Foreword

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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Laura Seggie, University of Strathclyde Catholic Society led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10034—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 13 May 2014—

delete

5.00 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 Tuesday 13 May 2014.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10024—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Procurement Reform (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: 50 minutes
Groups 3 to 5: 1 hour 25 minutes
Groups 6 to 9: 2 hours 15 minutes
Groups 10 to 12: 2 hours 55 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. **Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.
The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 16, 6, 17, 7, 20, 38, 25, 8, 9 and 10.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

37 (For 103, Against 12, Abstentions 0)
43 (For 105, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

11 (For 44, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
30 (For 39, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 44, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
31 (For 44, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
32 (For 10, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 44, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
33 (For 42, Against 76, Abstentions 1)
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24 (For 44, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
42 (For 45, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
1 (For 39, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 42, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 42, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
44 (For 8, Against 109, Abstentions 0)
28 (For 56, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
29 (For 56, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 26 and 27.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

6. **Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill**: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-10005—That the Parliament agrees that the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

7. **Recovering Health Costs for Asbestos-related Conditions and Diseases**: The Parliament debated S4M-09697 in the name of Bill Kidd—That
the Parliament welcomes the proposals by Clydeside Action on Asbestos regarding the recovery of costs to the NHS of treating people with asbestos-related conditions and diseases and considers that these proposals would address these health issues here in Scotland and, in doing so, help the constituents of Glasgow Anniesland, the home of generations of shipyard and engineering workers and their families, many of whom were exposed to asbestos-related illness during their lives.

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

The meeting closed at 6.50 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. **Time to Shine Youth Arts Strategy**: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-10033—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Time to Shine, the arts strategy to support Scotland’s children and young people to flourish through culture and creativity; recognises the excellent work carried out across youth arts to support young people engaged with culture and creativity; congratulates Scotland’s youth arts organisations and companies, in particular the National Youth Choir of Scotland, the National Youth Orchestras of Scotland, Y-Dance, the Scottish Youth Theatre, the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; also recognises the many young people involved in the work of Scotland’s national performing companies, the National Theatre of Scotland, Scottish Ballet, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and Scottish Opera, and notes the continued importance of collaboration, working with local government and other parties to ensure that participation, creativity, talent development and cultural expression are developed now and in the future.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-10033.1 to motion S4M-10033—

Insert at end—

“; considers that all young people, whether engaged with arts organisations or not, should have the opportunity to achieve their potential and to enjoy the transformational nature of the arts, and welcomes the contribution made by local arts organisations to the lives of young people and to their communities across 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 the publication of Time to Shine, the arts strategy to support Scotland’s children and young people to flourish through culture and creativity; recognises the excellent work carried out across youth arts to support young people engaged with culture and creativity; congratulates Scotland’s youth arts organisations and companies, in particular the National Youth Choir of Scotland, the National Youth Orchestras of Scotland, Y-Dance, the Scottish Youth Theatre, the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland; also recognises the many young people involved in the work of Scotland’s national performing companies, the National Theatre of Scotland, Scottish Ballet, the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Royal Scottish National
Orchestra and Scottish Opera; notes the continued importance of collaboration, working with local government and other parties to ensure that participation, creativity, talent development and cultural expression are developed now and in the future; considers that all young people, whether engaged with arts organisations or not, should have the opportunity to achieve their potential and to enjoy the transformational nature of the arts, and welcomes the contribution made by local arts organisations to the lives of young people and to their communities across Scotland.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10036—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 May 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill

*followed by* Stage 1 Debate: Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 21 May 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Commonwealth Games, Sports, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights; Training, Youth and Women’s Employment

2.40 pm General Questions

3.00 pm First Minister’s Questions

3.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.30 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Tuesday 27 May 2014
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 28 May 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 29 May 2014

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

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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10037—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Food (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 October 2014.
The motion was agreed to.

5. First Minister’s Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10038—That the Parliament agrees that the period for members to—

lodge a First Minister’s Question for answer on 29 May should end at 9.30 am on 27 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on 4 and 5 June should end at 4.30 pm on 22 May; and

lodge a Topical Question for answer on 27 May should be 9.30 am on 27 May.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Recognising the Impact of Loneliness on Physical and Mental Health: The Parliament debated S4M-09775 in the name of Margaret McDougall—That the Parliament notes with concern the impact that loneliness can have on physical and mental health; understands that approximately 10% of people over 65 in the UK, including in West Scotland, say that they are lonely or very lonely and 20% consider themselves occasionally lonely; notes figures suggesting that loneliness is as bad for health as smoking 15 cigarettes per day, can increase the risk of developing mental problems, including depressive symptoms and obsessive compulsive disorder, can more than double a person’s risk of developing dementia and increases the risk of suicide and depression among adolescents; believes that tackling loneliness and increasing social participation can reduce such problems and encourages healthy behaviour, such as stopping smoking, more physical activity and higher consumption of vegetables, and notes a recent VEnable report, which suggests that, when it comes to tackling loneliness, there is a major gap in services for old people that could be addressed by volunteering and befriending services.

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 (Alex Salmond).

3. Animal Rights and Human Responsibilities: The Parliament debated S4M-09418 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament considers that companion animals, farmed animals and wild creatures are sentient beings whose contribution to communities and the environment should be recognised and celebrated; acknowledges, in particular, the positive role of pets in the lives of children and adults throughout Scotland, including in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale, and the comfort and assistance that they provide for many people who have difficulty with vision, hearing, mobility or socialising, and affirms that animals need and deserve the best possible welfare standards appropriate for their species whenever they are bred, reared, traded or kept.

4. Homecoming Scotland 2014: The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-10051—That the Parliament notes the contribution made by each of the themed years in the lead up to Homecoming Scotland 2014; welcomes the role that the Homecoming year is playing in extending the economic and cultural benefits and opportunities offered by the Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup, the MTV Europe Music Awards and the Armed Forces Day national event through its year-long, co-ordinated programme of events that are designed to celebrate the very best of Scotland’s food and drink, its assets as a country of natural beauty as well as its rich creativity and cultural and ancestral heritage; supports the Homecoming Scotland 2014 programme, which comprises a series of high-profile signature events, including Whisky Month, Bannockburn Live, the Forth Bridges Festival and the Highland Homecoming, which frame a programme of over 800 funded and partner events taking place throughout the year across every local authority area in Scotland, and acknowledges the successes already achieved through the Homecoming year in raising the profile of Scotland both nationally and internationally as a world class tourism destination.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-10051.1 to motion S4M-10051—

Insert at end—

“, and agrees on the need to ensure that the events associated with Homecoming Scotland are used to secure a lasting economic and social legacy, particularly for the poorest and most deprived areas, as well as
delivery of opportunities for sustainable economic growth and employment in communities across 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 notes the contribution made by each of the themed years in the lead up to Homecoming Scotland 2014; welcomes the role that the Homecoming year is playing in extending the economic and cultural benefits and opportunities offered by the Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup, the MTV Europe Music Awards and the Armed Forces Day national event through its year-long, co-ordinated programme of events that are designed to celebrate the very best of Scotland’s food and drink, its assets as a country of natural beauty as well as its rich creativity and cultural and ancestral heritage; supports the Homecoming Scotland 2014 programme, which comprises a series of high-profile signature events, including Whisky Month, Bannockburn Live, the Forth Bridges Festival and the Highland Homecoming, which frame a programme of over 800 funded and partner events taking place throughout the year across every local authority area in Scotland; acknowledges the successes already achieved through the Homecoming year in raising the profile of Scotland both nationally and internationally as a world class tourism destination, and agrees on the need to ensure that the events associated with Homecoming Scotland are used to secure a lasting economic and social legacy, particularly for the poorest and most deprived areas, as well as delivery of opportunities for sustainable economic growth and employment in communities across Scotland.

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection**: Mrs Madhu Jain, member of Interfaith Scotland and Hindu Mandir led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill**: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-10079—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill.

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


   (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. **Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill**: Dennis Robertson moved S4M-10076—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill.

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

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

7. **Tackling the Stigma of Epilepsy through Education**: The Parliament debated S4M-09792 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament is saddened by what it understands is the persistent social stigma associated with epilepsy, which variously affects the lives of 54,000 people with this condition in Scotland; recognises research by Quarriers in 2012 that found that one in two people with epilepsy still encounters prejudice from the public and understands that nearly everyone with epilepsy polled said that most people know little about it; considers that informing attitudes through public education based on the See Me campaign model helps to tackle longstanding stigma and discrimination toward epilepsy; notes calls for all school pupils to
learn about the effects of epilepsy and other long-term conditions and potentially life-saving techniques; acknowledges the forthcoming Stamp Out Stigma awareness-raising campaign for secondary pupils developed by Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament in conjunction with Epilepsy Connections, Education Scotland, Scottish Epilepsy Initiative and Young Epilepsy; understands that, by making epilepsy awareness a compulsory element of all first aid training, school staff in North Ayrshire and elsewhere can better assist over 800 children who are newly diagnosed each year, and up to 7,000 children and young people with active epilepsy, and believes that National Epilepsy Week, from 18 to 24 May 2014, offers an ideal opportunity to transform public perceptions.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10095—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 21 May 2014—

delete

3.30 pm Stage 1 Debate: Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill

and insert

3.30 pm Debate on a Motion of No Confidence

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill

delelete

5.30 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.45 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights, and Training, Youth and Women’s Employment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

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

4. **First Minister’s Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

5. **Motion of No Confidence:** Neil Findlay moved S4M-10088—That the Parliament has no confidence in the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing as a result of his failure to disclose his involvement in the decision to reverse the planned closure of mental health services at Monklands Hospital.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

6. **Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-10090—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill.
After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-09375—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

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

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

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

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 70, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

8. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10094—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 27 May 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Local Government and Regeneration Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 28 May 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

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 29 May 2014

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

*followed by*  Ministerial Statement: Climate Ready Scotland, the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: The Impact of Immigration Policy on Higher Education in Scotland

*followed by*  Business Motions

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 3 June 2014

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 4 June 2014

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
Rural Affairs and the 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 5 June 2014

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
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

9. Approval of SSIs and Designation of Lead Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—


S4M-10097—That the Parliament agrees that the Valuation and Rating (Exempted Classes) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10098—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

S4M-10099—That the Parliament agrees that the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

11. Scottish Learning Disability Awareness Week 2014: The Parliament debated S4M-09911 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament notes that 19 to 24 May 2014 is Scottish Learning Disability Awareness Week; understands that there are at least 120,000 people who have learning disabilities in Scotland and that, of that number, 26,000 adults and 16,000
children and young people are known to be receiving social care and educational support from local authorities; reflects on what it considers the significant progress made over the last few decades to improve access to education and employment for people who have learning disabilities and for them to live in their own communities as a result of the closure of long-stay institutions; is concerned that people with learning disabilities continue to experience significant health inequalities, have lower access to employment and education than the general population and continue to experience isolation, loneliness and bullying in their communities; acknowledges the role of family carers in supporting their loved one to live an independent life and their need in turn for access to peer support and respite opportunities; welcomes the publication in the summer of 2013 of The keys to life: Improving Quality of Life for People with Learning Disabilities, the Scottish Government’s 10-year strategy to improve the quality of life for people who have learning disabilities; recognises the work of the many organisations across Scotland that are providing innovative support and advocacy to people with learning disabilities and their family carers to overcome these challenges and co-produce support and services that empower people with learning disabilities to live the life that they want to live; congratulates in particular ENABLE Scotland on reaching its 60th anniversary in 2014, and notes calls for the voluntary and statutory sectors to continue to work in partnership with people who have learning disabilities to develop communities, attitudes and support that will enable people with learning disabilities throughout Scotland to access their human rights.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Right Reverend Joseph Toal, Bishop Elect of the Diocese of Motherwell and Administrator of Argyll and the Isles led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Inquiry into the Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland:** The Parliament debated the Local Government and Regeneration Committee’s Inquiry into the Delivery of Regeneration in Scotland.

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took no decisions on today’s business.

5. **Scottish Wildlife Trust Celebrates its 50th Anniversary:** The Parliament debated S4M-09777 in the name of John Wilson—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Wildlife Trust on celebrating its 50th anniversary; thanks the trust’s current and former volunteers and staff for their contribution toward protecting, restoring and enhancing the country’s wildlife and habitats and for inspiring people to engage with nature; understands that the trust is involved in many conservation activities, which include managing its network of 120 wildlife reserves, policy work that aims to influence decision makers to take biodiversity into account when developing plans and policies, natural capital work that tries to encourage businesses to lessen their impacts on the natural world, and work that seeks to inspire people of all ages through education, events, visitor centres and a Scotland-wide network of wildlife watch groups for children; notes what it sees as the important role that the trust has played in the Scottish Beaver Trial and the Saving Scotland’s Red Squirrel project; considers that it has been innovative in developing a landscape-scale approach to conservation through its living landscape projects in Coigach–Assynt, Cumbernauld and Edinburgh, and applauds the Scottish Wildlife Trust on its continued hard work and its commitment to protecting the wildlife of Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10151—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 28 May 2014—

   after

   2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

   insert

   followed by Ministerial Statement: Caledonian Sleeper Franchise

   delete

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   5.30 pm Decision Time

   The motion was agreed to.

2. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and Veterans (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on the Caledonian Sleeper Franchise.

4. **Scotland’s Future:** Kezia Dugdale moved S4M-10131—That the Parliament resolves to keep childcare at the top of the political agenda regardless of the referendum result; believes that the SPICe briefing, *Early Learning and Childcare*, which was published 2 April 2014, has discredited the childcare claims made by the Scottish Government in the white paper on independence; notes that the Scottish Government has refused to publish its own economic modelling and, in the interests of transparency, calls on it to publish all of the information that the childcare claims in the white paper are based on; agrees that good quality, affordable and flexible childcare is essential in supporting many families; believes that all parties should work together on a long-term vision for childcare in Scotland and reach a consensus on the delivery, availability, affordability and financing of a comprehensive childcare strategy, and further believes that, to begin this work, a Scottish childcare commission with all-party support should be established.
The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S4M-10131.3 to motion S4M-10131—

Leave out from “regardless of” to end and insert—

“; acknowledges the significant progress made by the Scottish Government in expanding funded early learning and childcare to 600 hours for three and four-year-olds and the most vulnerable 27% of two-year-olds; recognises the radical proposals for transforming childcare set out in Scotland’s Future: Your Guide to an Independent Scotland, which would ensure that children from age one to five would be entitled to 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare, broadly the same number of hours that children currently receive in primary school; welcomes the valuable cross-party contribution made by Willie Rennie and Malcolm Chisholm as members of the Early Years Taskforce, which brings together practitioners, professionals and politicians to inform the strategic development of early years policy, including early learning and childcare, and further welcomes the establishment by Children in Scotland of the Partnership Commission for Childcare Reform as part of its Childcare Alliance, which will help to inform this important agenda”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-10131.1 to motion S4M-10131—

Insert at end—

“; notes the answers given to parliamentary questions S4W-20084, S4W-20500, S4W-20501, S4W-20502, S4W-20503, S4W-20507 and S4W-20509; further notes that the Scottish Government has failed to provide any detail on how the component tax revenue streams will make up the £700 million forecast in the white paper on independence; questions whether the modelling used to inform the policy in the white paper on independence is robust, and believes that the Scottish Government should make available the full figures underlying the assertions made in the paper, Childcare and Labour Market Participation – Economic Analysis”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 48, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament resolves to keep childcare at the top of the political agenda; acknowledges the significant progress made by the Scottish Government in expanding funded early learning and childcare to 600 hours for three and four-year-olds and the most vulnerable 27% of two-year-olds; recognises the radical proposals for
transforming childcare set out in *Scotland’s Future: Your Guide to an Independent Scotland*, which would ensure that children from age one to five would be entitled to 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare, broadly the same number of hours that children currently receive in primary school; welcomes the valuable cross-party contribution made by Willie Rennie and Malcolm Chisholm as members of the Early Years Taskforce, which brings together practitioners, professionals and politicians to inform the strategic development of early years policy, including early learning and childcare, and further welcomes the establishment by Children in Scotland of the Partnership Commission for Childcare Reform as part of its Childcare Alliance, which will help to inform this important agenda.

5. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10134—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

- **Tuesday 3 June 2014**
  - 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
  - *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motion
  - *followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)
  - *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Air Passenger Duty
  - *followed by* Business Motions
  - *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
  - 5.00 pm Decision Time
  - *followed by* Members’ Business

- **Wednesday 4 June 2014**
  - 2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
  - 2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
    - Rural Affairs and the Environment;
    - Justice and the Law Officers
  - *followed by* European and External Relations Committee Debate: Inquiry into the Scottish Government’s Proposals for an Independent Scotland: Membership of the European Union
  - *followed by* Business Motions
  - *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
  - 5.00 pm Decision Time
  - *followed by* Members’ Business

- **Thursday 5 June 2014**
  - 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
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Women and the Economy
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 June 2014
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 June 2014
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Wellbeing
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 June 2014
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

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

5.00 pm      Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

S4M-10135—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 28 November 2014.

S4M-10136—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 June 2014.

S4M-10137—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 13 June 2014.

S4M-10138—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill at stage 2 be completed by 27 June 2014.

The motions were agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10139—That the Parliament agrees that the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

8. Suspension of Standing Orders: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10140—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of allowing the Justice Committee to start consideration of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 on 10 June 2014, Rule 9.5.3A of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 7 and 8 as noted above.
10. Recognising the Work of the Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments and Bobath Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-09412 in the name of Siobhan McMahon—That the Parliament recognises the work of the Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments (SCCMI) in Cumbernauld for its provision of education and therapy services for children, young people and their families affected by cerebral palsy and other related conditions; understands that the SCCMI has assisted a wide range of disabled people from birth to 19 years of age and who reside in all parts of Scotland, since being established in 1991; further recognises the charity, Bobath Scotland, and the support that it provides for individuals and their families in a relaxed, non-clinical and fun environment; understands that children and young people affected by cerebral palsy and other related conditions may be affected by disorders of movement, disturbances of sensation, perception, communication and cognition; praises the work of both the SCCMI and Bobath Scotland in addressing the educational needs and the development of psychomotor, communicative and individual living skills in children affected by cerebral palsy and other related conditions through the provision of physical, speech and language, and Bobath Scotland therapies; acknowledges that primary teachers, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists and other staff work in close partnership to integrate educational and physical activities to address each child’s needs and to maximise independence, and hopes that what it considers the excellent work of both the SCCMI and Bobath Scotland continues to support those with, or affected by, motor impairments.

The meeting closed at 6.16 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **Fairness for Local Television in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-08987 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament welcomes the establishment of new local television services for Scotland; recognises the role that they can play in delivering public service broadcasting commitments such as news and current affairs; understands that Glasgow and Edinburgh have won local licences and that Ayr, in the South Scotland region, is on the shortlist for the next round of licences as well as Dundee, Inverness, Falkirk and Aberdeen; considers that local television’s public service content justifies a prominent position in electronic programming guides of Freeview and other digital providers to maximise discoverability by viewers; notes with concern that Digital UK, the body responsible for allocating channel slots on these electronic programming guides, proposes to locate new local television channels at position 26 in Scotland compared with position 8 in other parts of the UK, and notes calls for all stakeholders and those with a regulatory responsibility for broadcasting, including Ofcom, which has a Scotland office, to work together to ensure that local television in Scotland is not disadvantaged.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on Climate Ready Scotland, the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme.

5. **The Impact of Immigration Policy on Higher Education in Scotland:** The Minister for External Affairs and International Development (Humza Yousaf) moved S4M-10147—That the Parliament is proud that Scotland is an attractive destination for international students; recognises that a culturally diverse student and teaching body in Scottish higher education institutions enriches intellectual, social and cultural life; welcomes the valuable contribution that international students make to the Scottish economy; shares the serious concerns raised by university principals and vice-chancellors that current UK immigration policy is damaging to the higher education sector and to Scotland’s international reputation; believes that Scotland must distance itself from the negative rhetoric of the UK Government and its restrictive immigration policies, and further believes that an immigration policy designed to meet Scotland’s needs, including a post-study work visa scheme, is needed to meet Scotland’s educational, social and economic ambitions.

Neil Bibby moved amendment S4M-10147.3 to motion S4M-10147—
Leave out from second “that Scotland” to end and insert—

“in a modern, welcoming and inclusive Scotland where the diversity of its many cultures is celebrated; recognises the success of Labour’s Fresh Talent initiative, which encouraged foreign nationals to work, study and thereafter stay in Scotland; believes that independence would threaten higher education in Scotland through its impact on research council funding and the ability to promote Scotland’s universities on a global stage through the UK’s network of embassies and consulates, and also believes that there would be significant legal and financial consequences of the Scottish Government’s intention to discriminate against students from the rest of the UK in the event of independence.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 70, Abstentions 0).

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-10147.1 to motion S4M-10147—

Leave out from “shares” to end and insert—

“sympathises with the concerns expressed by university principals and vice-chancellors regarding the lack of sufficient flexibility in the student visa system, but believes that UK immigration policy must be placed in context; recognises that, under the previous Labour administration, the student visa system was routinely abused and that measures had to be taken to address this; understands that a balance needs to be struck between welcoming international students and maintaining public confidence in the immigration system, and calls on the UK Government to continue to engage with Scottish universities so that their concerns are addressed as quickly as possible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 11, Against 89, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-10147.2 to motion S4M-10147—

Leave out from “shares” to end and insert—

“notes the comments of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, who has made the case for international students studying in the UK; notes in particular his view that declining international student numbers being seen as a triumph for immigration control is ‘absurd’ and ‘seriously distorting the debate on sensible university policy’; recognises that there is no cap on the number of overseas students able to study in the UK and that the UK Government has no intention of introducing one; welcomes the concessions secured by the Liberal Democrats to the UK Immigration Bill to ensure that the UK still attracts skilled and talented people who want to study or work hard and contribute to economic growth and wider society, and welcomes the positive statements that
have been made by the UK Government about the value of international students."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 3, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 40, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 5 as noted above. The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Federico Luzzi, Outreach and Knowledge Transfer Officer, Philosophy Department, University of Aberdeen led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10194—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 3 June 2014—

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Jim Clark Rally incidents

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) made a statement and answered questions on the Jim Clark Rally incidents.

