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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Thursday 1 February 2018

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

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 Cancer Day 2018: The Parliament debated S5M-09742 in the name of Richard Lochhead—That the Parliament notes that 4 February 2018 marks World Cancer Day; understands that it is estimated that one-in-two people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives; notes that Cancer Research UK highlights that 40% of cases could be prevented by positive actions, including not smoking and keeping a healthy bodyweight; recognises that smoking is the biggest preventable cause of cancer; understands that for non-smokers, obesity is the biggest preventable cause, being linked to 13 types; notes figures suggesting that two-thirds of adults and over one-quarter of children in Scotland are overweight or obese; acknowledges what it sees as the opportunity presented by the Scottish Government's new diet and obesity strategy to unite around finding solutions to the problem; further acknowledges the call of organisations, including Cancer Research UK, on the government to help tackle the problem by regulating price promotions on junk food, and notes that Members can show their support for World Cancer Day through the wearing of its unity band.

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

5. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-10208—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill, debate on the group 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: 1 hour.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science (Shirley-Anne Somerville) made a statement and answered questions on Supporting People to Study in Scotland.

7. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 14, 4, 15, 5, 16, 6, 8, 7, 9, 12, 13 and 17.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

10 (For 90, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

11 (For 89, Against 29, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 13A was not moved.

The Presiding Officer determined, under Rule 9.8.5BA that, in his view, no provision of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill related to a protected subject-matter.

8. Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill – Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S5M-10218—That the Parliament agrees that the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill be passed.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.

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

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