The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Jemma Skelding, pupil at Falkirk High School and British Sign Language user, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05508—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 May 2017—

   after

   followed by Ministerial Statement: Forensic Examination

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   followed by Ministerial Statement: Improving Literacy in Scottish Education

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   5.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.
3. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

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

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Improving Literacy in Scottish Education.

6. **Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-05423—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill.

   The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

7. **Motion title:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-05507—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 11 May 2017—

   after

   2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Keeping Children Safe Online

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   followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Motion: Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016 - Standing Order Rule Changes

   The motion was agreed to.

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

9. **Food Banks, Scotland’s Hunger Crisis:** The Parliament debated S5M-05314 in the name of Pauline McNeill—That the Parliament understands that the number of people in Scotland experiencing hunger is at crisis level, with figures from the Trussell Trust suggesting that more than 100,000 visited its food banks in the last year; believes that, as there are many charities and organisations providing such services, the number of families relying on these will be far higher; condemns what it sees as the benefit cuts and unfair sanctions that are being imposed by the UK Government, which it believes have been a significant factor in the dramatic increase in the use of foodbanks; notes the support for policies that aim to prevent hunger and ensure the provision of food through working with food banks until they are no longer required; further notes the view that there should be sustained and improved access to emergency financial support through the Scottish Welfare Fund; understands that existing schemes where social services work with voluntary organisations have been successful in helping people access the services and support to which they are entitled and that by providing this has reduced foodbank use, and notes the view that this approach of joint public and voluntary sector working provides the greatest chance of eradicating the need for food banks in Glasgow and across Scotland.
10. **Motion Without Notice:** Pauline McNeill 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 6.32 pm.

P E Grice  
Clerk of the Parliament  
9 May 2017
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 4 May 2017 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Relevant Trafficking or Exploitation Offences and Relevant UK Orders) Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 41(2) of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 4 May 2017 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/140 (C.11))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 9 May 2017—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 24th Report 2017 (Session 5)
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 136)

Health and Sport Committee, 6th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Subordinate Legislation
(SP Paper 137)

The following report is to be published on Wednesday 10 May 2017—


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