5. Air Passenger Duty: The Minister for Transport and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S4M-10185—That the Parliament notes with concern the continuing prevarication of the UK Government in devolving control of air passenger duty (APD) despite the clear recommendation of the Calman Commission on Scottish Devolution in 2009, evidence of the damaging impact of the significant increases in APD since 2007 and the growing campaign for control for it to be devolved; further notes the APD changes that were announced in the 2014 UK Budget, which, from April 2015, will amend the existing four-band system and, as a consequence, reduce duty paid on journeys of more than 4,000 miles; further notes that, based on the international destinations currently served from Scotland’s airports, this will be of minimal immediate value to Scotland; believes that improving Scotland’s international air connectivity and the ability of its aviation sector to properly compete with global competitors is a matter that needs to be urgently addressed; considers that this would be assisted by control of APD being devolved, and believes that, in the event of a Yes vote in the independence referendum, the UK Government should devolve this as a matter of priority in order to enable the Scottish Government to progress the proposals contained in Scotland’s Future: Your Guide to an Independent Scotland to reduce APD by 50% in the first term of an independent Scottish Parliament and to seek to abolish it when public finances allow.
Mark Griffin moved amendment S4M-10185.2 to motion S4M-10185—

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

“that reducing air passenger duty by 50% would take £135 million out of Scotland’s budget in addition to the £385 million that the Scottish Government’s proposed cuts to corporation tax would cost; further notes that these reductions in revenue would have to be fully funded by tax rises or cuts to vital public services; calls on the Scottish Government to confirm immediately what tax rises or public service cuts it would introduce in an independent Scotland, so that the people of Scotland can make an informed decision on 18 September 2014, and further calls on the Scottish Government to hold a serious debate on transport connectivity.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 29, Against 63, Abstentions 13).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-10185.1 to motion S4M-10185—

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

“the recent changes announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which simplify air passenger duty (APD), reduce the charge on flights to countries over 4,000 miles from the UK and cut tax for millions of passengers to and from many emerging markets; notes the findings of the Commission on the Future Governance of Scotland, which was chaired by Lord Strathclyde, regarding the devolution of APD in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to find a viable alternative to the air route development fund.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S4M-10185.3 to motion S4M-10185—

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

“considers that the aviation industry does not pay its fair share of tax; notes that European airlines expect to make profits of over £1.5 billion pounds in 2014 but will pay no tax at all on aviation fuel and benefit from significant VAT reductions in the UK; considers that the cost of air passenger duty is a small fraction of these tax breaks enjoyed by the industry, and believes that the aviation industry is a highly profitable industry that is failing to pay for the pollution that it creates and should be taxed in line with its environmental impact.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 4, Against 101, Abstentions 0).
The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

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

7. One Parent Family Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-10053 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament recognises the work that One Parent Family Scotland (OPFS) does with communities to empower Scottish families to overcome the barriers that they encounter; acknowledges the support that it provides for parents to help them give their children the best possible chances in life, with improved health and a stable home environment; understands that, in 2012-13, OPFS directly supported over 2,000 children and over 1,000 adults through group and individual support sessions; notes in particular its Transforming Lives project, which was recently celebrated in Hamilton and involves groups of single mums, most in their late teens or early twenties, who have not had the greatest environment to bring their child up in; considers that, through Transforming Lives, they have discovered what they are capable of and are evidently determined to achieve; commends Margaret McTaggart, who leads the programme, for, it considers, tirelessly helping the young women to get to grips with the practicalities of motherhood; recommends the OPFS’s recent annual report, Better lives, Built together, which it considers is packed full of case studies describing how the organisation’s intervention helped change lives positively; wishes OPFS the best of luck in the future, and welcomes its positive contribution to communities across Scotland.

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

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


3. **Motion without Notice**: Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved a motion without notice under Rule 8.1.2 of Standing Orders, that motion S4M-10199 be replaced with motion S4M-10228. The motion was agreed to.

4. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10228—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Tuesday 10 June 2014**

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motion

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of 2012 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Contribution of Older People to Society

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

**Wednesday 11 June 2014**

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

*followed by* Health and Wellbeing

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: The New Common Agricultural Policy

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Elections, Delivering Improvements in Participation and Administration
Thursday 12 June 2014

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

followed by Scottish Government Debate: CashBack for Communities
followed by Public Body Consent Motion: Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014 – UK Legislation

followed by Standards Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Changes
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 June 2014

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 June 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Culture and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities
The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took no decisions on the items noted above.

6. Celebrating the Scottish Spud: The Parliament debated S4M-10025 in the name of Claire Baker—that the Parliament acknowledges the success of Scottish potatoes at home and abroad, recognising what it understands is their sector value of around £100 million; believes that around 80% of British seed potatoes are grown in Scotland, including in Mid Scotland and Fife, and welcomes that Scotland is classified as a high grade region for seed potato production and that only pre-basic or basic potatoes can be marketed and planted in Scotland; understands that 30% of seed potatoes grown in Scotland are exported to EU and non-EU countries, resulting in Scotland being Europe’s second biggest seed exporter; further understands, however, that the consumption of fresh potatoes in Scotland has declined by 13% since February 2012 compared to a 9% and 10% fall in England and Wales; believes that the work undertaken by organisations such as the Potato Council to develop and promote the potato industry is vital for the sector in Scotland; celebrates the Grow Your Own Potatoes project, which is in its 10th year, noting that nearly 800 schools across Scotland are getting ready to harvest their latest crops; highlights what it sees as the important research
being conducted by the council, which currently involves around 30 projects, and considers that potatoes are a sustainable, affordable and healthy product that are part of a balanced diet.

The meeting closed at 5.33 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. Aberdeen’s Engagement Strategy with Japan: The Parliament debated S4M-10003 in the name of Alex Johnstone—That the Parliament welcomes the decision by Aberdeen City Council to have a formal wide-ranging engagement strategy between Aberdeen and Japan, which will include trade, culture, education and sport; notes that historical links between the city and Japan stretch back to the 19th century; understands that there has been substantial investment by Japan into the development of renewable energy technology, which holds parallels with Aberdeen as the energy capital of Europe, and wishes Aberdeen every success in establishing the strategy which, it believes, will promote greater friendship and understanding between the people of Scotland and Japan.

4. Improving Entrepreneurship among Women and Young People in Scotland: The Cabinet Secretary for Training, Youth and Women’s Employment (Angela Constance) moved S4M-10214—That the Parliament recognises the positive impact of entrepreneurial activity by women and young people on the Scottish economy; affirms its commitment to working with public, private and third sector partners to make Scotland a world-leading entrepreneurial nation by ensuring that all of Scotland’s people are better able to participate in entrepreneurial activity, and welcomes the work undertaken as part of Scotland CAN DO and Women in Enterprise, a framework and action plan to deliver public, private and third sector partnerships to bolster entrepreneurial activity among women and young people.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-10214.1 to motion S4M-10214—

Insert at end—

“; believes that, in order to improve entrepreneurship among women and young people in Scotland, it is essential to have a world-class further education sector to provide the training and skills that are essential to meet the long-term needs of the economy, and considers that the loss of 140,000 college places since 2007-08 is undermining the achievement of this objective”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-10214.3 to motion S4M-10214—
Insert at end—

“...notes the recommendations of the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce, chaired by Sir Ian Wood, which are designed to move toward better qualified, work-ready and motivated young people with skills relevant to modern employment opportunities, both as employees and entrepreneurs; welcomes the proposals to improve vocational education, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward plans to implement these recommendations as soon as possible”.

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 positive impact of entrepreneurial activity by women and young people on the Scottish economy; affirms its commitment to working with public, private and third sector partners to make Scotland a world-leading entrepreneurial nation by ensuring that all of Scotland’s people are better able to participate in entrepreneurial activity, and welcomes the work undertaken as part of Scotland CAN DO and Women in Enterprise, a framework and action plan to deliver public, private and third sector partnerships to bolster entrepreneurial activity among women and young people; notes the recommendations of the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce, chaired by Sir Ian Wood, which are designed to move toward better qualified, work-ready and motivated young people with skills relevant to modern employment opportunities, both as employees and entrepreneurs; welcomes the proposals to improve vocational education, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward plans to implement these recommendations as soon as possible.

5. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10230—That the Parliament agrees that—

Bob Doris be appointed to replace David Torrance as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee;

Stewart Maxwell be appointed to replace Bob Doris as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee; and

David Torrance be appointed to replace Aileen McLeod as the Scottish National Party substitute on the European and External Relations Committee.

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 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations for the Commonwealth led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on the Publication of the 2012 Greenhouse Gas Inventory.

4. **Celebrating the Contribution of Older People to Scottish Society:** The Cabinet Secretary for Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights (Shona Robison) moved S4M-10257—That the Parliament celebrates the valuable contribution that older people make to life in Scotland today; welcomes the publication of *Somewhere to go and something to do - Active and Healthy Ageing: An Action Plan for Scotland 2014-2016*; recognises the contribution that older people have made to society and believes that entitlements such as concessionary bus travel, free personal care and the winter fuel allowance should be not dismissed as “something for nothing”; welcomes the report of the Expert Group on Welfare and Constitutional Reform and the Scottish Government’s commitment to increase the carer’s allowance by £575 per annum; further welcomes the fact that life expectancy in Scotland has improved in recent decades, but questions the decision of the UK Government to increase the state pension age to 67 from 2026, and supports the proposal that, in an independent Scotland, a commission should be established to examine the state pension age, taking account of Scottish circumstances.

Neil Findlay moved amendment S4M-10257.3 to motion S4M-10257—

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

“; acknowledges that concessionary bus travel, free personal care and the winter fuel allowance are all policies introduced by Labour or Labour-led UK or Scottish administrations; notes that the policy of free central heating and the warm deal schemes that benefitted 80,000 pensioners and reduced fuel poverty in pensioner households were cut by the SNP administration; recognises the role of older people as carers; believes that Scotland faces a serious demographic challenge and that the predicted rise in the number of older people needs to be addressed and planned for and that an independent Scotland would have to raise taxes and cut public spending to be able to pay for the SNP’s pensions plan and that this could not be achieved while cutting corporation tax for the biggest businesses; recognises the huge pressure on hard-working health and social care staff and the services that they provide and calls for a review of the NHS in Scotland to ensure that services for older
people are fit for purpose, and notes that, while life expectancy has increased for some, health inequalities in Scotland mean that far too many people are not reaching, or able to enjoy, their retirement as they are living fewer healthy years than others."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 80, Abstentions 2).

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-10257.2 to motion S4M-10257—

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

“; understands that changes to the pension age are required as a result of the aging population; commends the UK Government’s commitment to introducing a Private Pensions Bill, to allow employees to contribute to “collective pension” funds, and a Pensions Tax Bill, to give those who have saved discretion over the use of their retirement funds; believes that a solution must be found to the issue of community transport being excluded from a concessionary travel scheme; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to increase the carer’s allowance, and urges the Scottish Government to address the underlying social issues that lead to such poor life expectancy rates in some parts of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 94, Abstentions 0).

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-10257.1 to motion S4M-10257—

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

“notes the increase in cold weather payments by the UK Government, which now stand at £25 per week, up from £8.50; welcomes the re-establishment of the link between pensions and earnings through the triple lock, which means that pensions will continue to rise by whichever is the highest of earnings, inflation or 2.5%, giving UK pensioners, for the first time, the certainty that their pensions will increase annually by a significant amount; notes with concern the findings of the Mental Welfare Commission on the treatment of dementia patients; further notes the loss of a third of geriatric beds while emergency geriatric admissions are at a 10-year high, and condemns the Scottish Government’s decision to remove future continuing care funding for people being treated in the community; recognises that meeting the challenge to increase healthy life expectancy will require cross-party commitment in order to guarantee continued action from government to government over time; believes that the Scottish Government should focus on reducing health inequalities as a means by which to increase life expectancy, rather than calling for a reduction in the state pension age; notes that costs relating to the recommendations of the Expert Group on Welfare were not included in the white paper on independence, and, therefore, calls on the Scottish Government to publish revised costings for its independence
plans to include the selected welfare recommendations and the transition and set-up costs that have so far been concealed."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

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

6. Operation Blue Star: The Parliament debated S4M-10022 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament notes with sadness the 30th anniversary of Operation Blue Star in 1984, which, it considers, led to the massacre of countless Sikhs from across India’s Punjab; notes recently released documents that acknowledge British foreknowledge of and involvement in the planning of the operation; echoes the UK Government’s statement that “These events led to a tragic loss of life and we understand the very legitimate concerns that these papers will raise”, and notes calls from the Sikh community at Glasgow’s Gurdwara and across the UK for transparency and closure for those affected by the operation through a public inquiry.

The meeting closed at 5.33 pm.
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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and the Minister.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on the New Common Agricultural Policy.

3. **Local Government Elections, Delivering Improvements in Participation and Administration:** The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-10262—That the Parliament notes with concern the trend toward low turnout in elections across Europe, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s recent consultation, *Scotland’s Electoral Future: Delivering Improvements in Participation and Administration*, and its commitment to engage with stakeholders following the consultation, build on examples of best practice and develop a strategy to increase democratic engagement and public participation in future local government elections.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-10262.2 to motion S4M-10262—

Insert at end—

“; notes the urgent need to reconnect politics and voters, particularly young people and those from less affluent areas, who are the least likely to vote, and believes that increased citizen participation on local issues is ultimately best achieved by re-empowering local government and local communities”.

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 with concern the trend toward low turnout in elections across Europe, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s recent consultation, *Scotland’s Electoral Future: Delivering Improvements in Participation and Administration*, and its commitment to engage with stakeholders following the consultation, build on examples of best practice and develop a strategy to increase democratic engagement and public participation in future local government elections; notes the urgent need to reconnect politics and voters, particularly young people and those from less affluent areas, who are the least likely to vote, and believes that increased citizen participation on local issues is ultimately best achieved by re-empowering local government and local communities.
4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10272—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 June 2014
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motion
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Finance Committee Debate: Written Agreement on the Budget Process
followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Standing Order Rule Changes, Budget Process
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Asylum Seekers and Refugees, The Need to Create a More Humane System
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 18 June 2014
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Culture 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 19 June 2014
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
followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Historic Environment Scotland Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Historic Environment Scotland Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 June 2014

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 25 June 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 26 June 2014

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
followed by Final Stage Proceedings: City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill
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 moved S4M-10270—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Care and Associated Professions (Indemnity Arrangements) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick moved S4M-10271—That the Parliament agrees that the HGV Speed Limit (M9/A9 Trunk Road) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Scotland’s Secret Bunker Reopening: The Parliament debated S4M-10114 in the name of Roderick Campbell—That the Parliament notes the reopening of Scotland’s Secret Bunker in time for its 20th anniversary celebrations, following a recent series of upgrades; understands that the bunker, which became operational almost 61 years ago, only opened as a tourist attraction in 1994 after been bought in 1993; believes the attraction to be one of the most popular tourist destinations in North East Fife and welcomes tens of thousands of tourists every year; understands that the latest upgrades will allow visitors to access never-before-seen areas; considers it fortunate that the use of the bunker now is for tourism and that its use as a nuclear shelter was never required; congratulates the owners on providing what it considers to be an excellent education resource, and hopes that it continues to thrive so as to allow future generations to learn about the Cold War.

The meeting closed at 5.30 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **Celebrating and Supporting Breastfeeding in Public:** The Parliament debated S4M-09422 in the name of Elaine Smith—that the Parliament notes with concern reports of a recent incident in which a mother, Emily Slough from Rugeley in Staffordshire, was labelled a "tramp" on a social networking site after a stranger took a photograph of her as she sat on steps breastfeeding her eight-month-old baby; notes that the photograph, which was taken without Emily's permission, was then uploaded online and believes that the misogynistic, derogatory and disrespectful comments that were subsequently posted could cause upset and concern to nursing mothers; understands that, as a result of this scandal, Emily organised a mass breastfeeding protest on 15 March 2014 in which thousands of mothers came out in support of breastfeeding in public across the country, including across Scotland; recognises that, in Scotland, mothers are protected under the Breastfeeding etc. (Scotland) Act 2005, which makes it illegal to stop, or attempt to stop, mothers breastfeeding in public; notes the view that, to reassure mothers and to help breastfeeding in public become a social norm, this legislation should be used and publicised across the country, including in Coatbridge and Chryston; acknowledges what it sees as the huge health benefits of breastfeeding; understands that a recent UNICEF-commissioned report, *Preventing disease and saving resources: the potential contribution of increasing breastfeeding rates in the UK*, outlined how increased breastfeeding rates could improve public health, produce long-term health benefits, allow considerable savings to be made by the NHS and provide a mechanism for improving health outcomes across a range of social groups; congratulates Emily Slough on her campaign, which it hopes will help raise awareness of the need for changed attitudes towards breastfeeding in public, and believes that mothers who are engaging in normal, nurturing maternal behaviour should be celebrated and supported by society.

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

5. **CashBack for Communities:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-10278—that the Parliament welcomes the publication of the first *National Evaluation of the CashBack for Communities Programme: Final Report*; notes that, since its launch in 2008, the programme has provided over 1.5 million positive opportunities and activities for young people across Scotland; welcomes the fact that this uniquely Scottish CashBack for
Communities programme is being funded by over £74 million recovered from criminals using the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002; notes that the independent report highlights the significant impact that the programme is delivering; believes that every effort should be made to ensure further progress in recovering money from those who profit from crime, and believes that funds obtained from the proceeds of crime should continue to be focused on projects in communities across Scotland as well as those particularly affected by crime and antisocial behaviour and, in so doing, continue to tackle breaking the cycle of youth offending in communities.

Graeme Pearson moved amendment S4M-10278.1 to motion S4M-10278—

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

“; notes that the CashBack for Communities programme replaced a similar initiative launched by the Scottish Executive in 2006; believes that funds obtained from the proceeds of crime should continue to be focused on projects in communities across Scotland, particularly those affected by deprivation, crime and antisocial behaviour, and, in so doing, continue to tackle breaking the cycle of youth offending in communities, and deplores funds obtained from the proceeds of crime being used to mitigate Scottish Government cuts, including its reported planned use to top up Police Scotland and the Crown Office’s budgets.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 62, Abstentions 13).

Margaret Mitchell moved amendment S4M-10278.2 to motion S4M-10278—

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

“; believes that much more analysis could be done to identify and follow up on crimes in which the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 could be implemented in order to maximise the amount of money seized; considers that Police Scotland and the Crown Office must always receive the core funding necessary for them to discharge their responsibilities, but believes that there may be merit in looking at the option of enabling Police Scotland and the Crown Office to make specific bids for money obtained from the proceeds of crime for identified projects while ensuring that funds obtained from the proceeds of crime continue to be focused on projects in communities across Scotland as well as those particularly affected by crime and antisocial behaviour and, in so doing, continue to tackle breaking the cycle of youth offending in communities.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 88, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).
6. Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014 - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-10284—That the Parliament consents to the making of the Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014, a draft of which was laid before the UK Parliament on 6 May 2014 and which makes provision that would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were contained within an Act of that Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Hybrid Bills: Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-10243—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 4th Report 2014 (Session 4), Hybrid Bills (SP Paper 513), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 27 June 2014.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. EU Legislative Proposals: Review of Standing Orders: Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-10244—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 2nd Report 2014 (Session 4), EU Legislative Proposals: Review of Standing Orders (SP Paper 506), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 27 June 2014.

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 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alison McDonald, Minister, Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh and Convener, Church of Scotland Committee on Ecumenical Relations led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10324—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 June 2014—

   after

   *followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

   *insert*

   *followed by* Ministerial Statement: Scottish Government Response to the Infant Cremation Commission

   The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on the Scottish Government Response to the Infant Cremation Commission.

5. **Written Agreement on the Budget Process:** Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S4M-10268—That the Parliament notes the revised written agreement on the budget process between the Scottish Government and the Finance Committee (SP Paper 554).

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

6. **Standing Order Rule Changes - Budget Process:** Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-10312—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 3rd Report 2014 (Session 4), Standing Order Rule Changes - Budget Process (SP Paper 512), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A of the report be made with effect from 27 June 2014.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Asylum Seekers and Refugees, The Need to Create a More Humane System:** The Minister for External Affairs and International Development (Humza Yousaf) moved S4M-10347—That the Parliament welcomes the celebration of Refugee Week Scotland 2014 from 16 to 22 June, co-ordinated
by the Scottish Refugee Council; notes that the events highlight the vibrancy and dynamism of Scotland’s many cultures; understands that refugees, many of whom have been victims of violence and ill-treatment, are seeking a place of safety to rebuild their lives; believes that asylum seekers and refugees should be integrated into Scotland’s communities from day one, as set out in *New Scots: Integrating Refugees in Scotland’s Communities*, developed in partnership by the Scottish Government, COSLA and the Scottish Refugee Council; recognises the excellent work of local authorities and third sector organisations in supporting asylum seekers and refugees; believes that more must be done to ensure that the asylum system treats people in the most humane, fairest and holistic way possible, consistent with the aspirations of the New Scots report and respecting human rights, and believes that, for many asylum seekers, the current system exacerbates the traumas that they have already suffered.

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-10347.1 to motion S4M-10347—

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

“recognises the excellent work of local authorities and third sector organisations in supporting asylum seekers and refugees, and supports the work being done by the UK Government to improve the asylum system so that it is efficient, humane and fair and focuses on helping genuine asylum seekers and refugees”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

Alison McInnes moved amendment S4M-10347.2 to motion S4M-10347—

Leave out from “, and believes that” to “exacerbates” and insert—

“; welcomes the ending of child detention for immigration purposes at Dungavel, and believes that all that can be done should be done to ensure that the system for asylum seekers does not exacerbate”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 50, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 5, Abstentions 13).

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

9. **Strategic Planning in the Lothians:** The Parliament debated S4M-10226 in the name of Cameron Buchanan—that the Parliament notes that the initial consultation period for the Main Issues Report for SESplan 2 has now closed and welcomes the opportunity for engagement with a wide cross-section of groups and individuals, including community councils and other representative
bodies in the Lothians, and considers that there may be lessons and issues arising from the implementation of the existing SESplan and associated local development plans, which may be worth considering as part of this process.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. Scotland’s Future: Johann Lamont moved S4M-10353—That the Parliament recognises that the best future for Scotland is one where its devolved public services are delivered by the Scottish Parliament but backed by the security and stability of the United Kingdom; acknowledges the many financial experts, economists and think tanks that believe that Scotland would be worse off financially if it were an independent country, and agrees that the best way to ensure a high level of investment in its schools, hospitals and public services is for Scotland to stay strong in the UK, allowing it to pool and share resources with its neighbours, which means that the people of Scotland enjoy the best of both worlds.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved amendment S4M-10353.3 to motion S4M-10353—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“notes that its record of delivery under devolution demonstrates that decisions about Scotland are best taken by the people who live and work in Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Government’s recently published proposals to use the powers of an independent country to reindustrialise Scotland, to improve Scotland’s economic growth and strengthen public finances; further welcomes the publication of the proposals of the Expert Working Group on Welfare to create a fair, simple and personal welfare system in an independent Scotland; notes that the joint statement from the Scottish Labour, Scottish Conservative and Scottish Liberal Democrat parties contains no commitment to specific further powers and that any further devolution would require the agreement of the UK Government and the UK Parliament, whatever the views of the people of Scotland, in contrast to the proposed interim constitution, which would ensure that sovereignty is held by the people of Scotland, and believes that only independence guarantees Scotland the powers to create a democratic, prosperous and fairer country.”

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-10353.2 to motion S4M-10353—

Insert at end—

“; notes that the recent Scottish Government paper, Outlook for Scotland’s Public Finances and the Opportunities of Independence, assumes for all forecasts that Scenario 4 from the May 2014 Oil and Gas
Analytical Bulletin occurs; calls on the Scottish Government to republish its forecasts for the public finances with both a central scenario and a cautious scenario for oil revenues, and further calls on it to publish the estimated set-up costs for an independent Scotland, along with the estimated costs of the policy commitments made in the white paper on independence and the policy commitments made after publication of the white paper”.

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-10353.1 to motion S4M-10353—

Insert at end—

“; believes that every person in Scotland will be £1,400 better off each year by staying part of the UK; notes with concern the continued discrepancies between the estimates of the Scottish Government and those of a range of institutions including the Institute for Fiscal Studies and of experts including Professor Hughes-Hallett on oil revenue forecasts; further notes the refusal of the Scottish Government to provide any evidence of work carried out on the cost of setting up the systems and institutions required for independence, and believes that the Scottish Government should publish full set-up costs without further delay so that people have all of the information they require to make an informed decision on 18 September 2014”.

