



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 28 September 2017

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

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. Importance of Worker Ownership to the Scottish Economy: The Parliament debated S5M-07165 in the name of Richard Leonard—That the Parliament recognises the contribution made to the Scottish economy by worker-owned companies such as Clansman Dynamics and Novograp in Lanarkshire; notes their expansion since the change in ownership; welcomes the commitment by the previous owners to the transfer to worker control and ownership, and notes calls for other business owners to consider an employee ownership and control model in their succession planning.

4. Flexible Working, Maximising Talent and Driving Inclusive Growth: The Parliament debated S5M-07560 in the name of Ruth Maguire— That the Parliament welcomes the Timewise report, Flexible Jobs Index Scotland: Maximising talent and driving inclusive growth; understands that the research and report were commissioned by the Scottish Government working in partnership with Family Friendly Working Scotland; further understands that the report represents the first time that the ratio of quality jobs advertised as open to flexible working options in Scotland has been researched; acknowledges the key finding of the report that demand for flexible jobs massively outstrips supply, with only 11.9% of quality jobs, paying at least £20,000 FTE, being advertised as flexible, while 34% of people

seeking employment in Scotland are looking for part-time or flexible vacancies; considers that companies in Cunninghame South and across Scotland with family-friendly and flexible working policies reap the benefits of more loyal, motivated and productive staff and a happier and healthier working environment, making flexible working positive not only for workers and families but also for businesses and the economy; believes that the findings of this report demonstrate that companies that do not offer employees flexible working are failing to recruit and retain the best talent, and also highlights the huge potential for growing the flexible jobs market across Scotland; commends the work of Timewise and Family Friendly Working Scotland; notes the calls for employers to read this report and consider what positive actions they can take in the future, and further notes the calls on MSPs to promote family-friendly working practices to local businesses in their area.

5. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-07905—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-07708—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Domestic Abuse (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.

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
28 September 2017

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 September 2017 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Budget (Scotland) Act 2017 Amendment Regulations 2017 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2017

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 September 2017 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/317)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 28 September 2017—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 10th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Complaint Against Alexander Burnett MSP (SP Paper 200).

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the 28th September 2017 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

The 2016/17 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts: SG/2017/148

laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration for the year ended 31

March 2017: SG/2017/168 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scotland's Budget Documents: The 2017-18 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2018: SG/2017/146 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/149

under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017: SG/2017/147 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Land Commission: Making More of Scotland's Land, Our Programme of Work September 2017: SG/2017/164 laid under Section 9(3)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Commission: Making More of Scotland's Land, Our Strategic Plan 2018 to 2021: SG/2017/145 laid under Section 8(5)(b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement, Consultation Response Report: SG/2017/163 laid under Part 1, Section 2 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement: SG/2017/162 laid under Part 1, Section 2 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016

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