) (16 March 2016)
Sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 (SG/2015/233) (9 December 2015)
Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/121) (7 August 2015)
State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/181) (9 October 2015)
Tayside Health Board Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/185) (8 October 2015)


Committee reports


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 31st Report, 2015 (Session 4): Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 730) (27 May 2015)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st Report, 2015 (Session 4): Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 763) (18 June 2015)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 787) (11 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th report 2015 (Session 4):
Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 788) (11 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 51st report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 794) (23 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd report 2015 (Session 4):
Succession (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 795) (23 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 53rd report 2015 (Session 4):
Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 799) (29 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 54th report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 800) (30 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 55th report 2015 (Session 4):
Community Justice (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 801) (30 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 56th report 2015 (Session 4):
Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 802) (30 September 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 57th report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 806) (7 October 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th report 2015 (Session 4):
Land Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 807) (7 October 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th report 2015 (Session 4):
Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 808) (7 October 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 61st report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 818) (28 October 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 62nd report 2015 (Session 4):
Footway Parking and Double Parking (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 819) (28 October 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd report 2015 (Session 4):
Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 820) (28 October 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 65th report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 824) (4 November 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 66th Report 2015 (Session 4):
Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 825) (4 November 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th report 2015 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 828) (11 November 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th report 2015 (Session 4):
Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 829) (11 November 2015)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 69th report 2015 (Session 4):
Criminal Verdicts (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 830) (11 November 2015)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 74th Report 2015 (Session 4): Lobbying (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 842) (2 December 2015)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 75th Report 2015 (Session 4): Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 843) (2 December 2015)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 76th report 2015 (Session 4): Bankruptcy (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 844) (3 December 2015)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 77th report 2015 (Session 4): Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 846) (3 December 2015)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 80th Report 2015 (Session 4): Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 850) (9 December 2015)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 2nd Report 2016 (Session 4): Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 864) (6 January 2016)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 5th Report 2016 (Session 4): Apologies (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 870) (13 January 2016)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 10th Report 2016 (Session 4): Budget (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 (SP Paper 899) (2 February 2016)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 16th report 2016 (Session 4): Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 923) (1 March 2016)


Education and Culture Committee, 10th report 2015 (Session 4): Attainment of pupils with a sensory impairment (SP Paper 791) (23 September 2015)


Education and Culture Committee, 2nd report 2016 (Session 4): Report on Draft Budget 2016-17 (7 January 2016)


Equal Opportunities Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Removing Barriers: race, ethnicity and employment (SP Paper 890) (28 January 2016)


Health and Sport Committee, 10th report 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Carers (Scotland) Bill (SP paper 789) (21 September 2015)
Health and Sport Committee, 11th report 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill (SP paper 792) (24 September 2015)
Health and Sport Committee, 12th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 803) (30 September 2015)
Health and Sport Committee, 13th report 2015 (Session 4): NHS boards budget scrutiny 2015-16 (SP paper 804) (5 October 2015)
Health and Sport Committee, 14th report 2015 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care)(Scotland) Bill (SP paper 826) (9 November 2015)
Health and Sport Committee, 15th report 2015 (Session 4): We need to talk about palliative care (SP paper 836) (24 November 2015)
Health and Sport Committee, 1st report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 868) (7 January 2016)
Health and Sport Committee, 3rd report 2016 (Session 4): Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1 Report (SP paper 894) (29 January 2016)
Health and Sport Committee, 4th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 903) (3 February 2016)
Health and Sport Committee, 5th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 905) (5 February 2016)
Health and Sport Committee, 6th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 920) (1 March 2016)
Health and Sport Committee, 7th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 921) (1 March 2016)
Health and Sport Committee, 8th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 769) (23 June 2015)
Health and Sport Committee, 9th report 2016 (Session 4): Annual Report 2015-16 (SP paper 951) (17 March 2016)
Health and Sport Committee, 10th report 2016 (Session 4): Legacy Report 2015-16 (SP paper 952) (17 March 2016)
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 5th Report, 2015 (Session 4) Stage 1 Report on the Harbours (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 750) (15 June 2015)


Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2016 (SP Paper 871) (8 January 2016)


Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Armed Forces Bill (LCM(S4) 39.1) (SP Paper 919) (25 February 2016)