After debate, amendment S4M-10353.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S4M-10353.2 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S4M-10353.1 was pre-empted by amendment S4M-10353.3.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that its record of delivery under devolution demonstrates that decisions about Scotland are best taken by the people who live and work in Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Government’s recently published proposals to use the powers of an independent country to reindustrialise Scotland, to improve Scotland’s economic growth and strengthen public finances; further welcomes the publication of the proposals of the Expert Working Group on Welfare to create a fair, simple and personal welfare system in an independent Scotland; notes that the joint statement from the Scottish Labour, Scottish Conservative and Scottish Liberal Democrat parties contains no commitment to specific further powers and that any further devolution would require the agreement of the UK Government and the UK Parliament, whatever the views of the people of Scotland, in contrast to the proposed interim constitution, which would ensure that sovereignty is held by the people of Scotland, and believes that
only independence guarantees Scotland the powers to create a democratic, prosperous and fairer country.

3. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10355—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 June 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motion
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Ministerial Statement: Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for Armed Forces and Veteran Communities in Scotland
followed by Bureau Motions
followed by Parliamentary Business Motion

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 25 June 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Housing (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 26 June 2014

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

2.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Provisional Outturn 2013-14
Final Stage Proceedings: City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Partnership Action Continuing Employment (PACE)
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 August 2014
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 6 August 2014
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Training, Youth and Women’s Employment; Commonwealth Games, Sports, Equalities 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 7 August 2014
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. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10357—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT)).

5. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10358—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare Reform Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. First Anniversary of the Rana Plaza Disaster: The Parliament debated S4M-09759 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament notes that 24 April 2014 marks the first anniversary of the tragic Rana Plaza disaster, in which an eight storey commercial building collapsed in Savar, near Dhaka in Bangladesh; understands that the victims and their loved ones have yet to be fully compensated for the preventable disaster, which claimed the lives of over 1,000 workers; welcomes the launch, on 24 March 2014, of the Rana Plaza Arrangement compensation process, negotiated under the auspices of the International Labour Organization by employers and unions in Bangladesh and globally and by the government of Bangladesh; notes calls for companies operating across the Lothian region, Scotland and the UK, especially companies that sold clothing that was produced at the Rana Plaza, to make sufficient contributions to ensure that a target of £24 million is reached by the 24 April 2014; considers that no worker’s life should be put at risk due to a lack of appropriate safety measures and that the first year anniversary is a day to remember those who tragically died and serves as a reminder of the importance of health and safety at work, including rigorous protection of workers’ rights for all, and notes that 28 April 2014 marks Workers’ Memorial Day, which exists to remember the dead, fight for the living and ensure that lessons are learned from tragedies and that disasters are not repeated.

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

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10372—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (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: 15 minutes.

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 (Alex Salmond).

4. **Celebrating 125 Years of the Showmen’s Guild:** The Parliament debated S4M-09329 in the name of Richard Lyle—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Showmen’s Guild on its 125th anniversary; understands that the Scottish section of the Showmen’s Guild is the largest by area, covering fairs from John O'Groats to Carlisle and Kendal; considers that the Scottish Showmen’s Guild plays an important role in Kirkcaldy Links Market, Europe’s longest street fair; commends the Scottish Showmen’s Guild on inspecting all rides, games and attractions for safety certificates; supports what it considers the Scottish Showmen’s Guild’s continued success in regulating Scotland’s fairgrounds, providing safe entertainment for people in Scotland; compliments all the members of the guild on the way that they serve the people of the Central Scotland region, and wishes them continued success in the future.

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

6. **Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (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 and 13.

7. **Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill:** David Stewart moved S4M-10335—That the Parliament agrees that the Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill be passed.
After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Historic Environment Scotland Bill**: The Cabinet Secretary for Cultural and External Relations (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-10371—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Historic Environment Scotland Bill.

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

9. **Historic Environment Scotland Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Cabinet Secretary for Cultural and External Relations (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-09869—

That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Historic Environment 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 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.06 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Graham Daniels, General Director of Christians in Sport led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10440—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 24 June 2014

after

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Support for Armed Forces and Veteran Communities in Scotland

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission

followed by Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

(b) Wednesday 25 June 2014

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

7.15 pm Decision Time

(c) Thursday 26 June 2014

delete

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Partnership Action Continuing Employment (PACE)

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Polypropylene Mesh Devices

followed by Final Stage Proceedings: City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill

delete
5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Training, Youth and Women’s Employment (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce.

5. Support for Armed Forces and Veteran Communities in Scotland: The Minister for Transport and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S4M-10427—That the Parliament acknowledges the debt of gratitude that it owes to the armed forces, past and present; recognises the valuable skills, experience and sense of civic responsibility that ex-service personnel bring to society on returning to civilian life and welcomes wide involvement, including of the Scottish Government, in commemorative events marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the Scottish Government's ongoing support for Armed Forces Day, and notes progress with the appointment of a new Scottish Veterans' Commissioner and the aim of encouraging new working relationships between the commissioner and ex-service charities that help the armed forces community, including veterans, access the highest level of services and support available.

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

6. Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-10430—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government’s plans to establish a Scottish Fiscal Commission to provide independent scrutiny and reports on tax forecasts prepared by the Scottish Government and supports the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Scottish Government nominations to the commission be approved.

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-10430.2 to motion S4M-10430—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

“considers that all three of the Scottish Government nominations to the commission are of a very high standard; believes however that appointments to the Council of Economic Advisers and the Scottish Fiscal Commission should not be held simultaneously; supports the nomination of Professor Leith, and further supports the nominations of Lady Rice and Professor Hughes-Hallett, subject to their standing down from the Council of Economic Advisers.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 52, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 65, Against 50, Abstentions 2).

7. Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-10356—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government’s proposal to nominate, as a representative of the Parliament, Jayne Baxter MSP as an alternate member on the UK delegation to the regional chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe for the remainder of the current parliamentary session to 2016.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. The Regeneration of Royston: The Parliament debated S4M-10109 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament welcomes the creation of the Royston Strategy Group, which consists of several community groups, including Blochairn Housing Association, Copperworks Housing Cooperative, Rosemount Development Trust, Royston Corridor Homes, Royston Youth Action and Spire View Housing Association, collaborating on the completion of the regeneration of the Royston area; understands that this group consists of community groups that are having an influential impact on the community by developing an attractive business environment, reducing unemployment rates, improving available housing and boosting the way-of-life for local people; recognises that these groups, along with other community organisations, have assembled another team, inspireROYSTON, under the direction of the Rosemount Development Trust, to host five community festivals, in celebration of 25 years of voluntary effort by residents of Royston, and in recognition of the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow; understands that this community festival programme, known as “inspireROYSTON 2014”, was launched on 25 April by the Soaring above Royston Kite Festival, which consisted of over 500 schoolchildren recording “Why I love Royston” on the tail of their kites and then flying them in Glenconner Park; commends each of the aforementioned groups, along with their peers, on their successful efforts in regenerating Royston and fostering community union; considers this a great time for the local groups to double their efforts and notes calls for Glasgow City Council to give serious consideration to implementing any Royston Strategy Group suggestions, and believes that a deliverable blueprint for coordinated local regeneration would be a fitting legacy for Royston, its residents and the various community groups that have devoted so much effort to enhance the lives of residents over the years.
The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10468—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Housing (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 20 minutes  
Groups 7 to 9: 1 hour 55 minutes  
Groups 10 to 12: 2 hours 30 minutes  
Groups 13 to 15: 3 hours  
Groups 16 to 18: 3 hours 35 minutes

The motion was agreed to.

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

3. **Housing (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4, 51, 52, 53, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, 58, 30, 31, 59, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 6  (For 82, Against 33, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 110, Against 6, Abstentions 0)
- 61 (For 100, Against 13, Abstentions 0)
- 70 (For 97, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 38 (For 12, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
- 1  (For 13, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
- 2  (For 14, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
- 41 (For 14, Against 70, Abstentions 33)
- 42 (For 47, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
- 5  (For 41, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
- 45 (For 41, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 7  (For 41, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
- 46 (For 41, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
The following amendments were not moved: 39, 40, 11, 24, 26, 67, 68, 69, 71 and 73.

Amendment 3 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rule 9.8.4A(a) and (c).

4. Housing (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-10438—That the Parliament agrees that the Housing (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 93, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10442—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 August 2014

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 6 August 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Training, Youth and Women’s Employment;
   Commonwealth Games, Sports, Equalities 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 7 August 2014

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 12 August 2014

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 August 2014
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
   Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
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 August 2014
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.

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-10443—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Register of Scotland (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10444—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Incidental, Consequential and Transitional) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10445—That the Parliament agrees that the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedule 4) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10446—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Revenue Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10447—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Fees) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10448—That the Parliament agrees that the Registers of Scotland (Information and Access) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10449—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Centenary of Perth Royal Infirmary: The Parliament debated S4M-09947 in the name of Liz Smith—That the Parliament congratulates Perth Royal Infirmary on its centenary; notes that the infirmary was built between 1912 and 1914 on a site on Glasgow Road in Perth and was officially opened by King George V and Queen Mary on 10 July 1914; understands that, over the 100 years, the population of Perthshire and Kinross-shire has increased significantly and that, by 2033, it is projected to increase by 27%; notes the calls for the centenary to be marked in some way; congratulates its current and former staff on what it sees as the first class health services that they have provided to the people of Perthshire and Kinross-shire over the past 100 years, and wishes the hospital well in the future.
The meeting closed at 7.42 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **Your GP Cares Campaign:** The Parliament debated S4M-10122 in the name of Alison McInnes—That the Parliament notes the launch of the Your GP Cares campaign by the British Medical Association (BMA) Scotland; considers that this new campaign highlights that GPs are facing unsustainable pressures, with larger patient lists and growing demand for their services for reasons including demographic changes and the increasing prevalence of more complex health needs; notes that the campaign is calling for sustainable investment in GP services to attract, retain and expand GP numbers, strengthen the practice staff team and ensure that all GP premises are fit for purpose; is concerned that some GP practices in the North East region, already possessing patient lists that are among the largest in Scotland, are ill-equipped to serve communities with burgeoning populations; commends what it considers the outstanding work of GPs across Scotland; believes that they will become even more important to their patients with the shift to delivering preventative care and the integration of health and social care services, and considers it essential that they have the capability to respond to local needs and meet the demands placed on them.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Provisional Outturn 2013-14.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on Polypropylene Mesh Devices.

6. **City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill:** Siobhan McMahon, on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee, moved S4M-10379—That the Parliament agrees that the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill be passed.

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

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

8. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:
S4M-10487—That the Parliament agrees that the Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10488—That the Parliament agrees that the National Confidential Forum (Prescribed Care and Health Services) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10489—That the Parliament agrees that the Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 4.46 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Ms Ellen Douglas, Head Teacher, St Ambrose High School, Coatbridge led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10728—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 5 August 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Glasgow 2014 XX Commonwealth Games

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland and Malawi, A Special Relationship

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Policing


*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 6 August 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Training, Youth and Women’s Employment;
Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Trident

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 7 August 2014

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 12 August 2014

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 August 2014

2.00 pm   Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm   Portfolio Questions

Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

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 August 2014

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.

3. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on Glasgow 2014 XX Commonwealth Games.

5. Scotland and Malawi, A Special Relationship: The Minister for External Affairs and International Development (Humza Yousaf) moved S4M-10712—That the Parliament congratulates the people of Malawi on their recent successful democratic elections; recognises that Scotland and Malawi have a special relationship that has endured for over 150 years and was formalised at governmental level in 2005 with the signing of the partnership agreement between the governments of Scotland and Malawi; notes that the basis of this relationship is one of reciprocity and mutual trust between the peoples and governments of both countries; recognises and welcomes the role of individuals and organisations across Scotland in supporting and developing Scotland’s special relationship with Malawi; further recognises that Scotland demonstrates its commitment to international development through the maintenance of the international development funds for Malawi and its other priority countries; notes that the Scottish Government’s engagement with Malawi and its other priority countries draws on Scottish knowledge, skills and expertise, historically in relation to health and education, as well as in response to new challenges, notably climate change and renewable energy, and further welcomes the next funding round for Malawi and the Scottish Government’s ambition for Scotland to be a good global leader in the field of international development, championing best practice and innovation in partner countries such as Malawi.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-10712.1 to motion S4M-10712—Leave out from “historically” to end and insert—

“in relation to health and education, as well as in response to new challenges, notably climate change and renewable energy, priorities set by the Malawi Government; welcomes the work carried out in and for Malawi by a wide range of schools, churches, NGOs and community groups around Scotland, and further welcomes the next funding round
for Malawi and the Scottish Government’s ambition for Scotland to be a
good global leader in the field of international development, championing
best practice and innovation in partner countries such as Malawi and
complementing the work done by the Department for International
Development around the world.”

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

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-10712.2 to motion S4M-10712—

Insert at end—

“; further welcomes the contribution of the UK Government in achieving
these successful democratic elections; recognises the £90 million that
the UK is sending to Malawi in 2014-15, and supports the UK
Government’s objectives to address the poverty and inequality facing
large parts of the population, support economic growth and wealth
creation to turn the economy around and sustainably help people out of
poverty and actively promote good governance and an open society in
Malawi”.

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament congratulates the
people of Malawi on their recent successful democratic elections; recognises
that Scotland and Malawi have a special relationship that has endured for
over 150 years and was formalised at governmental level in 2005 with the
signing of the partnership agreement between the governments of Scotland
and Malawi; notes that the basis of this relationship is one of reciprocity and
mutual trust between the peoples and governments of both countries;
recognises and welcomes the role of individuals and organisations across
Scotland in supporting and developing Scotland’s special relationship with
Malawi; further recognises that Scotland demonstrates its commitment to
international development through the maintenance of the international
development funds for Malawi and its other priority countries; notes that the
Scottish Government’s engagement with Malawi and its other priority
countries draws on Scottish knowledge, skills and expertise, in relation to
health and education, as well as in response to new challenges, notably
climate change and renewable energy, priorities set by the Malawi
Government; welcomes the work carried out in and for Malawi by a wide
range of schools, churches, NGOs and community groups around Scotland,
and further welcomes the next funding round for Malawi and the Scottish
Government’s ambition for Scotland to be a good global leader in the field of
international development, championing best practice and innovation in
partner countries such as Malawi and complementing the work done by the
Department for International Development around the world; further welcomes
the contribution of the UK Government in achieving these successful
democratic elections; recognises the £90 million that the UK is sending to
Malawi in 2014-15, and supports the UK Government’s objectives to address the poverty and inequality facing large parts of the population, support economic growth and wealth creation to turn the economy around and sustainably help people out of poverty and actively promote good governance and an open society in Malawi.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) made a statement and answered questions on Policing.


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

9. The Bunchrew Land Declaration: The Parliament debated S4M-10591 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament congratulates Community Land Scotland on the publication of the Bunchrew Land Declaration; supports the renewed commitment that it makes to what it considers the just cause of further land reform in Scotland, including in the Highlands and Islands; notes its reference to Scotland having yet to take the decisive action of other European countries to bring about more equitable patterns of land ownership; further notes its call to established land ownership interests to recognise the manifest unfairness of current land ownership patterns in Scotland, and welcomes its reference to more people-centred land governance and the achievement of land justice in Scotland.

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

1. **Portfolio Questions**: Questions on Training, Youth and Women’s Employment and Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

2. **Trident**: The Minister for Transport and Veterans (Keith Brown) moved S4M-10724—That the Parliament supports the speediest safe withdrawal of nuclear weapons from Scotland; opposes the renewal of Trident nuclear weapons; believes that the predicted cost of around £4 billion a year in the mid-2020s for Trident renewal is totally unjustifiable; calls on the UK Government to set out which major defence procurement projects, or other areas of public spending, will have to be cut to pay for Trident renewal; notes that only a Yes vote in the independence referendum will guarantee the withdrawal of Trident nuclear weapons from Scotland; supports the aim of removing Trident within the first term of the Scottish Parliament following independence, and confirms its commitment to working with nuclear and non-nuclear states to create the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons.

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-10724.1 to motion S4M-10724—

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

“recognises the Liberal Democrats’ commitment to reduce the UK’s nuclear arms and support global disarmament; notes that local SNP branches called for the refurbishment of Trident to be carried out at Rosyth; further notes that the removal of nuclear weapons from Scotland will not result in any fewer nuclear weapons in the world; notes that the SNP wishes Scotland to remain part of the NATO nuclear alliance; believes that the SNP’s defence policy is more of a slogan than a full policy; calls on the Scottish Government to use the 42 days until the referendum to explain from where it will recruit the personnel required for a Scottish military, how the correct balance of skills would be achieved and the timescale for achieving balance in the event of independence, and further calls on the Scottish Government to be clear on what will happen to the security of Scotland in the intervening period, given that this basic information has not so far been provided.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 68, Abstentions 29).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S4M-10724.2 to motion S4M-10724—

Leave out from “, and confirms” to end and insert—

“and a constitutional ban on nuclear weapons in Scotland; confirms its commitment to working with nuclear and non-nuclear states to create the
conditions for a world without nuclear weapons; supports a global ban on nuclear weapons, and considers that the removal of Trident from Scotland would strengthen the case against renewal of the UK Government’s nuclear arsenal.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the speediest safe withdrawal of nuclear weapons from Scotland; opposes the renewal of Trident nuclear weapons; believes that the predicted cost of around £4 billion a year in the mid-2020s for Trident renewal is totally unjustifiable; calls on the UK Government to set out which major defence procurement projects, or other areas of public spending, will have to be cut to pay for Trident renewal; notes that only a Yes vote in the independence referendum will guarantee the withdrawal of Trident nuclear weapons from Scotland; supports the aim of removing Trident within the first term of the Scottish Parliament following independence, and a constitutional ban on nuclear weapons in Scotland; confirms its commitment to working with nuclear and non-nuclear states to create the conditions for a world without nuclear weapons; supports a global ban on nuclear weapons, and considers that the removal of Trident from Scotland would strengthen the case against renewal of the UK Government’s nuclear arsenal.”

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10729—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 August 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Economic Opportunities of Independence

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 13 August 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

followed by Ministerial Statement: Working Together, Progressive Workplace Policies in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Welfare

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 14 August 2014

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: Scotland’s Festivals, Festival 2014 and Culture 2014

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members’ Business

Tuesday 19 August 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 August 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
Thursday 21 August 2014

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

5. Highlighting the Plight of Persecuted Christians: The Parliament debated S4M-10093 in the name of Dave Thompson—That the Parliament condemns the escalating persecution of Christians in certain countries; further condemns any form of religious persecution against all faiths and none; recognises that there is very little such persecution in Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch; supports those people and organisations that work toward removing religious intolerance from society; notes calls for the matter to be highlighted across Scotland and for concerns to be raised about the discrimination of minorities across the world, and understands that the Scottish Government will raise these issues wherever it can and that, as a good global citizen, Scotland will support the right to religious freedom and assist where possible in ending any oppression of religious minorities.

The meeting closed at 5.49 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **East Kilbride has Real Heroes:** The Parliament debated S4M-10265 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the shortlist for STV’s Scotland’s Real Heroes Award, which is sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland; congratulates both Miss Jenny Cook of East Kilbride and the East Kilbride Hangout on being recognised; notes that Jenny has raised in excess of £29,000 for Yorkhill Children’s Hospital and the Catherine McEwan Foundation, and considers that Maw’s Mafia (East Kilbride Hangout) offers a wonderful environment for young people with special needs, giving them a range of activities and experiences; understands that the STV series will pay tribute to people from across Scotland whose hard work, ambition and generosity have helped local communities, and thanks them all.

4. **The Legacy of the XX Commonwealth Games in Scotland – Humanity, Equality and Destiny:** The Cabinet Secretary for Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equality and Pensioners’ Rights (Shona Robison) moved S4M-10736—That the Parliament recognises the many ways in which the Scottish Government and partners have capitalised on the opportunities brought about by hosting the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow; acknowledges the excellent partnership working of a whole host of organisations, local, national, public, private and third sector, as well as the many committed individuals who continue to work together to secure a legacy fit for Scotland; welcomes the determination of the Scottish Government and partners to continue to build on these strong foundations, driving forward a legacy based on the core values of the Commonwealth Games, humanity, equality and destiny; looks ahead to 2018, when the next Commonwealth Games will be hosted on the Gold Coast, and reflects on the further commitment and drive required to secure a lasting legacy that Scotland can be rightly proud of.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-10736.2 to motion S4M-10736—Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“congratulates all the community groups and organisations that worked so hard to ensure that the baton relay was a source of celebration in their communities and a fitting precursor to the Games themselves; considers that the initiative of UNICEF and the Games partners, which resulted in £5 million being raised to support the children of the Commonwealth, was an ingenious project that will provide benefits for years to come; welcomes the determination of the Scottish Government
and partners to continue to build on these strong foundations, driving forward a legacy with immediate effect based on the core values of the Commonwealth Games, humanity, equality and destiny, but which must also emphasise the need to encourage more Scots to be more active more often while continuing to encourage, support and develop the country’s athletes; looks ahead to 2018 when the next Commonwealth Games will be hosted by the Gold Coast; reflects on the further commitment and drive required to secure a lasting legacy that Scotland can be rightly proud of, and considers that the volunteers recruited to work at the Games should be a vital part of that legacy.”

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

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-10736.1 to motion S4M-10736—

Insert at end—

“, and believes that, in line with recent advice from Scotland’s sporting bodies, the key policies that will deliver a permanent and meaningful legacy are those that focus on the improvement in the qualitative sporting experience for primary school-age children when they first develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, sporting activity”.

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 many ways in which the Scottish Government and partners have capitalised on the opportunities brought about by hosting the XX Commonwealth Games in Glasgow; acknowledges the excellent partnership working of a whole host of organisations, local, national, public, private and third sector, as well as the many committed individuals who continue to work together to secure a legacy fit for Scotland; congratulates all the community groups and organisations that worked so hard to ensure that the baton relay was a source of celebration in their communities and a fitting precursor to the Games themselves; considers that the initiative of UNICEF and the Games partners, which resulted in £5 million being raised to support the children of the Commonwealth, was an ingenious project that will provide benefits for years to come; welcomes the determination of the Scottish Government and partners to continue to build on these strong foundations, driving forward a legacy with immediate effect based on the core values of the Commonwealth Games, humanity, equality and destiny, but which must also emphasise the need to encourage more Scots to be more active more often while continuing to encourage, support and develop the country’s athletes; looks ahead to 2018 when the next Commonwealth Games will be hosted by the Gold Coast; reflects on the further commitment and drive required to secure a lasting legacy that Scotland can be rightly proud of; considers that the volunteers recruited to work at the Games should be a vital part of that legacy, and believes that, in line with recent advice from Scotland’s sporting bodies, the key policies that
will deliver a permanent and meaningful legacy are those that focus on the improvement in the qualitative sporting experience for primary school-age children when they first develop their interest in, and enthusiasm for, sporting activity.

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:** Ms Nandi Mandela, businesswoman, grand-daughter of Nelson Mandela and speaker at the 2014 Edinburgh International Culture Summit led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Economic Opportunities of Independence:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-10769—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland can be a successful independent country and that, while Scotland is among the wealthiest nations in the world, levels of inequality are too high; recognises the improvements in Scotland’s economic performance that have resulted from transferring limited powers to the Scottish Parliament, and believes that this demonstrates that decisions about Scotland’s economy are best made in Scotland by the people of Scotland and that independence presents new opportunities to build a more secure economy because for the first time ever Scotland will have the job-creating powers and an economic policy that will put Scotland first.

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-10769.1 to motion S4M-10769—

Leave out from “can be” to end and insert—

“benefits from being part of the UK currency union, which is one of the oldest, strongest and most successful in history; considers that keeping the pound and the current arrangement within the UK economic and political union is in the best interests of Scotland and that the only way to keep the pound on present terms is to vote to stay in the UK; believes that Scotland benefits from being part of the deeply integrated UK economy, which is the third largest economy in Europe and the sixth largest in the world; considers that being part of the large and diverse UK economy provides strength and stability to Scotland’s finances; believes that, as part of the UK economic union, Scotland is afforded protection from unexpected economic and financial shocks; considers that Scottish businesses have unfettered access to a domestic market 10 times the size of Scotland’s population and that it is imperative that this remains the case; believes that Scotland benefits from being part of an integrated economic union and that the pooling of tax income ensures that public spending in one part of the UK is not exclusively dependent on the taxes raised in that area, meaning that, if one part of the UK is disproportionately impacted on by an economic downturn or slow growth, public services in that area are not forced to assume all of its impact, and considers that the best future for Scotland is for a Scottish Parliament with more powers and enhanced accountability within a strengthened union”.

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Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-10769.1.1 to amendment S4M-10769.1—

Insert at end—

"; notes that, in May 2014, the Scottish Government published Outlook for Scotland’s Public Finances, in which it claimed that an independent Scotland could be £5 billion a year better off as a result of increases in productivity, employment rate and population, and calls on the Scottish Government to release the details of the modelling and workings on which this claim was based, particularly the detail of policies that would lead to increases in productivity, employment rate and population”.

After debate, amendment S4M-10769.1.1 to amendment S4M-10769.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S4M-10769.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

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

5. Gaza: The Parliament debated S4M-10675 in the name of Drew Smith—

The Parliament regrets and unreservedly repudiates the ongoing violence and loss of human life in Gaza and Israel, which, according to journalists running risks to their own safety to report from the area, stood, as at 28 July 2014, at more than 1,000 Palestinian deaths and 45 Israelis; considers that the continuation of violence will further escalate the already severe and enduring humanitarian catastrophe in the densely populated Gaza Strip; believes that the number of Palestinian civilian fatalities, including many women and children, indicates a disproportionate action by the Israeli military; condemns both indiscriminate rocket attacks and military bombardment of civilians and believes that hospitals and schools, in particular, should be places of safety and therefore also condemns attacks on them or their use to store or fire weapons; confirms its view that the continuation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is rooted in the continued failure to achieve a political solution to a problem that cannot be solved by violence; supports the comments made by the United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, on 24 July, who has described the situation as an “intolerable, unacceptable crisis” and agrees with him that it is imperative for the killing to stop; notes calls for the international community to fully use its influence to break the cycle of failed talks, continuing occupation and outbreaks of violence that threaten the prospect of a two-state solution by renewed and robust efforts to broker peace and justice in the region with the objectives, amongst others, of an immediate interim ceasefire, a long-term plan to prevent further violence, efforts to aid the necessary rebuilding of Palestinian civilian infrastructure, including the importation of vital humanitarian supplies into Gaza, and
crucially a process that can finally lead to the creation of a viable Palestinian state alongside a secure Israel in accordance with previous UN resolutions, and notes calls for the UK Government to support these objectives and to prohibit the supply of equipment or parts of equipment that are likely to be used against civilians and for the Scottish Government to do all that it can in support of the same and to foster and maintain good community relations between all religious and ethnic groups who have their home in Glasgow and across Scotland and who, in common with people around the world, wish to see a settlement that respects the right of all human beings, irrespective of religion or race, to live in peace with both dignity and security.

6. **Motion without Notice**: Drew Smith 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 6.28 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 Ministers.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Training, Youth and Women’s Employment (Angela Constance) made a statement and answered questions on Working Together – Progressive Workplace Policies in Scotland.

3. **Welfare:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-10777—That the Parliament notes the damaging and destructive impact of the UK Government’s welfare policies on women, children, disabled people and communities across Scotland; further notes that the worst of the cuts are still to come and that all three of the main UK unionist parties are determined to pursue this cuts agenda; recognises that an additional 100,000 children will be pushed into poverty, after housing costs, by 2020 as a result of these policies; also recognises that, by 2018, thousands of disability living allowance (DLA) claimants in Scotland will lose some or all of their disability benefits as a result of the replacement of DLA with the personal independence payment; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government has pledged to halt the roll-out of universal credit and personal independence payments, and recognises that only with the full powers of independence can the UK Government welfare cuts be halted.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-10777.4 to motion S4M-10777—

Leave out from “UK Government’s welfare policies” to end and insert—

“the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition’s policies on women, children, disabled people and communities across Scotland; notes Scottish Labour’s record in lifting 200,000 children out of poverty, halving pensioner poverty and leading the parliamentary debate in support of those campaigning to fully mitigate the so-called bedroom tax in Scotland; recognises that this was achieved by using the existing powers of the Parliament and that eradicating poverty requires political will rather than constitutional change; believes that the Scottish Government’s plans for welfare in an independent Scotland lack detail and are uncosted; understands that the Institute for Fiscal Studies noted that there will be a £6 billion deficit in the first parliamentary session following independence, leading to a cut in public services such as schools and hospitals, and therefore believes that those who are poorest will be hardest hit and that the best way of helping people out of poverty is with the return of a Labour government in 2015.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 27, Against 82, Abstentions 0).
Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-10777.2 to motion S4M-10777—

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

“supports the UK Government’s welfare reform, which seeks to simplify the welfare system, make it more accessible and make work pay; notes that welfare budgets continue to rise in response to need; supports the UK Government’s commitment to provide better standards of living for people on lower incomes by taking 242,000 Scots out of income tax altogether, and calls on the Scottish Government to provide a detailed cost and funding analysis of its own welfare proposals before the referendum in September.”

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

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 44, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10779—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 19 August 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
6.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 20 August 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Justice and the Law Officers;
Rural Affairs and the Environment
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Increasing Opportunities for Women
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 21 August 2014
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: Scotland’s Future
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 September 2014
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 September 2014
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Wellbeing
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business
Thursday 25 September 2014

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-10780—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission (Modification of Duties and Powers) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to. (DT)

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

7. A Message for Dearest Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-10365 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament congratulates the Dearest Scotland campaign, which was set up to allow the opportunity for people of all ages, from across Scotland and beyond, to write a love letter to Scotland; notes that Dearest Scotland is based in Glasgow Clyde College and run from the Cardonald campus and congratulates Cat Cochrane and her team on putting the campaign together, and acknowledges that it allows young people and old from all over the world to voice their hopes, wishes and aspirations for the future of Scotland and its people, no matter what the political or constitutional situation is and promotes the opportunity for people to share with each other their beliefs regarding Scotland’s future.

The meeting closed at 5.30 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **Scotland’s Pollinator Population**: The Parliament debated S4M-10368 in the name of Angus MacDonald—That the Parliament acknowledges that pollinators are essential to healthy ecosystems in Falkirk East and across the rest of the country but are fragile and can therefore be easily damaged or diminished; believes that there should be sustainable populations of all pollinators and notes calls for society to save and sustain them; understands that the principles highlighted in the Buglife manifesto, *Get Britain Buzzing*, call for action by the Scottish Government to develop and implement action plans, coordinate pollinator monitoring programmes, reduce pesticides that harm pollinators and conserve pollinator species while maintaining places for pollinators to feed and breed; notes the recent ban on damaging pesticides, and notes calls for similar work emphasising the importance of sustaining pollinators for Scotland’s agricultural and horticultural economies.

4. **Scotland’s Festivals, Festival 2014 and Culture 2014**: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-10784—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland’s culture is in vigorous health and that this is reflected in the continued success of Scotland’s festivals, including the Edinburgh festivals, which are internationally renowned for their excitement, vision and artistic ambition; congratulates all of those involved in the successful Festival 2014 and the ongoing Culture 2014 on enabling people across Scotland to share in the cultural celebration of the Commonwealth Games; celebrates the vibrancy and diversity of Scotland’s music festivals; acknowledges the importance of all of Scotland’s festivals, both large and small, across all the country, and notes the enjoyment that they bring and their impact on tourism and local economies, and is especially appreciative of the hard work that communities contribute to ensure that smaller regional festivals are a success.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-10784.1 to motion S4M-10784—

Insert at end—

“; congratulates EventScotland on the contribution that it made to Scotland’s thriving festivals scene; considers that the initiative of Festivals Edinburgh in commissioning a further edition of the report, *Thundering Hooves*, will be an important and helpful contribution to the continuing development of the Edinburgh festivals; congratulates Sir Jonathan Mills on his major contribution to the Edinburgh International
Festival and to the cultural life of Scotland as he prepares to hand over to Fergus Linehan, and wishes both men well for the 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 recognises that Scotland’s culture is in vigorous health and that this is reflected in the continued success of Scotland’s festivals, including the Edinburgh festivals, which are internationally renowned for their excitement, vision and artistic ambition; congratulates all of those involved in the successful Festival 2014 and the ongoing Culture 2014 on enabling people across Scotland to share in the cultural celebration of the Commonwealth Games; celebrates the vibrancy and diversity of Scotland’s music festivals; acknowledges the importance of all of Scotland’s festivals, both large and small, across all the country, and notes the enjoyment that they bring and their impact on tourism and local economies; is especially appreciative of the hard work that communities contribute to ensure that smaller regional festivals are a success; congratulates EventScotland on the contribution that it made to Scotland’s thriving festivals scene; considers that the initiative of Festivals Edinburgh in commissioning a further edition of the report, *Thundering Hooves*, will be an important and helpful contribution to the continuing development of the Edinburgh festivals; congratulates Sir Jonathan Mills on his major contribution to the Edinburgh International Festival and to the cultural life of Scotland as he prepares to hand over to Fergus Linehan, and wishes both men well for the future.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions 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 Chris Thomson, Regional Manager, Samaritan’s Purse led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10832—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

   (a) Tuesday 19 August 2014

   after

   followed by    Topical Questions

   insert

   followed by    Ministerial Statement: Ferguson’s Shipyard

   followed by    Ministerial Statement: The Future of the NHS

   delete

   6.00 pm    Decision Time

   and insert

   6.30 pm    Decision Time

   and (b) Wednesday 20 August 2014

   after

   2.00 pm    Portfolio Questions

   Justice and the Law Officers;

   Rural Affairs and the Environment

   insert

   followed by    Ministerial Statement: Update on the Economic Impact of New Innovation Centres

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10828—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers 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: 20 minutes.
Groups 4 to 8: 40 minutes
Groups 9 to 13: 1 hour 10 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Ferguson’s Shipyard.

6. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil) made a statement and answered questions on the Future of the NHS.

7. Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers 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, 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, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123 and 124.

8. Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-10822—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill be passed.

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

9. Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: Dennis Robertson moved S4M-10783—That the Parliament agrees that the Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) 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, that Decision Time be brought forward to 5.50 pm. The motion was agreed to.
11. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 8 and 9 as noted above.

12. **Celebrating the Contribution of Independent Retailers to the Scottish Economy:** The Parliament debated S4M-10420 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament celebrates the contribution of independent convenience store retailers to the local economies of Scotland’s cities, towns and rural and island communities; understands that there are more convenience stores in Scotland per head of population than the rest of the UK and that convenience stores employ over 41,000 people in Scotland, providing key services to many local communities not only in the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, but to every parliamentary constituency in Scotland, and considers that a successful independent convenience store sector helps to ensure the long-term sustainability, diversity and vibrancy of high streets.

The meeting closed at 6.26 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. **Ministerial Statement**: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on an update on the economic impact of new innovation centres.

3. **Increasing Opportunities for Women**: The Cabinet Secretary for Training, Youth and Women’s Employment (Angela Constance) moved S4M-10829—That the Parliament welcomes the growth in women’s employment to its highest ever level of 1,250,000 and the significant reduction in female economic inactivity; believes that Scotland must have even higher ambitions to further increase the opportunities for women to enter the workforce; further believes that the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce and the Working Together Review present important contributions to increasing opportunities for women; recognises however that significant powers to improve opportunities are currently reserved, and agrees that, with independence, these powers will give Scotland the opportunity to remove barriers to women’s ambitions and increase female economic activity, employment and living standards.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-10829.3 to motion S4M-10829—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“recognises that the UK is a deeply integrated economy, which is underpinned by sterling, and that this provides the basis for the economic opportunities for women in Scotland; believes that a world-class further education sector is key to future Scottish productivity growth and that the decline of 140,000 college places since 2007, a reduction that has disproportionately impacted on women, is incompatible with this objective; considers the proposals by the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce to reduce youth unemployment by 40% to be insufficiently ambitious, and believes that the Scottish Government must do much more to encourage women into apprenticeships presently dominated by males, such as in construction and IT.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 37, Against 58, Abstentions 4).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-10829.2 to motion S4M-10829—

Leave out from “and the Working Together Review” to end and insert—
“is an important contribution to increasing opportunities for women; acknowledges that women’s employment has increased to its highest ever level as a result of the UK Government’s economic and fiscal policy; notes that Scotland’s economy is much stronger as part of the UK and that the IMF estimates that the UK will have the highest GDP growth out of the G7 this year, and considers that this progress should not be undermined by the potential risks and uncertainty over Scottish independence, especially the currency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 81, Abstentions 4).

Alison McInnes moved amendment S4M-10829.1 to motion S4M-10829—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“notes the new research that shows that 270,000 Scottish jobs are dependent on trade with the rest of the UK and that nearly 100,000 of these are held by women; believes that key issues such as the economy and the currency will determine the opportunities available to women in Scotland in the future; further believes that lack of certainty around the Scottish Government’s plan B on currency puts women’s jobs and future aspirations on the line; expresses disappointment at the Scottish Government’s continued failure to stack up its costings for its plan to increase female participation through childcare, even after the First Minister’s New Statesman lecture in March 2014, in which he asserted, without evidence, that the policy paid for itself; regrets the lack of explanation as to why the Scottish Government continues to defy the will of SNP members and ministers in the Parliament that was expressed in motion S4M-05521 on 31 January 2013, which said that child benefit should be increased for people earning more than £60,000; regrets that the Scottish Government decided to follow up its professed policy that 40% of members of public boards would, in future, be women by making nominations to the next body, the Fiscal Commission, of just 33% women; believes that overcoming gender stereotypes across the board, but particularly in science, technology, engineering and maths, is in everyone’s interest and will help Scotland thrive; further believes that the loss of highly trained women from the workforce is not only a loss of opportunity to individuals but also represents a major quantifiable loss to the economy and society; notes the report of The Royal Society of Edinburgh that concluded that the doubling of women’s high-level skill contribution to the economy would be worth as much as £170 million per annum to Scotland’s national income; welcomes the UK Government’s measures to promote equal opportunities and working practices, such as shared parental leave; further welcomes the UK Government’s increase in the income tax threshold to £10,000; considers that the increase in the threshold has supported people on low and middle incomes, many of whom are women, and believes that being part of a United Kingdom with
broad economic shoulders and a stable currency is the best future for Scotland and for all of the people of Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 41, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10833—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 23 September 2014
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Statement by the First Minister
followed by Scottish Government Debate on First Minister’s Statement
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 24 September 2014
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Wellbeing
followed by Continuation of Scottish Government Debate on First Minister’s Statement
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 25 September 2014
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: Assisted Tourism

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 30 September 2014

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 1 October 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture 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 2 October 2014

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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10837—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 February 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-10834—That the Parliament agrees that the Lanarkshire Colleges Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10835—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of the Convener of the School Closure Review Panels as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-10836—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2014 [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. The Future of DFID in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-09923 in the name of Margaret McCulloch—That the Parliament recognises the contribution that the Department for International Development (DFID) staff based in East Kilbride make in administering the world’s second largest aid budget; notes that approximately 600 people are employed at the Abercrombie House office, where work is undertaken on a wide range of areas, including development policy and research, African and Asian regional programmes and the eradication of world hunger and malnutrition in addition to key corporate services for the department; welcomes reports that the UK has at last become the first country in the G8 to spend 0.7% of its gross national income (GNI) on overseas development assistance; considers that, while there are legitimate differences of opinion among political parties and between those campaigning on different sides of the constitutional debate about the future of international development, there is also a welcome consensus on the importance of Scotland and the UK’s international
obligations, including honouring the commitment to spend a minimum of 0.7% of GNI on overseas development assistance and enshrining this commitment in law; believes that the wider debate on independence would be enhanced by thoughtful, informed consideration of the implications of independence on international development; therefore notes remarks by Dave Fish, who, it considers, as a former head of DFID in Scotland and former director of DFID’s Africa programme, can be regarded as an authority on international development, who warned that DFID jobs in East Kilbride would be “relocated back to the residual United Kingdom” in the event of a Yes vote in September 2014 and that “the suggestion by SNP ministers that the United Kingdom would continue to employ hundreds of people in what would be a foreign country is – like so much of the case for independence – simply not credible”; further notes the findings of the House of Commons International Development Committee, which expects DFID’s aid budget to fall by around £1 billion as a consequence of independence; considers that the costs of establishing an independent Scottish development agency would likely require a greater share of development spending to be allocated toward administration instead of frontline aid; believes that the development policies set out in the white paper on independence could lead to the fragmentation of aid spending, which is overwhelmingly pooled and resourced across the UK at present, and believes that Scotland continuing as part of the UK is key to safeguarding civil service employment at Abercrombie House in East Kilbride and securing Scotland’s role in shaping global development and supporting 28 countries across Asia, Africa and the Middle East through DFID.

The meeting closed at 5.58 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **Celebrating Glasgow the Caring City:** The Parliament debated S4M-10661 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament celebrates the 15th birthday of Glasgow the Caring City in 2014; notes that Glasgow the Caring City is a Scottish charity based in Cathcart that supports children in crisis at home and overseas; notes that the charity achieves this aim by supporting a range of health, education and security programmes worldwide, from what it considers its successful Give a Kid a Goal campaign for children across Glasgow to helping to fund the Himbaza School in Burundi’s capital city, Bujumbura; notes the work that it has done in organising the Celebration City Festival for the Commonwealth Games; considers its contribution over the last 15 years to children worldwide and closer to home to be invaluable; thanks the charity for the work that it does, and wishes it every success as it moves forward with its plans for future development.

4. **Scotland’s Future:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved S4M-10843—That the Parliament agrees that Scotland is one of the wealthiest countries in the world, is rich in human talent and benefits from vast natural resources; believes that a Yes vote on 18 September 2014 is the opportunity of a lifetime to build a fairer, greener, more prosperous country for everyone who lives in Scotland; agrees that the best people to take decisions about Scotland’s future are the people who care most about Scotland, those who live and work here; further agrees that an independent Scotland will protect the founding values of the NHS, build a more secure, sustainable economy with greater job opportunities and will provide parents, children and disabled people with the support expected of a decent society, and agrees therefore that Scotland should be an independent country.

Johann Lamont moved amendment S4M-10843.1 to motion S4M-10843—

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

“looks forward to the democratic decision of the people of Scotland on Scotland’s future and recognises that it will be they who determine whether Scotland leaves the United Kingdom or continues to enjoy the benefits of devolved government within the UK; believes that remaining in the UK is best for jobs, best for schools and hospitals, best for business and best for pensions, and that a strong Scottish Parliament, which will gain new powers, backed up by the strength and security of the UK, represents the best of both worlds for Scotland; notes that, if the
Scottish people say ‘No Thanks’ to separation, Scotland will continue as a partner in a political, social, economic and currency union that pools and shares resources with its closest neighbours and friends in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; looks forward to that positive partnership continuing to evolve in the event of a No vote, and resolves to support every effort to unify the country again once the votes have been counted”.

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S4M-10843.1.2 to amendment S4M-10843.1—

After “within the UK;” insert—

“is proud of the contribution that Scotland makes to the UK as well as the benefits that it receives; recognises the shared institutions that have grown and developed over time to the benefit of all nations in the UK and is committed to furthering these shared institutions;”.

After debate, amendment S4M-10843.1.2 to amendment S4M-10843.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-10843.1.1 to amendment S4M-10843.1—

After “both worlds for Scotland;” insert—

“applauds the ambition of the people of Scotland to reach their individual as well as collective potential in all spheres of life, building on the achievements of Scots over the last 300 years and recognises the array of additional opportunities that they each enjoy as a strong part of the UK family of nations;”.

After debate, amendment S4M-10843.1.1 to amendment S4M-10843.1 was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S4M-10843.1 was then disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

5. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10853—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Historic Environment Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

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 5.06 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Rt Hon Tricia Marwick MSP, Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Statement by the First Minister:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement.

3. **Debate on the First Minister's Statement:** The Parliament debated the First Minister's Statement.

4. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took no decisions on the items noted above.

5. **Dads Rock, International What’s On 4 Junior Award Winner 2014:** The Parliament debated S4M-10546 in the name of Gordon MacDonald—That the Parliament congratulates Dads Rock, Scotland’s only network of free playgroups for dads and kids, which won the Most Outstanding Baby and Toddler Group at the International What’s On 4 Junior Awards; notes that the international annual awards, now in their eighth year, celebrate the best children’s activities, classes and party providers in the UK, Ireland and Australia; congratulates Steve Leslie of Dads Rock on winning the Most Outstanding Community Group Volunteer for Children or Families award; understands that nearly 90,000 international votes were cast by parents and carers, including from the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency, and considers that this is a fantastic achievement for a small charity that was only established in 2012.

The meeting closed at 5.31 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. **Scottish Government Debate on the First Minister's Statement**: The Parliament continued to debate the Statement by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

3. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10978—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 25 September 2014—

   after

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Accessible Tourism

   insert

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Membership of the Committee of the Regions, COSLA Nominations

   The motion was agreed to.

4. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-10979—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   Tuesday 30 September 2014

   2.00 pm Time for Reflection

   *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   *followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Housing Supply

   *followed by* Business Motions

   *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   *followed by* Members' Business

   Wednesday 1 October 2014

   2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities; Culture and External Affairs

followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Ryder Cup 2014
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: UN Climate Summit 2014
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 2 October 2014
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: Food (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Financial Resolution: Food (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 7 October 2014
2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 8 October 2014
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 9 October 2014
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. Decision Time: The Parliament took no decisions on the items noted above.

6. Skills Partnerships: The Parliament debated S4M-10860 in the name of Claudia Beamish—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the important role of Skills Partnerships in South Scotland and across the country; believes that the partnerships illustrate successful collaboration between colleges and local employers, which is in line with the recommendations of the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce, particularly for college courses, to meet the changing needs of local and regional economies; understands that Skills Partnerships allow particular sectors to share knowledge and best practice; recognises the value of skills partnerships across a range of sectors, including energy, finance and creative arts; considers that skills development is a crucial factor in career progression and that skills partnerships can play a major role in contributing to development; recognises that the partnerships operate throughout Scotland, which shows that the model can be applied to any college sector collaboration and is sustainable beyond the life of the project; believes that skills partnerships are a vehicle through which collaboration between colleges for outreach work can take place, especially in rural areas where courses can be inaccessible, and
considers that, in the case of energy skills partnerships, this approach ensures that the right skills are being delivered and Scotland has the workforce, skills and competence required by all sectors and ensures that the industry can grow to meet increased demand and embrace new technologies, as well as offering transferrable skills courses to allow Scotland to move toward a low-carbon economy.

The meeting closed at 5.32 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **Remembering the Contribution of Those who Built the Dams and Tunnels:** The Parliament debated S4M-10672 in the name of Annabelle Ewing—That the Parliament notes plans by Scottish and Southern Energy to develop a new state-of-the-art visitor centre at Pitlochry Dam and salmon ladder; recognises the contribution that this and other hydroelectric dams and tunnels throughout Scotland can make as tourist attractions as well as their primary function contributing to Scotland’s renewable electricity generation; respects the contribution made by the men, of many nationalities, who built the dams and tunnels, such as the Lednock “Tunnel Tigers”, who set a world record by tunnelling 557 feet in seven days in 1955 while working on the St Fillans section of the Breadalbane Hydro-Electric scheme; further recognises that this was hard, dangerous work and that a number of men lost their lives and countless others experienced injury or illness that affected them for the rest of their lives; understands that some of the public visitor information boards list several nationalities of workers in the tunnels but make no reference to Irish workers, and looks forward to the new visitor centre properly reflecting the contributions of all of the men who built the dams and tunnels.

4. **Accessible Tourism:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-10988—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution to the Scottish economy that accessible tourism makes across many sectors; further recognises that disabled people should be able to enjoy a holiday or break in the same way as others do; acknowledges the work underway and notes the progress made by VisitScotland and partners in developing the accessible tourism online training tools for managers and staff in individual enterprises; recognises that the whole tourism sector and wider public and private sectors need to work together closely to make accessible tourism ever more successful, and notes the efforts made to ensure that the tourism industry recognises the mutual benefit to businesses and consumers from the opportunities for accessibility being maximised for all events taking place during the next four themed years.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-10988.1 to motion S4M-10988—

Insert at end—

“; applauds the work of the Accessible Tourism Project in trying to make Scotland the most accessible tourist destination in Europe by identifying
the barriers faced by disabled people holidaying in Scotland and promoting the business benefits of accessible tourism to the industry, and recognises the importance of accessible tourism to securing delivery of opportunities for sustainable economic growth and employment in communities across 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 recognises the important contribution to the Scottish economy that accessible tourism makes across many sectors; further recognises that disabled people should be able to enjoy a holiday or break in the same way as others do; acknowledges the work underway and notes the progress made by VisitScotland and partners in developing the accessible tourism online training tools for managers and staff in individual enterprises; recognises that the whole tourism sector and wider public and private sectors need to work together closely to make accessible tourism ever more successful; notes the efforts made to ensure that the tourism industry recognises the mutual benefit to businesses and consumers from the opportunities for accessibility being maximised for all events taking place during the next four themed years; applauds the work of the Accessible Tourism Project in trying to make Scotland the most accessible tourist destination in Europe by identifying the barriers faced by disabled people holidaying in Scotland and promoting the business benefits of accessible tourism to the industry, and recognises the importance of accessible tourism to securing delivery of opportunities for sustainable economic growth and employment in communities across Scotland”.

5. COSLA Membership for the Committee of the Regions: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-10987—That the Parliament notes that the representation from local government to the Committee of the Regions will be Councillors Cormack McChord and Anthony Gerard Buchanan as full members and Councillors Gary Robinson and Barbara Grant as alternate members of the Committee of the Regions from January 2015 to December 2019.

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:** Mr Jamie Stuart, Elder, High Carntyne Parish Church and author of ‘The Glasgow Gospel’ and ‘A Glasgow Bible’ led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Housing Supply:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-11023—that the Parliament recognises that housing is and will remain a high priority for the current administration; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government plans to spend over £1.7 billion on affordable housing in the current parliamentary session, which will support an estimated 8,000 jobs each year, and has delivered 21,322 affordable homes, including 15,088 social rented homes; notes that Scotland is outperforming other parts of the UK, with the rates of all home completions and social housing completions much higher than the equivalent in England or Wales; acknowledges that the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 will protect the existing stock of social rented homes by ending the right to buy and enable social landlords to do more to help people in need of social housing; welcomes these achievements by the Scottish Government, despite the drastic reduction in its capital budget over the current spending review period as a result of the UK Government’s spending cuts, and calls on the UK Government to increase capital spending so that the Scottish Government can make a greater investment in housing.

Mary Fee moved amendment S4M-11023.1 to motion S4M-11023—Leave out from “is and will remain” to end and insert—

“supply is not meeting the demand that Scotland faces; notes that the Scottish Government has failed to make tackling the housing crisis a priority and that, in 2014-15, the budget for affordable housing is over 25% less than it was in 2008-09; acknowledges that, in 2013, the lowest number of homes were built since 1947 and that, if the current reduction in house building continues, it will result in a shortfall of 160,000 homes by 2035; acknowledges that public sector housing stock has also decreased by nearly 600 homes in the year to 31 March 2014; further notes that the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 was a missed opportunity to tackle the housing challenges that the people of Scotland face, including the housing shortage and reform of the growing private rented sector, and calls on the Scottish Government to produce a national housing action plan to ensure that these matters are fully addressed.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 44, Against 71, Abstentions 0).
Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-11023.3 to motion S4M-11023—

Leave out from “is and will remain” to end and insert—

“, as evidenced by its treatment in previous budgets, has been a low priority for the Scottish Government and that this is demonstrated by the sharp fall in housing association construction, the fall in sheltered housing numbers against an ageing demographic and only a modest increase in public authority construction; believes that spurious comparisons with other parts of the UK, where needs and priorities are not comparable, are simply an attempt by the Minister for Housing and Welfare to deflect attention from the failures of the Scottish Government to deliver a comprehensive housing policy that delivers homes and sustainable communities; further believes that the Scottish Government’s obsession with public spending and public borrowing as its preferred means of funding affordable housing has blocked progress toward private and institutional investment in the sector, which by now should have provided tens of thousands of affordable homes for rent in the highest pressure areas of Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to stop blaming both a housing policy of the 1980s and the UK Government for its apparent inability to meet its housing obligations while people languishing on housing waiting lists pay for this failure.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-11023.2 to motion S4M-11023—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“is concerned by the lack of progress made by the Scottish Government on housing since 2007; notes that over 13,000 households have been waiting for a decade or more on local authority housing lists for a home; further notes that there are 11,000 fewer houses available for social rent since 2007; welcomes the decision of the Parliament to end the right to buy under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014, and commends the commitment in the Liberal Democrat Pre-Manifesto 2014 for the UK general election to setting out long-term plans for capital expenditure to ensure that investment in infrastructure, including housing, continues to rise both in absolute terms and as a share of the economy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 4, Against 111, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 52, Abstentions 2).

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 3 as noted above.
5. Objections to Talladh-a-Bheithe Wind Farm and NPF3: The Parliament debated S4M-10744 in the name of Murdo Fraser—That the Parliament notes objections to the planned Talladh-a-Bheithe wind farm on Rannoch Moor from the Mountaineering Council of Scotland and the John Muir Trust; considers that, if granted, the Talladh-a-Bheithe project will be visually detrimental to an area of outstanding natural beauty and one that is included in Scottish Natural Heritage’s wild land map; believes that the 24 turbines planned for two kilometres north of the Loch Rannoch and Glen Lyon National Scenic Area will be visible from 30 Munros and Corbetts, including the popular Schiehallion mountain; understands that this case presents the Scottish Government with its first real test following the announcement of the Third National Planning Framework (NPF3), in which 19% of Scotland was identified as national parks and national scenic areas and therefore out of bounds to developers, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to reaffirm its commitment to preserving Scotland’s precious natural heritage.

The meeting closed at 5.38 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. **Ryder Cup 2014:** The Cabinet Secretary for Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners' Rights (Shona Robison) moved S4M-11030—That the Parliament congratulates the European team on retaining the Ryder Cup at Gleneagles; commends both the European and US teams for providing a world-class tournament watched by sell-out audiences and showcasing Scotland to a global television audience in excess of half a billion each day of the competition; congratulates Ryder Cup Europe, EventScotland, Police Scotland, Transport Scotland, Perth and Kinross Council, Gleneagles Hotel, Scottish Government agencies and all the partner organisations for the excellent partnership working that went into delivering the event; supports the Scottish Government and all partners in taking advantage of the substantial business and inward investment opportunities presented by hosting both the Ryder Cup and Junior Ryder Cup, as well as building on Scotland’s reputation as the home of golf and a perfect stage for holding world-class events, developing the range of sporting tournaments that it hosts; welcomes work to continue to promote and deliver a lasting legacy for the game through the successful ClubGolf initiative, which, with additional support of up to £1 million from the Scottish Government, will now develop a programme to encourage families to play golf, and leave lasting benefits to the transport infrastructure for local communities around Gleneagles, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to drive forward the benefits from hosting the Ryder Cup to build on these foundations, leaving a lasting legacy for Scotland from this remarkable sporting spectacle.

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

3. **UN Climate Summit 2014:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-11029—That the Parliament welcomes the successful climate summit hosted by the UN Secretary General in New York on 23 September 2014 and is encouraged by the range of commitments made by countries, business and civil society; notes the latest scientific evidence on rising atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations and the costs of delaying action; welcomes the announcement of the Compact of States and Regions; notes that the UK Government made no new pledges; agrees that new devolved powers to give Scotland a stronger and more clearly articulated voice on the international stage would allow Scotland to play a leading role in encouraging countries to match Scotland’s high ambition on climate change and to follow Scotland’s example in making the transition to a low-carbon economy and championing climate justice, and calls on all countries, including all EU member states, to use the opportunity presented at the forthcoming United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
(UNFCCC) Conference of Parties in Lima, Peru, to make further progress and
demonstrate their commitment toward an ambitious, global and legally binding
climate change agreement in Paris in 2015.

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S4M-11029.4 to motion S4M-11029—

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

“recognises the significance of the study carried out by the Global
Commission on the Economy and Climate, the central tenet of which is
that an economic transformation leading to a low-carbon economy could
take place through coordinated international action, which would not only
avoid crippling economic consequences, but would also result in a
higher quality of life for the world’s population; agrees that Scotland has
an important role to play in international efforts but that the Scottish
Government must match ambition with action if it is to have credibility;
regrets that the Scottish Government has failed to meet its annual
emissions target for three years in a row and calls on it to achieve future
annual targets and to commit to turning more proposals into policies,
especially in the areas of transport, energy efficiency and agriculture, if
Scotland is to have any prospect of meeting the 2020 and 2050 targets;
calls on all countries, in the period leading up to future summits, to agree
that the world’s oceans should be included in the climate change
agreements between countries, and urges all countries to use the
opportunity offered by the United Nations Framework Convention on
Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties in Lima, Peru to work
toward the delivery of a”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38,
Against 75, Abstentions 0).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-11029.1 to motion S4M-11029—

Leave out from second “notes” to “climate justice” and insert—

“welcomes the Prime Minister’s speech at the summit in which he
highlighted that the UK has cut greenhouse gas emissions by one
quarter and was on track to cut emissions by 80% by 2050; further
welcomes the Prime Minister’s summit pledge to push European Union
leaders to come to Paris with an offer to cut emissions by at least 40%
by 2030; is of the opinion that the Scottish Government would have more
credibility on climate change issues if it had not repeatedly failed to meet
its own greenhouse gas emission reduction targets”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16,
Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 50,
Abstentions 0).
4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11036—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 7 October 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 8 October 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Lifelong Learning

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 9 October 2014

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 Ministerial Statement: Budget 2015-16
followed by Public Petitions Committee Debate: PE1458 Register of Interests for Members of Scotland’s Judiciary
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 28 October 2014

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 29 October 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights;
Training, Youth and Women’s Employment
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 30 October 2014

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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11037—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 27 February 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Angus CAB Publishes Paper Highlighting Challenges Faced by Online Benefit Claimants: The Parliament debated S4M-10757 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of Digitally enhanced or Digitally Disadvantaged?, a discussion paper produced by Angus Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB); notes the paper’s concern regarding the Department of Work and Pensions’ “digital by default” strategy, which expects 80% of benefits applications to be made online, despite the UK Government recognising that only 30% of claimants for universal credit would have no difficulty in moving to online benefit claiming; understands that the paper states that often those who are applying for benefits are those who are least likely to have access to the internet; notes with concern the wider issue of an IT skills deficit in Angus, including Angus South, with only 54% of Angus CAB clients having access to the internet at home, compared to 68% across Scotland, and commends the work done by Angus CAB on the paper, which it considers provides an understanding of the challenges faced by those claiming benefits online and the future pressures that this may place on local services.

The meeting closed at 5.42 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **End-to-end Competition and the Universal Postal Service**: The Parliament debated S4M-10547 in the name of Hugh Henry—That the Parliament notes with concern the expansion of end-to-end postal services by TNT Post UK in major UK cities; considers that the sustainability of the universal postal service depends on Royal Mail being able to use revenue from easier to serve, densely populated areas to cover the cost of a nationwide network; is concerned that the cherry-picking of urban and suburban areas by TNT Post UK could have a serious impact on the financial sustainability of the one-price-goes-anywhere, six-days-a-week universal postal service; expresses its support for the universal service that many people in Renfrewshire South and across Scotland, including rural communities and small businesses, rely on, and notes calls for Ofcom to undertake a full review of end-to-end postal competition as a matter of urgency and determine quickly any regulatory changes needed to protect the universal postal service.

4. **Food (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-11048—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Food (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. **Food (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-10555—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Food (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).

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:** Very Reverend Thomas Canon Millar VG, Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11113—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Courts Reform (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: 40 minutes  
   Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour 15 minutes  
   Groups 8 to 10: 1 hour 50 minutes  
   Groups 11 to 16: 2 hours 40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11117—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 7 October 2014—

   delete  
   5.00 pm Decision Time  
   and insert  
   6.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. **Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 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 and 59.

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

   61  (For 31, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
Amendment 60 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 6, 2, 68, 16, 9 and 18.

6. Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-11101—that the Parliament agrees that the Courts Reform (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 7.5.1, the Members’ Business debate on motion S4M-10800 in the name of Marco Biagi be postponed.

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11143—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 8 October 2014—

(a) after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions Education and Lifelong Learning

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Future of Scotland’s Railways

(b) delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and Veterans (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on the Future of Scotland’s Railways.

4. **Policing:** Graeme Pearson moved S4M-11114—That the Parliament believes that all fundamental changes in the way that Scotland is policed should be properly debated and that meaningful consultation, including with the Scottish Police Authority board members, should be carried out prior to any policy decision being taken; notes with concern the absence of any meaningful contribution from the Scottish Police Authority ahead of recent policy changes on stop and search, the allocation of routine police duties to armed officers and target setting; recognises that it is necessary for Police Scotland to police by consent and that this is in the interests of public safety and confidence in the police; believes that the responsibility for the accountability of Police Scotland lies with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, who told the Parliament on 27 June 2012 that “the Scottish Police Authority’s ability to hold the chief constable to account for the policing of Scotland is wide ranging and allows the authority to scrutinise and challenge the chief constable on all of his or her functions and roles and on all aspects of policing”, and, in light of the cabinet secretary’s failure to provide effective
governance of Police Scotland in delivering public accountability, calls on him to resign from his post.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved amendment S4M-11114.2 to motion S4M-11114—

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

“acknowledges that policing in Scotland continues to perform excellently and, despite UK Government cuts, reform has ensured that crime remains at a 39-year-low, violent crime is down by almost half, crimes of handling offensive weapons are down by 60%, homicides are at their lowest since records began, police numbers are 1,000 higher than they were in 2007, compared to more than 14,000 officers being axed since 2007 in England and Wales, and confidence in the police is high and rising; recognises that Police Scotland listened to public views and opinions about stop and search and armed police and adjusted its approaches accordingly; further recognises that the current Scottish Police Authority and HM Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland scrutiny reviews will enhance the way that policing relates to the people and communities it serves; notes that, during the passage of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, members from across the Parliament stressed the importance of ensuring that there is no political interference in policing, and, following a period where Scotland’s policing has been so strongly in the international spotlight at the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup, calls on the Parliament to recognise the very positive impact of Police Scotland and to congratulate officers and staff for their excellent work.”

Margaret Mitchell moved amendment S4M-11114.1 to motion S4M-11114—

Leave out from “responsibility” to end and insert—

“establishment of a whistleblowers’ helpline for police officers and staff would help achieve this objective; considers that the ultimate responsibility for the accountability of Police Scotland lies with the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, and believes that, in view of his inept stewardship of justice issues, including policing in Scotland, the cabinet secretary should now consider his position.”

After debate, amendment S4M-11114.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 1). As a result, amendment S4M-11114.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 1).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—that the Parliament acknowledges that policing in Scotland continues to perform excellently and, despite UK Government cuts, reform has ensured that crime remains at a 39-year-low,
violent crime is down by almost half, crimes of handling offensive weapons are down by 60%, homicides are at their lowest since records began, police numbers are 1,000 higher than they were in 2007, compared to more than 14,000 officers being axed since 2007 in England and Wales, and confidence in the police is high and rising; recognises that Police Scotland listened to public views and opinions about stop and search and armed police and adjusted its approaches accordingly; further recognises that the current Scottish Police Authority and HM Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland scrutiny reviews will enhance the way that policing relates to the people and communities it serves; notes that, during the passage of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012, members from across the Parliament stressed the importance of ensuring that there is no political interference in policing, and, following a period where Scotland's policing has been so strongly in the international spotlight at the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup, calls on the Parliament to recognise the very positive impact of Police Scotland and to congratulate officers and staff for their excellent work.

5. Scotland's Future: Johann Lamont moved S4M-11116—That the Parliament recognises that the settled will of the people of Scotland is to make devolution work with a strengthened Scottish Parliament within the United Kingdom following the referendum on Scotland's constitutional future on 18 September 2014, and acknowledges that people on both sides voted for change and that it is now incumbent on this parliament to work together to deliver a fairer, more equal Scotland.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil) moved amendment S4M-11116.1 to motion S4M-11116—

Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“recognises the result of the independence referendum; agrees on the need for a strengthened Scottish Parliament; acknowledges that people on both sides voted for change; notes the response to a recent Panelbase poll in which two thirds of respondents backed extensive new powers for the Parliament; agrees that the language, ‘devo-max’, ‘home rule’ and ‘near federalism’, used during the referendum campaign has raised expectations of significant change; agrees that the process commenced by The Smith Commission offers a real opportunity to deliver substantial further powers and responsibilities for the Parliament, and agrees that it is now incumbent on all parties to deliver on the clear promises made to the people of Scotland to ensure that Scotland has the powers needed to improve its economy, support jobs, enhance its voice in the world and make Scotland a fairer, greener, more equal society.”

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S4M-11116.1.1 to amendment S4M-11116.1—

Leave out from “a real opportunity” to “Parliament” and insert—
“an opportunity to deliver substantial further powers and responsibilities to the Parliament but that the commission must be followed by a period of meaningful public participation, given the severely limited time available for the public to engage with the commission itself”.

After debate, amendment S4M-11116.1.1 was agreed to (DT by division: For 68, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Amendment S4M-11116.1, as amended, was then agreed to (DT by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT by division: For 65, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the result of the independence referendum; agrees on the need for a strengthened Scottish Parliament; acknowledges that people on both sides voted for change; notes the response to a recent Panelbase poll in which two thirds of respondents backed extensive new powers for the Parliament; agrees that the language, ‘devo-max’, ‘home rule’ and ‘near federalism’, used during the referendum campaign has raised expectations of significant change; agrees that the process commenced by The Smith Commission offers an opportunity to deliver substantial further powers and responsibilities to the Parliament but that the commission must be followed by a period of meaningful public participation, given the severely limited time available for the public to engage with the commission itself, and agrees that it is now incumbent on all parties to deliver on the clear promises made to the people of Scotland to ensure that Scotland has the powers needed to improve its economy, support jobs, enhance its voice in the world and make Scotland a fairer, greener, more equal society.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11123—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 28 October 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Devolution Commission, The Smith Commission

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business
Wednesday 29 October 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights; Training, Youth and Women’s Employment

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 30 October 2014

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: Supported Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 4 November 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Historic Environment Scotland Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 5 November 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
Thursday 6 November 2014

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

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11126—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 3 April 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11127—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 19 December 2014.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11128—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Food (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 14 November 2014.

The motion was agreed to.
10. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11124—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (Membership of the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission) Amendment Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11125—That the Parliament agrees that the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

12. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. **Absence of Suitable Hospice and Respite Facilities for Young Disabled Adults:** The Parliament debated S4M-10901 in the name of Jackie Baillie—That the Parliament is concerned at the absence of suitable hospice and respite facilities for young disabled adults in Dumbarton and across Scotland; understands that the Children’s Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS), which currently provides services to approximately 100 young adults, has been forced to impose an upper age limit on its facilities due to increased demand on its service capacity by children; notes that this upper age limit will come into force in approximately three years’ time; believes that, with life expectancy for conditions such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy increasing, the need for age-appropriate hospice and respite facilities for young disabled adults will only grow with time; notes the calls of the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign and the What About Us? campaign group for new proposals to be brought forward as a matter of urgency, and further notes calls for an urgent government review of the issue, bringing together NHS boards, local authorities, hospice providers and young people.

14. **Motion without Notice:** Jackie Baillie 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 6.42 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. Voting Franchise for 16 and 17-year-olds: The Parliament debated S4M-10990 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament acknowledges the recent petitions to extend the voter franchise to all 16 and 17-year-olds in all elections; understands that, during the Scottish independence referendum in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency area, 16 and 17-year-olds were highly visible in attendance at political debates and activity on both sides of the campaign; welcomes this contribution, which, it believes, demonstrates their willingness to become involved and take full part in the political process, and notes calls for the UK Government to amend the voting franchise to include all 16 and 17-year-olds in future Scottish and UK Parliament elections.


5. Petition PE1458: Register of Interests for Members of Scotland's Judiciary: David Stewart, on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee, moved S4M-11078—That the Parliament notes Petition PE1458, in the name of Peter Cherbi, on the issue of a register of interests for members of Scotland’s judiciary; welcomes the petitioner’s efforts to highlight what it considers to be an important matter, and commends the issues raised to the Scottish Government for further consideration.

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

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision 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 Canon Dr Nicholas Taylor, Rector, St Aidan’s Episcopal Church, Clarkston, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11315—that the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 28 October 2014—

   delete

   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Devolution Commission, The Smith Commission

   followed by Business Motions

   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   followed by Ministerial Statement: Update on Ebola

   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Devolution Commission, The Smith Commission

   followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Criminal Justice and Courts Bill – UK Legislation

   followed by Business Motions

   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   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 Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil) made a statement and answered questions on an Update on Ebola.

5. **Scotland Devolution Commission, The Smith Commission:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-11301—that the Parliament welcomes the submissions made to The Smith Commission by all parties involved; notes the publication of *More Powers for the Scottish Parliament: Scottish Government Proposals*; recognises the importance of all parties working together constructively to agree substantial further powers for the Parliament that
deliver a better deal for the people of Scotland; encourages people and organisations across Scotland to respond to the commission’s call for evidence by 31 October 2014; offers its support to the commission in developing proposals for strengthening the powers of the Parliament, and agrees that the people of Scotland must have the opportunity to inform and influence the implementation of these proposals through public participation and dialogue.

Drew Smith moved amendment S4M-11301.1 to motion S4M-11301—

After “Proposals” insert—

“and the publication of all parties’ enhanced devolution proposals”.

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 the submissions made to The Smith Commission by all parties involved; notes the publication of More Powers for the Scottish Parliament: Scottish Government Proposals and the publication of all parties’ enhanced devolution proposals; recognises the importance of all parties working together constructively to agree substantial further powers for the Parliament that deliver a better deal for the people of Scotland; encourages people and organisations across Scotland to respond to the commission’s call for evidence by 31 October 2014; offers its support to the commission in developing proposals for strengthening the powers of the Parliament, and agrees that the people of Scotland must have the opportunity to inform and influence the implementation of these proposals through public participation and dialogue.

6. Criminal Justice and Courts Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-11314—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provision of the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill, introduced to the House of Commons on 5 February 2014, relating to the amendment of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, so far as this matter alters the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, and relating to the activities of officers of the National Crime Agency when those officers are operating in Scotland, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. 10 October is World Mental Health Day: The Parliament debated S4M-11065 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament notes that 10 October 2014 is World Mental Health Day; welcomes this day of global mental health education, awareness and advocacy; understands that World Mental Health Day 2014 shines the spotlight on schizophrenia and that one in 100
people have schizophrenia; welcomes the work of Support in Mind Scotland, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, and its upcoming 1 in 100 campaign, which is to be launched in October; understands that this work takes place 10 years on from the first Scottish review of schizophrenia care and treatment; is concerned that nine out of 10 people with schizophrenia cannot get employment and experience discrimination and stigma; is further concerned that people with schizophrenia face shorter life expectancies by 15 to 20 years on average compared with the general population; understands that early intervention boosts the life chances of people with schizophrenia and welcomes the work of charities and other stakeholders right across Scotland in supporting the one in 100 Scots living with schizophrenia, including Support in Mind Scotland, and congratulates the volunteers in its East Kilbride support group, which has been working locally for 36 years.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Commonwealth Games, Sport, Equalities and Pensioners’ Rights and on Training, Youth and Women’s Employment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

2. **Addressing the Attainment Gap in Scottish Schools:** Liz Smith moved S4M-11304—That the Parliament believes that the greatest challenge facing Scottish education is the existence of the significant pupil attainment gap between different schools and different communities; considers that this leads directly to an unacceptably high number of youngsters from deprived backgrounds who do not participate in further or higher education, employment or training; believes that, as well as economic policies to address unemployment and poverty, educational policy should focus on removing the barriers that prevent too many young people in Scotland from obtaining better academic results and the ability of Scotland’s schools to compare more strongly when measured against all aspects of international standards, and believes that policies to achieve this outcome should specifically focus on delivering maximum parental choice, greater diversity in schools, strong leadership in a school system that provides full autonomy for headteachers and a renewed emphasis on improving basic skills in literacy and numeracy and greater support for those pupils with additional support needs.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved amendment S4M-11304.3 to motion S4M-11304—

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

“notes that Scotland’s schools compare strongly when measured against international standards; believes that the greatest challenge facing Scottish education is the impact of poverty and inequality on pupils’ ability to learn; further believes that the policies of the UK Government are increasing poverty and inequality; recognises that this leads directly to an unacceptably high number of young people from deprived backgrounds who do not participate in further or higher education, employment or training; further recognises that, in addition to economic policies designed to address unemployment and poverty, educational policy should focus on mitigating the barriers to educational achievement created by this inequality, and agrees that the curriculum for excellence is delivering improved outcomes using evidence-based approaches to raise attainment including a focus on strong leadership, high quality learning and teaching, literacy, numeracy and parental engagement.”

Neil Bibby moved amendment S4M-11304.2 to motion S4M-11304—

Leave out from “delivering maximum” to “headteachers” and insert—
“reducing the gap before children start school through increased and improved pre-school provisions, removing barriers to young people’s opportunities and learning at school, closing the attainment gap for all children with a particular focus on looked-after children”.

After debate, amendment S4M-11304.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 18, Abstentions 0). As a result, S4M-11304.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that Scotland’s schools compare strongly when measured against international standards; believes that the greatest challenge facing Scottish education is the impact of poverty and inequality on pupils’ ability to learn; further believes that the policies of the UK Government are increasing poverty and inequality; recognises that this leads directly to an unacceptably high number of young people from deprived backgrounds who do not participate in further or higher education, employment or training; further recognises that, in addition to economic policies designed to address unemployment and poverty, educational policy should focus on mitigating the barriers to educational achievement created by this inequality, and agrees that the curriculum for excellence is delivering improved outcomes using evidence-based approaches to raise attainment including a focus on strong leadership, high quality learning and teaching, literacy, numeracy and parental engagement.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11318—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 4 November 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Historic Environment Scotland Bill
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Town Centre Action Plan, One Year On
followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Deregulation Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.15 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

**Wednesday 5 November 2014**

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

*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 6 November 2014**

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* Ministerial Statement: Winter Resilience

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Inquiry into Lobbying

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

**Tuesday 11 November 2014**

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 12 November 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Rural Affairs, Food and the 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 13 November 2014

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 Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

4. Amendment to the name, remit and duration of a Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11334—That the Parliament amends the name, remit and duration of the Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee established on 23 October 2012 from—

Name of Committee: Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to The Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2013, the Referendum (Scotland) Bill, its implementation and any associated legislation.
Duration: Until 31 December 2014.

to—

Name of Committee: Devolution (Further Powers) Committee.

Remit: To consider matters relating to The Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2013, the Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013, its implementation and any associated legislation. Furthermore, (i) until the end of November 2014 or when the final report of the Scotland Devolution Commission has been published, to facilitate engagement of stakeholders with the Scotland Devolution Commission and to engage in an agreed programme of work with the commission as it develops its proposals; and (ii) thereafter, to consider the work of the Scotland Devolution Commission, the proposals it makes for further devolution to the Scottish Parliament, other such proposals for further devolution and any legislation to implement such proposals that may be introduced in the UK Parliament or Scottish Parliament after the commission has published its final report.

Duration: For the remainder of the current session of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

S4M-11319—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11320—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy (Money Advice and Deduction from Income etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11322—That the Parliament agrees that the Common Financial Tool etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11323—That the Parliament agrees that the Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [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. Fire Risk Assessments: The Parliament debated S4M-11175 in the name of Michael McMahon—That the Parliament is respectfully aware that the tragic fire at the Rosepark care home in Uddingston, Lanarkshire, that caused the deaths of 14 residents took place 10 years ago; notes the contents of Sheriff Principal Lockhart's findings after the fatal accident inquiry into the fire,
in particular, his conclusion that some or all of the deaths could have been prevented if the home had had a suitable and sufficient fire safety plan; further notes the contents of the Scottish Government’s *Practical Fire Safety Guidance for Care Homes*, published in March 2014; believes however that an awareness campaign would help duty holders responsible for care homes to understand the contents of the guidance and duty holders in commercial premises to appreciate the requirements placed on them by the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005, in particular that of obtaining a fire risk assessment specific to each premise, and further believes that people offering services in fire risk assessment should be properly qualified, preferably by third party certification.

The meeting closed at 5.34 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. Neilston and Uplawmoor First Responders Reaches 100th Emergency Call-out: The Parliament debated S4M-10898 in the name of Jackson Carlaw—That the Parliament congratulates Neilston and Uplawmoor First Responders on dealing with their 100th emergency call since becoming operational on 4 January 2014; notes that a Community First Responder is a member of the public who volunteers to help their community by responding to medical emergencies while an ambulance is on its way; pays tribute to the leadership of Stuart McLellan and Ross Nelson in growing Neilston and Uplawmoor First Responders from an idea to an active organisation providing frontline medical care; pays further tribute to the over 30 volunteers who ensure that this vital organisation remains fully staffed; considers that they have further benefited from, among others, the support of Arnold Clark Car and Van Rental, which has loaned them a 4x4 vehicle to respond to calls, and St John Scotland (Glasgow), which has provided financial support for training and set-up costs, and looks forward to seeing Neilston and Uplawmoor First Responders continuing to serve their community above and beyond this 100th call milestone.

4. Supported Business: The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-11332—That the Parliament recognises the economic and social value of supported businesses in Scotland; welcomes the recent success of many of these businesses in enhancing their commercial viability through business support and action to increase public and private sector procurement; commends the work of the new third sector supported business, Haven Protective Technology Solutions (Haven PTS Ltd), which has been developed in response to the enforced closure of the five Stage Two Remploy factories, and agrees the importance of continuing to support these businesses.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-11332.2 to motion S4M-11332—

Insert at end—

“; notes the importance of public procurement in sustaining supported businesses; notes the slow progress of public authorities to award contracts to supported businesses, and requests an amendment to the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 requiring all 118 public authorities in Scotland to award at least one contract to a supported business”.

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After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-11332.1 to motion S4M-11332—

Leave out from "which has been developed" to end and insert—

“and supports the central theme of the 2011 review by Liz Sayce that disability employment funding by government should follow the individual so that they have the freedom to select the support that best meets their needs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 90, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 90, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alastair H Symington MA BD, Member of the Kirk Session, Minister Emeritus Troon Old Parish Church and a Chaplain to the Queen in Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11400—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Historic Environment 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.

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

4. **Historic Environment 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 and 11.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1. (For 45, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
2. (For 44, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 3 was not moved.

5. **Historic Environment Scotland Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-11378—That the Parliament agrees that the Historic Environment Scotland Bill be passed.

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


7. **Town Centre Action Plan – One Year On:** The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-11386—That the Parliament acknowledges the publication of the report, *Town Centre Action Plan – One Year On*, and notes cross-government delivery against each of
the key themes; welcomes the partnership with COSLA and local government in the agreement and adoption of the Town Centre First Principle; is encouraged by the progress being made during the demonstration phase; agrees that local decision-making and delivery, good place-making and a renewed spirit of entrepreneurialism in town centres are key to their social and economic success; acknowledges the growing engagement and wider work underway by councils, communities and business across Scotland; encourages all parties to share and promote details about their activities through Scotland’s Towns Partnership; looks forward to following the progress under the second year of the plan, and reiterates its call for elected representatives at all levels, local communities and wider public and private sector partners to continue to work together to revitalise Scotland’s town centres.

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-11386.1 to motion S4M-11386—

Insert at end—

“; however, in so doing, believes that the Scottish Government generally needs to improve its rate of progress, in particular with regard to the Business Rates Incentivisation Scheme, which has been a disappointment so far, and calls on the Scottish Government to give serious consideration to an updated Town Centre Regeneration Fund and to implement a relief scheme for retail properties that have a rateable value of up to £50,000”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 96, Abstentions 4).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

8. Deregulation Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities(Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-11380—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions in the Deregulation Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 23 January 2014, which would enable the investigation of tramway accidents in Scotland by the Rail Accident Investigation Branch and provide the Scottish Ministers with powers relating to races or trials of speed on public roads, in 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).

9. Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-10756—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 25 June 2014, relating to a range of measures on access to finance, data-sharing in education, and insolvency, so
far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

11. **The Importance of School Bus Safety around Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-11008 in the name of Stewart Stevenson—That the Parliament notes the importance of school bus safety around Scotland and what it considers the important work of Ron Beaty of Gardenstown, whom it congratulates for his efforts on this issue, specifically in relation to bus safety signs and bus visibility; considers that there is a very real danger of school pupils being injured if the situation at present is allowed to continue as it understands that recommendations from Transport Scotland are not being carried out across the country, and hopes that the need to ensure the safety of children across Scotland is urgently recognised, acknowledging that Mr Beaty first petitioned the Parliament on this matter in 2005.

The meeting closed at 5.56 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 Ministers.

2. **Tackling Sectarianism:** Elaine Murray moved S4M-11395—That the Parliament notes that, in December 2013, the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland published its report, *Independent Advice to Scottish Ministers and Report on Activity 9 August 2012 – 15 November 2013*; considers that the report’s recommendations require action from groups and organisations across civic Scotland; regrets that neither this report nor the Scottish Government’s response of February 2014 has been debated in the Parliament or scrutinised in depth by a parliamentary committee; agrees that education and prevention are the best ways of tackling sectarianism, and believes that the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012, which was railroaded through the Parliament by the Scottish Government, is flawed and should be repealed.

The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved amendment S4M-11395.1 to motion S4M-11395—

Leave out from “considers” to end and insert—

“welcomes the report and its recommendations, which require action from groups and organisations across civic Scotland; awaits the final report of the advisory group in 2015 and welcomes the scrutiny given to last year’s report by the Equal Opportunities Committee and the committee’s ongoing interest in this issue; agrees that education and prevention are the best ways of tackling sectarianism, and looks forward to the statutory report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012, which the Scottish Government will lay before the Parliament next year.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 50, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that, in December 2013, the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland published its report, *Independent Advice to Scottish Ministers and Report on Activity 9 August 2012 – 15 November 2013*; welcomes the report and its recommendations, which require action from groups and organisations across civic Scotland; awaits the final report of the advisory group in 2015 and welcomes the scrutiny given to last year’s report by the Equal Opportunities
Committee and the committee’s ongoing interest in this issue; agrees that education and prevention are the best ways of tackling sectarianism, and looks forward to the statutory report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012, which the Scottish Government will lay before the Parliament next year.

3. The Living Wage: James Kelly moved S4M-11398—That the Parliament welcomes the rise in the living wage to £7.85 per hour; believes that payment of the living wage should be the expectation, not the exception, and notes that more than 400,000 workers in Scotland still earn less than the living wage; recognises the benefits to both businesses and their staff of paying the living wage; believes that the payment of the living wage in the private sector should be supported and actively promoted; welcomes the pledge from the Department of Energy and Climate Change that all of its staff, including sub-contracted staff, will be paid at least the living wage, and calls on the Scottish Government to pledge the same and extend the payment of the living wage to all public sector contractors.

The Cabinet Secretary for Training, Youth and Women’s Employment (Angela Constance) moved amendment S4M-11398.2 to motion S4M-11398—

Leave out from “welcomes the pledge” to end and insert—

“welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government is the first government in the UK to pay the living wage to all staff and those covered by its pay policy, including the NHS; notes the efforts of the Scottish Government to engage with the European Commission on including the living wage as a condition of procurement; further notes that neither the Department of Energy and Climate Change nor the London Assembly includes the living wage as part of commercial tenders; welcomes the success of the Scottish Government in securing the payment of the living wage in public contracts as demonstrated in both the new ScotRail contract and the Scottish Government catering contract, which will benefit 50 staff who were previously paid the national minimum wage; further welcomes the report of the Working Together Review, which was commissioned by the Scottish Government, and the announcement by the First Minister of the establishment of the Fair Work Convention; notes that the Scottish Government is producing new guidance that will help all public bodies focus on how workforce-related matters, including the living wage, can be included in contracts, and shares the concern of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation about the Labour Party’s inappropriate announcement of a minimum wage level for 2020 and that the Labour proposals will, based on estimates of inflation, not even meet living costs in 2020.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 39, Abstentions 15).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-11398.1 to motion S4M-11398—
Leave out from first “believes” to end and insert—

“encourages businesses and the public sector to recognise the economic and social value of paying the living wage to employees and sub-contracted staff; supports organisations that choose to pay the living wage but also acknowledges pressures to keep costs down and to remain competitive; understands that over 400,000 people in Scotland still earn less than the living wage, but commends the work of the independent Low Pay Commission and the UK Government in bringing the first real-terms increase in the national minimum wage since 2008 while overseeing historic levels of employment.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 103, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 37, Abstentions 17).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the rise in the living wage to £7.85 per hour; believes that payment of the living wage should be the expectation, not the exception, and notes that more than 400,000 workers in Scotland still earn less than the living wage; recognises the benefits to both businesses and their staff of paying the living wage; believes that the payment of the living wage in the private sector should be supported and actively promoted; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government is the first government in the UK to pay the living wage to all staff and those covered by its pay policy, including the NHS; notes the efforts of the Scottish Government to engage with the European Commission on including the living wage as a condition of procurement; further notes that neither the Department of Energy and Climate Change nor the London Assembly includes the living wage as part of commercial tenders; welcomes the success of the Scottish Government in securing the payment of the living wage in public contracts as demonstrated in both the new ScotRail contract and the Scottish Government catering contract, which will benefit 50 staff who were previously paid the national minimum wage; further welcomes the report of the Working Together Review, which was commissioned by the Scottish Government, and the announcement by the First Minister of the establishment of the Fair Work Convention; notes that the Scottish Government is producing new guidance that will help all public bodies focus on how workforce-related matters, including the living wage, can be included in contracts, and shares the concern of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation about the Labour Party’s inappropriate announcement of a minimum wage level for 2020 and that the Labour proposals will, based on estimates of inflation, not even meet living costs in 2020.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11409—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 11 November 2014
2.00 pm      Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Child Protection

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Human Rights

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm      Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

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**Wednesday 12 November 2014**

2.00 pm      Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm      Portfolio Questions
              Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment; Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Welfare Benefits for People Living with Disabilities

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm      Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

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**Thursday 13 November 2014**

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: Progressive Workplace Policies to Boost Productivity, Growth and Jobs

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm      Decision Time
Tuesday 18 November 2014

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 19 November 2014

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
  Health and Wellbeing

followed by  Scottish Government Business

followed by  Business Motions

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 20 November 2014

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. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11410—that the Parliament agrees that
the Education and Culture Committee be designated as the lead committee for consideration of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Office of the Clerk:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11411—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December 2014.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 5, and 6 as noted above.

8. **Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign 2014:** The Parliament debated S4M-11308 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament congratulates the Edinburgh Ahlul Bayt Society on the launch of the Imam Hussain Blood Donation Campaign 2014 in cooperation with the Islamic Unity Society and the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service; notes that the campaign will be launched with blood donation sessions in Edinburgh on 6 and 8 November 2014, and acknowledges what it sees as a constructive effort to encourage Muslim residents of Edinburgh and the Lothian region to become more active in donating blood to help save lives, while also marking the near-at-hand Islamic New Year, which is known as Muharram.

The meeting closed at 5.42 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **RBS Takes Communities for Granted:** The Parliament debated S4M-10936 in the name of Neil Findlay—that the Parliament notes the proposed closure of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) branches in Armadale, Fauldhouse and Harthill; is concerned at the apparent arbitrary nature of the closures, which are inconsistent and set by RBS alone; believes that there has been no engagement or consultation with local communities or RBS’s largest shareholder, the UK taxpayers; understands that, by the end of the third quarter of 2014, RBS will have closed more small branches, over 150 in nine months, than it has closed since it acquired NatWest in 2000; is concerned that there are no guarantees that the criteria for closure will not be broadened to include larger branches in future and sees the RBS commitment of two years ago to maintain branches where they were “the last bank in town” as completely worthless as these branches identified for closure are indeed “the last bank in town”, and notes calls for the RBS management to immediately withdraw its plans to close these branches.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Transport and Veterans (Keith Brown) made a statement and answered questions on Winter Resilience.

5. **Inquiry into Lobbying:** The Parliament debated the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s Inquiry into Lobbying.

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took no decisions on the items noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr Ian McGregor, Chief Executive, Poppyscotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Child Protection.

4. **Human Rights:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-11484—That the Parliament re-affirms and re-asserts, on behalf of all of the people of the community of Scotland, the inalienable human rights and fundamental freedoms that are the common inheritance of all members of humanity; recalls the particular importance to the Parliament, through its founding statute, its founding principles and in all aspects of its day-to-day work, of human rights in general and of the European Convention on Human Rights in particular; acknowledges the constitutional responsibility of the Parliament to uphold the principles and values expressed in the convention and to respect, protect and realise the rights and freedoms that it enumerates; further acknowledges the importance of that work not only in relation to Scotland, but also in establishing and maintaining standards of best practice, which provide a benchmark for human rights elsewhere in the world; expresses its confidence in, and support for, the Human Rights Act 1998 as a successful and effective implementation of the convention in domestic law, and believes that the principles and values that inform the convention, the rights and freedoms that it enumerates and the Acts that incorporate it into law, should be a source of unity and consensus across the whole of society and should enjoy the unequivocal backing of all who are committed to upholding human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S4M-11484.1 to motion S4M-11484—

Leave out from “expresses its confidence” to end and insert—

“believes that human rights must be protected in a manner that promotes public confidence and remains fitting to the spirit of the convention and other international statements of rights; recalls the UK’s role in composing the convention and its status as the first nation to ratify it; acknowledges the work of David Maxwell Fyfe in the drafting of the convention, and welcomes the position of the UK as a prominent supporter of democracy, human rights and the rule of law internationally, taking real steps to end abuses of human rights around the globe.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 10, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 10, Abstentions 0).

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

6. **Armed Services Advice Project in a Year of Remembrance:** The Parliament debated S4M-11103 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament applauds what it considers the tremendous work undertaken by the Armed Services Advice Project (ASAP), a service funded by Poppyscotland and delivered by the Citizens Advice Scotland for serving and former armed forces personnel and their families; understands that most service people make successful transitions back into civilian life but that, for those who do not, ASAP is a lifeline that can help people in a time of need; recognises in this year of remembrance that suffering and sacrifice is sadly not a thing of the past and believes that society owes it to the armed forces and their families to help them out in their time of need; commends ASAP for providing this support to forces and their families in Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse and across Scotland, and congratulates the project on delivering immense benefits to over 5,300 clients across Scotland, putting £3.5 million back into client's pockets and resolving countless debt, housing and benefit issues every week.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. **Welfare Benefits for People Living with Disabilities:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-11494—that the Parliament notes the damaging and destructive impact of the UK Government’s welfare policies on disabled people across Scotland; recognises that around 105,000 working age disabled people will lose some or all of their disability benefits by 2018 as the result of the replacement of disability living allowance with personal independence payment (PIP), with a loss of at least £1,120 per year and, as a consequence of changes in eligibility to the mobility component, 47,000 disabled people are expected to lose up to £2,964 per year; notes that wider benefit reforms are having a disproportionate impact on disabled people, who already face higher costs of living, and calls on the UK Government to halt the roll out of PIP, which will severely disadvantage disabled people across Scotland.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-11494.3 to motion S4M-11494—Leave out from “and calls on” to end and insert—

“; recognises the need to reform PIP in order to support independence for disabled people, rather than cutting costs and restricting support; regrets the UK Government’s failure to seriously consult and respond to disabled people’s concerns about the eligibility criteria; further regrets the delays in assessment that have caused disabled people stress and hardship; recognises that the Scottish Government has a range of policy and service responsibilities for disabled people, and believes that there is an urgent need to review support and, in particular, charging for care services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-11494.2 to motion S4M-11494—Leave out from first “notes” to end and insert—

“recognises that the replacement of disability living allowance (DLA) with personal independence payment (PIP) will result in the better targeting of support to those in greatest need and that many who have been receiving DLA will now be supported through other benefits to make their way back into employment; acknowledges that significant work remains
to be done to remove the backlog of PIP assessments, but believes that, while this transition may be difficult, it has the real potential to deliver positive change and improve lives.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 46, Abstentions 0).

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11496—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 18 November 2014
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Statement by the First Minister
followed by Response to First Minister’s Statement
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Lowering the Drink Drive Limit
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 19 November 2014
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health and Wellbeing
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.40 pm Decision Time
followed by Selection of the Parliament’s Nominee for First Minister

Thursday 20 November 2014
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: Food and Drink

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 25 November 2014

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 26 November 2014

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
  Culture 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 27 November 2014

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 an SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11498—That the Parliament agrees that the Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 1) Order 2014 [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. World Diabetes Day 2014: The Parliament debated S4M-11158 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament acknowledges that 14 November 2014 is World Diabetes Day, which is being led by the International Diabetes Federation and its member associations, including Diabetes UK, and is recognised as an official United Nations Day; understands that World Diabetes Day was established in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization in response to concerns about the escalating health threat that diabetes poses; understands that there are almost 268,000 people who have been diagnosed with diabetes in Scotland and that access to good healthcare and treatment is key to helping them manage their condition; welcomes the launch of Diabetes UK’s campaign that focuses on children and young people and its aim to increase awareness of the symptoms and warning signs for type 1 diabetes; believes that, in many cases, type 2 diabetes can be prevented through healthy eating and physical activity, and welcomes this year’s parliamentary reception, which is scheduled for 18 November, to mark World Diabetes Day 2014.

The meeting closed at 5.46 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 (Alex Salmond).

3. **Home Safety Kits**: The Parliament debated S4M-11329 in the name of Clare Adamson—That the Parliament notes the evidence relating to home safety equipment fitting schemes and considers that there is a need for local schemes to be administered; notes that young children are most likely to be involved in accidents in their own homes in Central Scotland and across the country but that often the correct safety equipment, with supporting education, can prevent unnecessary suffering from burns and scalds, falls and poisonings; acknowledges the forthcoming evaluation report on Scotland’s Home Safety Equipment Scheme, and notes the ongoing contributions by ROSPA to accident prevention and safety awareness in the home.

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

5. **Progressive Workplace Policies to Boost Productivity, Growth and Jobs**: The Cabinet Secretary for Training, Youth and Women’s Employment (Angela Constance) moved S4M-11507—That the Parliament welcomes the report of the Working Together Review Group; recognises that well-rewarded and sustained employment, progressive workplace policies and innovation provide the best route out of poverty and the best way to tackle inequality and boost productivity; supports the review group’s prioritisation of capacity building, dialogue, shared commitment and real opportunities for unions, employees and employers to work together, and endorses the decision to establish a fair work convention.

Cameron Buchanan moved amendment S4M-11507.1 to motion S4M-11507—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“recognises that sustained employment and innovation provide the best route out of poverty and the best way to boost productivity; welcomes the substantial rise in the personal allowance and real-terms rise in the national minimum wage as well as recent increases in productivity and record employment figures under the current UK government, and considers that effective communication between unions, employees and employers should be welcomed.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 11, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 11, Abstentions 0).

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Maureen Sier, Director, Interfaith Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Statement by the First Minister:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement.

4. **Response to the First Minister’s Statement:** The Parliament responded to the statement by the First Minister.

5. **Lowering the Drink Drive Limit:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-11567—That the Parliament supports the reduction of the drink drive limit, which will help to save lives and make Scotland’s roads safer, bringing Scotland into line with most other European countries, and encourages drivers not to consume any alcohol at all before driving.

Graeme Pearson moved amendment S4M-11567.1 to motion S4M-11567—

Insert at end—

“, and considers that the accompanying education and media campaign should cover the morning after effects of alcohol”.

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

Margaret Mitchell moved amendment S4M-11567.2 to motion S4M-11567—

After “roads safer” insert—

“; considers that the application and penalties imposed should be proportionate.”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 37, Abstentions 2).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the reduction of the drink drive limit, which will help to save lives and make Scotland’s roads safer; considers that the application and penalties imposed should be proportionate, bringing Scotland into line with most other European countries; encourages drivers not to consume any alcohol at all before driving, and considers that the accompanying education and media campaign should cover the morning after effects of alcohol.
6. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11549—That the Parliament agrees that the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Prescribed Limit) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. **MUMs’ Last Big Challenge:** The Parliament debated S4M-11093 in the name of Alex Fergusson—That the Parliament notes the ongoing work of the charity, Malawi Underprivileged Mothers (MUMs), which was founded in 2005 by Linda McDonald, who worked in Edinburgh, to raise funds for improvements at Bwaila Hospital in Lilongwe; further notes the support that MUMs has given to Charity Salima and the Achikondi clinic, which is a maternity clinic established by Charity Salima using her own resources, which now helps to deliver between 40 and 50 babies per month, provide ante- and post-natal care to mothers and babies, runs an under-fives clinic and provides HIV testing and family planning advice; is concerned that the clinic’s privacy has been compromised, but notes that Charity Salima has begun to build a new purpose-built clinic with a 17-bed capacity; recognises that MUMs has launched a challenge to raise the £15,000 required to complete the clinic by the end of December 2014 and commends the charity pack that it has made available to individuals and organisations challenging them to raise £100 toward the target, and wishes Linda McDonald and everyone involved with MUMs every success in achieving their aim.

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

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

2. **Business Motion: Business Programme**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved motion S4M-11581—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   Tuesday 25 November 2014
   2.00 pm   Time for Reflection
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
   followed by Ministerial Statement: Vale of Leven Inquiry
   followed by Stage 1 Debate: Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill
   followed by Business Motions
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm   Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

   Wednesday 26 November 2014
   2.00 pm   Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   2.00 pm   Portfolio Questions
             Culture and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities
   followed by First Minister’s Statement on the Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2014-15
   followed by Business Motions
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm   Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

   Thursday 27 November 2014
11.40 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am  General Questions
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Questions
  followed by  Members’ Business
2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
  followed by  Members’ Business
  followed by  Continuation of the Scottish Government Debate on the Scottish Government’s Programme for Government 2014-15
  followed by  Business Motions
  followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
Tuesday 2 December 2014
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 December 2014
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 4 December 2014
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.

3. Decision Time: There were no decisions taken at Decision Time.

4. First Minister: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as First Minister—

    Ruth Davidson  
    Nicola Sturgeon

The result of the voting was—

    Ruth Davidson  15  
    Nicola Sturgeon  66  
    Abstentions  39  
    Spoilt papers  0

Nicola Sturgeon was duly selected as the Parliament’s nominee for appointment as First Minister.

The meeting closed at 3.36 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. **Child Poverty Figures Increasing:** The Parliament debated S4M-11213 in the name of John Wilson—That the Parliament notes End Child Poverty’s Child Poverty Map of the UK, in which it highlights the increasing levels of child poverty throughout the country; notes what it considers the worrying levels of child poverty in Central Scotland, in which North Lanarkshire is thought to have a child poverty rate of 25% after housing costs, with South Lanarkshire as high as 20%, and Falkirk 21%; considers that these figures show that more must be done to reverse this disturbing trend, and notes the view that tackling child poverty should include finding effective ways of offsetting the recent changes to the welfare system as well as rising energy and food prices that have pushed families further into financial decline.

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

5. **Food and Drink:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-11598—That the Parliament welcomes the achievements of Recipe for Success, Scotland’s first national food and drink policy; recognises the contribution that it has made to the unprecedented economic growth of the food and drink industry in Scotland and in export markets across the world; congratulates the primary producers and processors for their continued focus and commitment to quality and provenance; notes the increasing interest in local food and desire among consumers to know where their food comes from; welcomes the publication of the discussion document, *Becoming a Good Food Nation*, setting out the next steps for Scotland’s food and drink policy, and agrees that it must become second nature that Scots eat, serve and buy food that is healthy and environmentally sustainable if Scotland is to achieve the aspiration of becoming a good food nation.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-11598.1 to motion S4M-11598—

Insert at end—

“; further recognises the importance of promoting training, skills and apprenticeship opportunities across the sector to encourage future generations into the industry, and believes that an overarching and inclusive food policy that puts accessibility, affordability and
sustainability at its heart is key if Scotland’s larder is to be of benefit to all”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the achievements of Recipe for Success, Scotland’s first national food and drink policy; recognises the contribution that it has made to the unprecedented economic growth of the food and drink industry in Scotland and in export markets across the world; congratulates the primary producers and processors for their continued focus and commitment to quality and provenance; notes the increasing interest in local food and desire among consumers to know where their food comes from; welcomes the publication of the discussion document, Becoming a Good Food Nation, setting out the next steps for Scotland’s food and drink policy; agrees that it must become second nature that Scots eat, serve and buy food that is healthy and environmentally sustainable if Scotland is to achieve the aspiration of becoming a good food nation; further recognises the importance of promoting training, skills and apprenticeship opportunities across the sector to encourage future generations into the industry, and believes that an overarching and inclusive food policy that puts accessibility, affordability and sustainability at its heart is key if Scotland’s larder is to be of benefit to all.

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

S4M-11583—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11585—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11586—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Scheme) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11587—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11588—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modifications) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above.
The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr David Brazier, President of the International Zen Therapy Institute and Dharmavidya of the Amida Order of Pure Land Buddhism led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved motion S4M-11675—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 25 November 2014—

   after

   *followed by* Topical Questions

   *insert*

   *followed by* First Minister’s Appointment of Scottish Ministers and Junior Scottish Ministers

   The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **First Minister’s Appointment of Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-11672—That the Parliament agrees that Keith Brown, Michael Matheson and Roseanna Cunningham be appointed as Scottish Ministers.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to.

5. **First Minister’s Appointment of Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-11673—That the Parliament agrees that Annabelle Ewing, Jamie Hepburn, Marco Biagi, Maureen Watt and Aileen McLeod be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to.

6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on the Vale of Leven Inquiry.

7. **Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-11664—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).
8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 7 as noted above.

9. Marking the Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine: The Parliament debated S4M-11537 in the name of Marco Biagi—That the Parliament notes the day of remembrance of the Holodomor, the Ukrainian famine of 1932-33, on 22 November 2014; further notes that conservative estimates place the number of mortalities in the millions; understands that many historians consider this an entirely avoidable tragedy and a deliberate act of genocide committed by the Stalin regime, and commends the work of campaigners in raising awareness of the Holodomor.

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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


4. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11682—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Tuesday 2 December 2014**

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by*  Ministerial Statement: The Smith Commission

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: Tourism, A Legacy from 2014

*followed by*  Business Motions

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

**Wednesday 3 December 2014**

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions

*Education and Lifelong Learning*

*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 4 December 2014
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  Justice Committee Debate: Scotland’s National Action Plan for Human Rights
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Violence against Women
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 9 December 2014
2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Food (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 10 December 2014
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 11 December 2014

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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11683—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 15 May 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11684—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 3 April 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

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

S4M-11685—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Register of Scotland (Automated Registration) etc. Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11686—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Amendment and Transitional) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11688—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.
The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on item 7 as noted above.

9. Even it Up: Time to End Extreme Inequality, Oxfam’s New Report and Campaign: The Parliament debated S4M-11340 in the name of Ken Macintosh—That the Parliament welcomes Oxfam’s latest report, *Even it up: Time to end extreme inequality*; notes that the report highlights that, in 2013, seven out of 10 people lived in countries where economic inequality is worse than 30 years ago; further notes that the report states that extreme inequality is a barrier to poverty reduction, that economic inequality hurts everyone, including people in East Renfrewshire, and drives inequalities in health, education and life chances while compounding inequality between women and men; recognises that poverty and inequality are not inevitable but the result of policy choices; understands that a diverse range of people and organisations, from Pope Francis to the International Monetary Fund, are speaking out on the issue of inequality; welcomes the call from Oxfam that, with the right political and economic choices that redistribute money and power, people can help reduce economic inequality; notes the recommendations in the report, which include calls to close tax loopholes, introduce progressive taxes, pay workers a living wage, establish pay ratios, achieve universal free public services for all by 2020, implement a universal social protection floor and promote women’s economic equality and women’s rights, and wishes Oxfam continued success with its campaign.

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. **One Step Closer to Trains at Reston and East Linton:** The Parliament debated S4M-11550 in the name of Jim Hume—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s agreement in the ScotRail franchise contract to provide a two-hourly service between Edinburgh and Berwick-upon-Tweed that will call at Reston and East Linton stations; further welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to having the service operational by December 2016; notes what it considers the socioeconomic benefits that this will undoubtedly bring to the Scottish Borders and East Lothian, a view that was echoed in the 2011 report that was commissioned by Network Rail, *The Value of Station Investment*, which suggested that stations can have a significant impact on the towns and cities that they serve by acting as regional gateways, attracting businesses and helping to stimulate economic growth; further notes that the Scottish Government’s document, *Rail 2014 – Public Consultation*, states that “new stations assist with a number of strategic aims such as stimulating sustainable economic growth or encouraging modal shift”; recognises the joint feasibility study launched in December 2013, which recommends that this local service with the reopened stations should be taken forward to the next stage; praises what it considers the tireless work of the local campaigners, Barrie Forrest and Tom Thorburn, and all their volunteer colleagues from the Rail Action Group East of Scotland (RAGES), in driving forward this rail transport vision for south-east Scotland, and notes the collaborative funding bid to the Scottish Stations Fund by Scottish Borders Council, East Lothian Council and the South East Scotland Regional Transport Partnership.

4. **St Andrew’s Day 2014:** The Parliament debated S4M-11565 in the name of Annabelle Ewing—That Parliament notes the view that St Andrew’s Day should be celebrated as a full national holiday and for it to be celebrated at home and throughout the world; believes that St Andrew’s Day is a valuable opportunity to showcase all that is great about Scotland and promote economic and cultural opportunities, and considers that, with St Andrew’s own roots in Asia, Scotland’s national day is an opportunity to celebrate diversity of cultures, faiths and ethnic origins and in this momentous year for Scotland, in which it has welcomed the world to the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup and voted in a historic referendum, that St Andrew’s Day offers a great opportunity for Scotland and its friends at home and abroad to celebrate together.

6. **Committee Membership**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11689—That the Parliament agrees that—

   Alison Johnstone be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as a member of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee and

   Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Alison Johnstone as a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Substitution on Committees**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11690—That the Parliament agrees that—

   Patrick Harvie be appointed to replace Alison Johnstone as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee and

   Alison Johnstone be appointed to replace Patrick Harvie as the Scottish Green Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Committee Membership**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11738—That the Parliament agrees that—

   Nigel Don be appointed to replace Willie Coffey as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

   David Torrance be appointed to replace Bruce Crawford as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

   Gil Paterson be appointed to replace James Dornan as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

   Dave Thompson be appointed to replace Richard Lyle as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

   Mark McDonald be appointed to replace Jamie Hepburn as a member of the Finance Committee;

   Adam Ingram be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as a member of the European and External Relations Committee;

   Sandra White be appointed to replace Marco Biagi as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;
Kenny MacAskill be appointed to replace Chic Brodie as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

John Mason be appointed to replace Mike MacKenzie as a member of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;

Gordon MacDonald be appointed to replace Mike MacKenzie as a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

Richard Lyle be appointed to replace Marco Biagi as a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

Mike MacKenzie be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Dennis Robertson be appointed to replace Aileen McLeod as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Sandra White as a member of the Justice Committee;

Willie Coffey be appointed to replace Mark McDonald as a member of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

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

Michael Russell be appointed to replace Nigel Don as a member of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee;

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

Mike MacKenzie be appointed to replace Maureen Watt as a member of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee;

Christina McKelvie be appointed to replace Annabelle Ewing as a member of the Welfare Reform Committee;

Joan McAlpine be appointed to replace Linda Fabiani as a member of the Welfare Reform Committee;

Clare Adamson be appointed to replace Jamie Hepburn as a member of the Welfare Reform Committee;

Mark McDonald be appointed to replace Annabelle Ewing as a member of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee and

Chic Brodie be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as a member of the Education and Culture Committee.

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The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11739—That the Parliament agrees that—

Sandra White be appointed to replace David Torrance as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Audit Committee;

Fiona McLeod be appointed to replace Annabelle Ewing as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance Committee;

Kenny MacAskill be appointed to replace David Torrance as the Scottish National Party substitute on the European and External Relations Committee;

David Torrance be appointed to replace Bob Doris as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee;

Bruce Crawford be appointed to replace Stewart Maxwell as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

James Dornan be appointed to replace Joan McAlpine as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Education and Culture Committee;

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

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

Christian Allard be appointed to replace Roderick Campbell as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee and

Linda Fabiani be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr David Nicholson DCS, Scottish Churches’ Disability Agenda Group led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Smith Commission.

3. **Tourism, A Legacy from 2014:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-11756—that the Parliament celebrates the success achieved for tourism in Scotland during 2014 and urges the Scottish Government to renew its efforts for the years ahead.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11767—that the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Wednesday 3 December 2014—

   (a) after
   
   followed by  Portfolio Questions
   Education and Lifelong Learning

   insert

   followed by  Ministerial Statement: NHS Grampian, Health Improvement Scotland Reports

   (b) delete

   5.00 pm  Decision Time

   and insert

   5.30 pm  Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. **Fuel Poverty in pre-1919 Residential Properties:** The Parliament debated S4M-11466 in the name of Nigel Don—that the Parliament understands that most residential properties built before 1919, including those in Angus North and Mearns, show significant disrepair and that a quarter have extensive disrepair; understands that residents in these dwellings are more likely to be in fuel poverty than those in more modern buildings; recognises
the social consequences of poor housing conditions, and notes calls for those responsible for these properties to make a priority of effecting suitable repairs.

The meeting closed at 5.31 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 Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on NHS Grampian – Healthcare Improvement Scotland Reports.

3. **Private Sector Rent Reform:** Mary Fee moved S4M-11763—That the Parliament notes that, over the last 10 years, the number of households in the private rented sector has doubled to 368,000; notes with concern that the number of households in poverty in the private rented sector has doubled in the last decade to 120,000; further acknowledges that, in parts of Scotland, rents have risen by nearly 40% in four years and that the average Scottish rent now stands at £537 a month; welcomes Shelter Scotland’s Make Renting Right campaign; supports its calls for reform of the private rented sector, and, in particular, believes that private rented sector tenancies should be reformed to provide tenants with greater security of tenure, including longer standard tenancies and predictable rents for tenants and landlords, including supporting in principle the introduction of a cap on rent rises and the limitation of rent reviews to one per annum.

The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved amendment S4M-11763.3 to motion S4M-11763—

Leave out from “notes with concern” to end and insert—

“recognises that, in May 2013, the Scottish Government published *A Place To Stay, A Place to Call Home*, which is Scotland’s first ever strategy for the private rented sector; welcomes the progress that has been made in implementing the strategy, in particular the publication by the government of the consultation on its plans to improve security of tenure for tenants in the sector while providing appropriate safeguards for landlords, lenders and investors; notes that, in most parts of Scotland, rents rose by less than inflation between 2010 and 2014 and that the consultation invites views on rent levels in the sector; considers that the government’s approach to reforming the private rented sector will deliver the outcomes sought by Shelter Scotland’s campaign, Make Renting Right; encourages stakeholders from all sides to respond to the government’s consultation, and looks forward to stakeholders’ views being reflected in the bill to reform private tenancies that the Scottish Government plans to bring forward later in the parliamentary session”.

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-11763.1 to motion S4M-11763—
Leave out from “; notes with concern” to end and insert—

“and that the demand for private rented properties is expected to continue to grow, which is why private landlords are a vital part of the Scottish housing sector and should be given the flexibility and support necessary from the Scottish Government to flourish in Scotland; notes the Scottish Government’s proposals for a complete reform of the current tenancy regime and considers that many of the proposals are welcome and will improve the private rented sector in Scotland; is concerned, however, that some of the provisions are very inflexible and will act as a disincentive for landlords, and is opposed to the introduction of rent caps as international and historic evidence indicates that this will have a catastrophic impact on the available rented housing stock.”

Amendment S4M-11763.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-11763.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that, over the last 10 years, the number of households in the private rented sector has doubled to 368,000; recognises that, in May 2013, the Scottish Government published A Place To Stay, A Place to Call Home, which is Scotland’s first ever strategy for the private rented sector; welcomes the progress that has been made in implementing the strategy, in particular the publication by the government of the consultation on its plans to improve security of tenure for tenants in the sector while providing appropriate safeguards for landlords, lenders and investors; notes that, in most parts of Scotland, rents rose by less than inflation between 2010 and 2014 and that the consultation invites views on rent levels in the sector; considers that the government’s approach to reforming the private rented sector will deliver the outcomes sought by Shelter Scotland’s campaign, Make Renting Right; encourages stakeholders from all sides to respond to the government’s consultation, and looks forward to stakeholders’ views being reflected in the bill to reform private tenancies that the Scottish Government plans to bring forward later in the parliamentary session.

4. The State of the NHS: Neil Findlay moved S4M-11766—That the Parliament commends the NHS Scotland staff who work tirelessly under increasing pressure to deliver high quality care to patients; is concerned by recent statistics that show that accident and emergency waiting time targets are being missed, the number of patients delayed over four weeks increased by 106% between October 2013 and October 2014, the number of bed days increased by 22% to 154,588 between July to September 2013 and July to September 2014 and that the BMA suggests that consultant vacancies are almost double the official figure; notes the concerns of staff regarding the ongoing scandal of 15-minute social care visits, falling standards and a race to the bottom in quality, wages and conditions, and calls on the Scottish Government to conduct a full-scale review of the NHS, as supported by the
Royal College of Nursing, to address the broad range of pressures being identified in all areas of the NHS by staff and patients and to build a health service that meets the demands and needs of the 21st century.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S4M-11766.3 to motion S4M-11766—

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

“believes that, to give certainty to future health service planning, the NHS revenue budget should rise in real terms for the remainder of the current parliamentary session and the next; welcomes that the protection of the NHS budget in Scotland has seen the health workforce rise to a record high; further welcomes that, in the last year alone, NHS consultant numbers have increased by 6.6%; notes that, while delayed discharges today are significantly lower than they were in 2006, action between the Scottish Government, the NHS and local government is required to reverse recent increases; recognises that the successful integration of health and social care will be key to the delivery of the long-term sustainable solution to delayed discharge, improved patient flow and effective and coordinated care at home, and supports the Scottish Government’s aim to work with stakeholders to take forward the continued development of the 2020 vision, as it has in the past, to reflect the increasing demands from patients and the new way that services will be delivered under integration.”

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-11766.2 to motion S4M-11766—

Leave out from “falling standards” to end and insert—

“; considers that, for the successful integration of health and social care, there needs to be a clear focus on primary care, including allied health professionals and the third sector, and on the interrelationships between the health and social care professionals; further notes Audit Scotland’s call for a major overhaul in the running of the NHS to cope with future needs, particularly those of an ageing population, and calls on the Scottish Government to work urgently and constructively with all parties to achieve a long–term effective plan to secure the future of Scotland’s NHS.”

Amendment S4M-11766.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 38, Abstentions 13). As a result amendment S4M-11766.2 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 67, Against 37, Abstentions 13).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—that the Parliament commends the NHS Scotland staff who work tirelessly under increasing pressure to deliver high quality care to patients; believes that, to give certainty to future health service planning, the NHS revenue budget should rise in real terms for the
remainder of the current parliamentary session and the next; welcomes that the protection of the NHS budget in Scotland has seen the health workforce rise to a record high; further welcomes that, in the last year alone, NHS consultant numbers have increased by 6.6%; notes that, while delayed discharges today are significantly lower than they were in 2006, action between the Scottish Government, the NHS and local government is required to reverse recent increases; recognises that the successful integration of health and social care will be key to the delivery of the long-term sustainable solution to delayed discharge, improved patient flow and effective and coordinated care at home, and supports the Scottish Government’s aim to work with stakeholders to take forward the continued development of the 2020 vision, as it has in the past, to reflect the increasing demands from patients and the new way that services will be delivered under integration.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11769—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 9 December 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Food (Scotland) Bill

followed by Scottish Government Debate: End of Year Fish Negotiations

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 10 December 2014

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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 11 December 2014
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  Local Government and Regeneration Committee Debate: Flexibility and Autonomy in Local Government
followed by  Ministerial Statement: Local Government Finance Settlement 2015-16
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 16 December 2014
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 December 2014
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 18 December 2014
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.

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

S4M-11770—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments and Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11771—That the Parliament agrees that the Marriage Between Civil Partners (Procedure for Change and Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11772—That the Parliament agrees that the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

S4M-11773—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Functions Exercisable in or as Regards Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11774—That the Parliament agrees that—

Annabel Goldie be appointed to replace Alex Johnstone as a member of the Welfare Reform Committee and

Alex Johnstone be appointed to replace Annabel Goldie as a member of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11775—That the Parliament agrees that
Annabel Goldie be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. The Engine Shed and Supported Employment: The Parliament debated S4M-11033 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament notes with disappointment the announcement by the Edinburgh-based training organisation, the Engine Shed, that it is to cease operation; understands that the organisation, which has offered individuals with learning disabilities a successful transitional work-based training route into paid work with a variety of local employers since 1989, will be wound up over the next six months due to funding pressures; is concerned that the Engine Shed is the latest supported employment project in Edinburgh to cease operation following the recent closures of BlindCraft and Remploy in the city; is further concerned at the reported continuing gap between employment rates for disabled and non-disabled workers in Scotland; acknowledges the role of supported businesses in tackling the barriers that prevent many disabled workers from accessing employment; notes the Scottish Government’s policy that every public body should have at least one contract with a supported business; notes with disappointment confirmation in response to freedom of information requests earlier in 2014 indicating that some 44 public authorities, including NHS boards, local authorities and central government organisations, do not meet this policy aim; notes the view that there is a need for a renewed effort to grow the supported employment sector in Scotland and prevent closure of further providers, and wishes the management team at the Engine Shed well as it explores potential alternative avenues for delivering placements to young adults with learning disabilities in order to continue to help them successfully make the transition into paid work with Edinburgh employers.

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. Meal Makers Tackle Malnutrition in Frail Older People: The Parliament debated S4M-11150 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament congratulates the Food Train on what it considers its innovative new project, Meal Makers; understands that the project aims to tackle the problem of malnutrition among frail older people by encouraging people to cook and share an extra portion of their home-cooked food; further understands that the pilot for this project is taking place in Dundee but that it will soon be rolled out across the six local authority areas that the Food Train operates in, including Dumfries and Galloway, where the charity is headquartered; recognises that the cooks make initial contact through a social media platform and are then put in contact with a local older person who finds cooking difficult; acknowledges that malnutrition is a significant public health problem, negatively affecting physical health and social wellbeing and reducing the likelihood of independence; believes that this pioneering project will help overcome some of the social barriers that cause malnutrition, including limited transport to local shops, social isolation and poverty, and wishes the Food Train every success as the project develops.


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

5. Violence against Women: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-11789—That the Parliament affirms its commitment to ending violence against women and to supporting women, children and young people who are affected; supports the 24th year of the UN 16 Days of Action Against Gender Violence; welcomes the publication of Equally Safe, Scotland’s strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls; endorses the inclusion of far-reaching priority actions in the programme for government to address domestic abuse and revenge pornography; welcomes the introduction of Police Scotland’s pilot Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse in Scotland; acknowledges the positive developments made collaboratively utilising partnerships across Police Scotland and the NHS and specialist services to eradicate honour-based violence, with the criminalisation of forced marriage and establishment of the
Female Genital Mutilation Short-Life Working Group; commends the valuable contribution that voluntary and third sector organisations such as Scottish Women’s Aid, Rape Crisis Scotland and the Women’s Support Project make to the shaping of Scotland’s approach to violence against women and for the vital support that they provide to women, children and young people who have experienced or are experiencing violence or abuse, and this year congratulates White Ribbon Scotland on its eighth anniversary of positive campaigning to ensure that men are part of Scotland’s strategy to end gender-based violence.

Graeme Pearson moved amendment S4M-11789.1 to motion S4M-11789—

Insert at end—

“, and encourages the Scottish Government to enhance its efforts to deal head-on with the prevailing culture, exacerbated by some media, music and internet content, which promotes the view of women as sexual objects rather than as human beings who are worthy of the same equal rights and respect as men”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament affirms its commitment to ending violence against women and to supporting women, children and young people who are affected; supports the 24th year of the UN 16 Days of Action Against Gender Violence; welcomes the publication of Equally Safe, Scotland’s strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls; endorses the inclusion of far-reaching priority actions in the programme for government to address domestic abuse and revenge pornography; welcomes the introduction of Police Scotland’s pilot Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse in Scotland; acknowledges the positive developments made collaboratively utilising partnerships across Police Scotland and the NHS and specialist services to eradicate honour-based violence, with the criminalisation of forced marriage and establishment of the Female Genital Mutilation Short-Life Working Group; commends the valuable contribution that voluntary and third sector organisations such as Scottish Women’s Aid, Rape Crisis Scotland and the Women’s Support Project make to the shaping of Scotland’s approach to violence against women and for the vital support that they provide to women, children and young people who have experienced or are experiencing violence or abuse; this year congratulates White Ribbon Scotland on its eighth anniversary of positive campaigning to ensure that men are part of Scotland’s strategy to end gender-based violence, and encourages the Scottish Government to enhance its efforts to deal head-on with the prevailing culture, exacerbated by some media, music and internet content, which promotes the view of women as sexual objects rather than as human beings who are worthy of the same equal rights and respect as men.
6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Alan Cobain, Minister, Tyne Valley Parish, Midlothian led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11828—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Food (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: 35 minutes

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11831—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 9 December 2014—

   delete

   5.45 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   5.30 pm Decision Time

   The motion was agreed to.

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

5. **Food (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

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

   Amendment 6 was disagreed to (by division: For 45, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

   The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 4, 5 and 8

   The following amendments were not moved: 7, 9 and 10.
6. **Food (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-11826—That the Parliament agrees that the Food (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

7. **End of Year Fish Negotiations**: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-11825—That the Parliament welcomes the successful conclusion of the recent EU-Norway fishing negotiations, which secured a number of good outcomes for the Scottish fishing industry; notes the forthcoming annual fishing negotiations in Brussels and supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for the industry; agrees that the final negotiated settlement must promote sustainable fisheries and have the best interests of Scotland’s fishermen, coastal communities and wider seafood sectors at its heart; notes that the outcome of the negotiations will be pivotal to support the fleet’s implementation of the landing obligation, and supports the Scottish Government’s continued calls for it to lead for the UK in European fisheries negotiations on issues where it is clearly appropriate to do so.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-11825.3 to motion S4M-11825—

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

“; believes that the European Commission must deliver greater flexibility and regionalisation to achieve this, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out a clear plan of action to ensure that the discard ban is implemented and sufficiently monitored."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 47, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-11825.2 to motion S4M-11825—

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

“; considers that Scotland benefits from the UK’s negotiating strength in Europe, and urges Scottish and UK ministers to work together to achieve the best possible deal for Scotland’s fishermen.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 45, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-11825.1 to motion S4M-11825—

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

“; believes that, before the ban on discards is introduced, the Scottish Government should ensure that a comprehensive plan is prepared setting out how the ban will work in practice without damaging
Scotland’s whitefish sector; notes the desire of the Scottish industry to see a phased approach implemented to the discard ban for the main whitefish stocks due to come into effect in January 2016; further notes the industry’s wish for any such phased approach to proceed initially with haddock, and recognises the strong concerns of the Scottish pelagic industry regarding the EU-Faroese reciprocal arrangements on mackerel.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 62, Abstentions 32).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 62, Against 0, Abstentions 48).

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

9. Scottish Local Coastal Partnerships: The Parliament debated S4M-11441 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament notes that it is 21 years since the Focus on Firths initiative was established; understands that this led to the establishment of local coastal partnerships (LCPs) in order to take forward the Rio Earth Summit’s call for the better management of coastlines and seas; celebrates what it sees as the important work of the LCPs in the Highlands and Islands and around the country in raising awareness of issues with regard to coastlines and inshore waters and in delivering projects and research based on local needs; notes that LCPs promote an interest in marine and coastal habitats and what it considers their amazing diversity of species; understands that they work with communities to encourage them to appreciate the maritime environment and to act as custodians of this by supporting initiatives such as litter management schemes and beach cleans; believes that they bring stakeholders together with the common purpose of sustainable development by brokering agreements between different sectoral interests and promoting an ecosystem approach, and appreciates what it sees as the very considerable experience and expertise that the LCPs have built up, which it considers will make an invaluable contribution to the setting up of the regional marine planning partnerships set out in the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.

The meeting closed at 6.15 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.

2. **The Smith Commission:** Ruth Davidson moved S4M-11830—That the Parliament agrees with the Smith Commission’s proposals to devolve significant new powers to the Parliament; welcomes the fact that all five parties represented at the Parliament came together to reach an agreement on these powers, and now recognises the need to move on from a debate about what powers are devolved to one that focuses on how best to use these significant new powers for the betterment of the people of Scotland.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved amendment S4M-11830.2 to motion S4M-11830—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“welcomes the publication of the Smith Commission’s report; welcomes the agreement of all five parties to devolve further powers to the Parliament; calls on both governments to produce draft clauses for the recommendations jointly to maintain this agreement; looks for early action from both governments on implementation where possible and especially to allow the Parliament to extend the vote to 16 and 17-year-olds for the 2016 Scottish election; welcomes the contribution of stakeholders and the public to the work of the commission, and recognises the need for continuing meaningful public consultation and engagement to ensure the credibility of the process in Scotland.”

Tavish Scott moved amendment S4M-11830.1 to motion S4M-11830—

After “these powers” insert—

“,; notes the comment made by Lord Smith that ‘there is a strong desire to see the principle of devolution extended further, with the transfer of powers from Holyrood to local communities’; believes that, having persistently centralised services over the last seven years, the Scottish Government must fully devolve powers in Scotland in a manner that is consistent with the recommendations of the Smith Commission agreement; considers that responsibility for the management of the Crown Estate’s economic assets and the revenue generated from these should be devolved to local authority areas such as Orkney, Shetland and Na h-Eileanan Siar following the transfer of these powers to the
Parliament as detailed in sections 32 and 33 of the Smith Commission report,"

After debate, amendment S4M-11830.2 was agreed to (DT) by division: For 64, Against 49, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-11830.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 48, Abstentions 3).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Smith Commission’s report; welcomes the agreement of all five parties to devolve further powers to the Parliament; calls on both governments to produce draft clauses for the recommendations jointly to maintain this agreement; looks for early action from both governments on implementation where possible and especially to allow the Parliament to extend the vote to 16 and 17-year-olds for the 2016 Scottish election; welcomes the contribution of stakeholders and the public to the work of the commission, and recognises the need for continuing meaningful public consultation and engagement to ensure the credibility of the process in Scotland.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11832—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 December 2014

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Infrastructure Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 17 December 2014

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

Finance, Constitution and Economy
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 18 December 2014
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  Welfare Reform Committee Debate: Welfare Reform and the Smith Commission
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 6 January 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 January 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 8 January 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. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11833—That the Parliament agrees that the Finance Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11834—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2014 Amendment Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11835—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Capital Credit Union Outpost Penicuik: The Parliament debated S4M-11049 in the name of Christine Graham—That the Parliament commends Capital Credit Union on launching an outpost at Penicuik North Kirk; understands that this will be a pilot for a possible wider extension of the credit
union across Midlothian and features the active involvement of the Church of Scotland and the Scottish Episcopalian Church through the partnership, Penicuik Churches Working Together; notes that the credit union facility is staffed by church volunteers with support from Capital Credit Union; wishes it well in its endeavours to encourage responsible saving and borrowing and in allowing people to access ethical products at fair rates of interest without having to turn to pay day lenders; thanks the church for providing the free premises, the Lothian Presbytery for contributing office furniture and all of the volunteers and everyone else involved in what it sees as this exciting and much needed project, and hopes to see other initiatives of this sort coming into being across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.35 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. **Educational Disadvantage and Deaf Children in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-11628 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament recognises that the National Deaf Children’s Society (NDCS) is an organisation of families, parents and carers, providing emotional and practical support for families with deaf children and is the leading provider of impartial information and individual advocacy on every aspect of childhood deafness; is aware that NDCS estimates that there are up to 3,850 deaf children in Scotland; understands that about 80% of school-age deaf children are taught in mainstream schools and that 31% of teachers of deaf children are not fully qualified to do so, suggesting that the statutory duty to provide minimum levels of teachers qualified to work with deaf children is not being fully implemented; further understands that there is a significant gap in educational attainment for Scotland’s deaf learners, including in Cunninghame North, which develops early and is evident through to school leaving age and beyond; notes calls for investigation into the causes for this significant gap in attainment, particularly around the provision of support to children and families, the provision of additional support for learning to deaf learners, and the emotional health and wellbeing of deaf children and young people, and considers that this is an urgent problem and that action is required to address and close this gap for deaf children and young people, to ensure that all are ready to succeed when leaving school and have an equal opportunity to contribute to their own and Scotland’s economic future prosperity.

4. **Flexibility and Autonomy in Local Government:** Kevin Stewart, on behalf of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee, moved S4M-11811—That the Parliament notes the findings of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee’s 8th Report 2014 (Session 4), Flexibility and Autonomy in Local Government (SP Paper 573).

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

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Local Government Finance Settlement 2015-16 and the Autumn Statement.

6. **Committee Membership:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11875—That the Parliament agrees to the following
revision to the membership of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee—

Number of members: 5

Membership: Nigel Don, John Mason, Margaret McCulloch, John Scott and Stewart Stevenson.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Andrew Dick, Minister, St Michael’s Church, Inveresk, Musselburgh led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11906—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 17 December 2014

after

*followed by* Portfolio Questions
Finance, Constitution and Economy

*insert*

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Historic Child Abuse

(b) Thursday 18 December 2014

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*insert*

*followed by* First Minister’s Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-11877—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-11311—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Welfare Funds (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. **Infrastructure Bill – UK Legislation:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-11878—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Infrastructure Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 5 June 2014, relating to the administration of the Renewable Heat Incentive, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the functions 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. **The Bellgrove Hotel:** The Parliament debated S4M-11271 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament notes what it considers has been the protracted coverage over many years regarding the Bellgrove Hotel, which is a hostel in Glasgow's east end; understands that the hostel can accommodate up to 160 men, often from vulnerable backgrounds, and usually houses around 140; believes that it is subject only to a licence for a house in multiple occupancy (HMO) and does not require any further regulation; expresses disappointment that the Care Inspectorate, despite what it believes was a lengthy investigation, concluded that it had no remit over the hostel; notes with interest Glasgow City Council’s Licensing and Regulatory Committee’s decision on 22 October 2014 to award an HMO licence for only one year rather than the three years applied for by the owner, Careside Hotels Limited, and notes the view that, to ensure the wellbeing of vulnerable residents, both the legislation and guidance needs to be reviewed as a matter of urgency in order to ensure that establishments such as the Bellgrove Hotel are more thoroughly regulated.

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

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

3. **Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce:** The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-11901—That the Parliament endorses the ambitions set out in the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce report, *Education Working for All*; notes the progress made in reducing youth unemployment in Scotland since the publication of Scotland’s youth employment strategy; recognises that there is more to do in tackling youth unemployment and improving the number and quality of youth employment opportunities; further recognises that the refreshed strategy must take into account the changing economic conditions, focus attention on supporting young people who need more help to participate in the labour market and address legacy issues from the recession; believes that critical to improving youth employment is a world class vocational education system, providing more opportunities for young people; further believes that this will best be achieved by supporting close working between employers and an education system that is responsive to economic and labour market need, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s implementation plan developed with a broad range of partners, including local government, for reducing youth unemployment and unlocking social mobility as set out in the newly published youth employment strategy.

Neil Findlay moved amendment S4M-11901.3 to motion S4M-11901—

Leave out from first “believes” to “market need” and insert—

“believes that any young workforce strategy should make every attempt to ensure that young people in the most deprived and rural areas have equal access to opportunities; calls on the Scottish Government to address the 140,000 places cut from Scotland’s colleges, cuts that have disproportionately affected women, young people and disabled adults from deprived backgrounds; believes that vocational education should be given the same prominence and stature as academic education; recognises that vocational education and training are critical to improving opportunities but that a world class system can only be achieved by appropriately funding Scotland’s colleges; calls on the Scottish Government to tackle the issue of underemployment and promote sustainable, secure and safe employment for young people; further believes that this will best be achieved by joint working between
employers, schools, colleges, universities and trade unions in an education and training system that is responsive to economic and labour market need,”

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

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-11901.1 to motion S4M-11901—

Insert at end—

“; understands that employers are calling for more emphasis on employability to help prepare education leavers for the complex demands of the labour market; is particularly concerned with weaknesses in basic literacy standards and with the comparative evidence, noted in the recent Audit Scotland report, School education, which highlights some decline in overall numeracy standards between P7 and S2; recognises the urgent need for more, fully trained science teachers in primary schools to help address the weak uptake of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects, and urges the Scottish Government to use the excellent training facilities, expertise and experience of Scottish colleges to help deliver this strategy for young people”.

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

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11908—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 January 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Winter Festivals

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business
Wednesday 7 January 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: Active Travel
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 January 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: Boosting the Economy
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 January 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 14 January 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 15 January 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. Business Motions: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-11909—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 May 2015.

S4M-11912—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 30 January 2015.

S4M-11914—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 January 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

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

7. Creating Jobs in Glasgow’s East End: The Parliament debated S4M-11082 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament welcomes the news that the £45 million expansion of the Fort Shopping Centre in the east end of Glasgow is expected to establish around 500 new jobs; recognises what it
sees as the need to ensure that large-scale developments such as this are not missed opportunities for local jobseekers, and notes the view that there is a need to bring together businesses, employers, social enterprises and charities to create more jobs and apprenticeships in the east end.

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. Scotland’s Outstanding Year of Sport: The Parliament debated S4M-11157 in the name of Roderick Campbell—That the Parliament notes what it considers to have been an outstanding year for Scottish sport, including, but not limited to, its athletes’ success at the Winter Olympics, the spectacle and achievements of the Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup success at Gleneagles, the staging of the Dunhill Links Championship at two of North East Fife’s most iconic golf courses and Carnoustie and the choice of Hampden Park as a venue for group games and a knockout round at Euro 2020; believes that 2014 has helped to build on what it believes to be Scotland’s reputation in a number of sports; considers that the momentum gained from the successes both in, and outside, sporting arenas must be built on for future sporting generations and considers development of grassroots and introductory level sports to be of particular importance to encourage more people to take up a new sport; praises all those involved, in any capacity, in making the sporting events that Scotland hosted in 2014 a success and notes the particular contribution of the large numbers of volunteers, and hopes that Scotland can be the venue for large-scale sporting events in the future and that this can help to encourage people to continue to live a healthy, active lifestyle.

4. Junior Scottish Ministers: The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-11926—That the Parliament agrees that Fiona McLeod be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.


After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).
6. **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 4.37 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.38 pm.
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The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Mr Jamie Stuart, Elder, High Carntyne Parish Church and author of ‘The Glasgow Gospel’ and ‘A Glasgow Bible’ led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11981—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Tuesday 6 January 2015—

   delete

   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Winter Festivals
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health
   followed by Business Motions
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   followed by Ministerial Statement: Ebola
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Winter Festivals
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health
   followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation
   followed by Business Motions
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Ebola.

5. **Winter Festivals:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-11976—That the Parliament notes the contribution that Scotland’s Winter Festival programme makes in promoting Scotland both nationally and internationally as a world-class cultural tourism destination and the perfect stage for events all year round; acknowledges that
the programme of St Andrew’s Day, Christmas, Hogmanay and Burns Night celebrations is gathering momentum year-on-year and offers visitors, the people of Scotland and all those with an affinity to Scotland a real taste of the nation’s distinct traditions and contemporary culture through the promotion of Scottish music, arts, food and drink; recognises the role that the festivals have and will continue to play in supporting Scotland’s successful programme of themed years, and welcomes the contribution that the winter festivals make in helping to promote Scotland as a great place to visit, study, work, invest and do business all year round.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-11976.2 to motion S4M-11976—

Insert at end—

“...also recognises the many local and community-organised winter festivals that take place throughout Scotland, and commends the hard work of volunteers, local groups and small businesses that make such events a success”.

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

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-11976.1 to motion S4M-11976—

Insert at end—

“... but believes that in order to provide the greatest support for winter festivals, along with all other cultural activity in Scotland, there needs to be a fully coherent arts strategy that provides arts bodies, both local and national, with the integrated support and funding priorities that they need in order that Scotland can enhance its cultural reputation both at home and abroad”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 61, Abstentions 33).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the contribution that Scotland’s Winter Festival programme makes in promoting Scotland both nationally and internationally as a world-class cultural tourism destination and the perfect stage for events all year round; acknowledges that the programme of St Andrew’s Day, Christmas, Hogmanay and Burns Night celebrations is gathering momentum year-on-year and offers visitors, the people of Scotland and all those with an affinity to Scotland a real taste of the nation’s distinct traditions and contemporary culture through the promotion of Scottish music, arts, food and drink; recognises the role that the festivals have and will continue to play in supporting Scotland’s successful programme of themed years; welcomes the contribution that the winter festivals make in helping to promote Scotland as a great place to visit, study, work, invest and do business all year round; also recognises the many local and community-
organised winter festivals that take place throughout Scotland, and
commends the hard work of volunteers, local groups and small businesses
that make such events a success.

6. Mental Health: The Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental
Health (Jamie Hepburn) moved S4M-11975—That the Parliament welcomes
the level of interest and commitment to improving mental health and mental
health services; recognises the equal importance that the NHS places on the
care and treatment of mental and physical illness; notes the Scottish
Government’s recent announcement of an additional £15 million investment in
mental health services, and looks forward to further progress in improving
mental health and wellbeing as a fundamental and integral part of delivering
person-centred, safe and effective healthcare services.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-11975.2 to motion S4M-
11975—

After “physical illness” insert—

“but notes that, while there has been progress toward the targets on
child and adolescent mental health, the targets have not been met,
psychological treatments waiting times remain very challenging and
primary care teams are under substantial and increasing time pressure
to deliver holistic care, particularly in areas of deprivation where there is
a greater amount of mental illness; further notes that, after initial
progress in improving public attitudes to mental illness with the See Me
programme, this welcome trend has stalled and there is a need for more
robust monitoring and inspection of the variation between NHS boards”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109,
Against 5, Abstentions 0).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-11975.3 to motion S4M-11975—

Leave out from “looks forward” to “in improving” and insert—

“calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that additional investment is
used effectively to increase NHS mental health bed numbers, including
having sufficient adolescent beds to end the practice of children and
young people being placed inappropriately in adult psychiatric wards,
and staffing across all disciplines, including psychology, in order to meet
existing waiting time targets and to bring forward improvements in”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15,
Against 99, Abstentions 0).

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-11975.1 to motion S4M-11975—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—
“notes that, since 2009, there have been 883 fewer staffed mental health beds and that Scotland’s hospitals have lost 64 specialist mental health nurses; further notes that targets for mental health treatment times are being missed; is concerned that hundreds of young people face waits of over six months to begin child and adolescent mental health service treatment and that treatment is being carried out in adult wards, which are unsuitable for children’s needs; believes the number of mental health officers (MHO) to be inadequate as highlighted by the 5% fall in MHO consents for emergency detention in hospital; recognises that nine out of 10 people who experience mental health problems have experienced stigma and discrimination; believes that there is a real opportunity to change the way that mental health is seen and treated in 2015 with a revised mental health strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to act now and follow the lead of the UK Government and set out in legislation that mental health and physical health deserve equal recognition.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 109, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the level of interest and commitment to improving mental health and mental health services; recognises the equal importance that the NHS places on the care and treatment of mental and physical illness but notes that, while there has been progress toward the targets on child and adolescent mental health, the targets have not been met, psychological treatments waiting times remain very challenging and primary care teams are under substantial and increasing time pressure to deliver holistic care, particularly in areas of deprivation where there is a greater amount of mental illness; further notes that, after initial progress in improving public attitudes to mental illness with the See Me programme, this welcome trend has stalled and there is a need for more robust monitoring and inspection of the variation between NHS boards; notes the Scottish Government’s recent announcement of an additional £15 million investment in mental health services, and looks forward to further progress in improving mental health and wellbeing as a fundamental and integral part of delivering person-centred, safe and effective healthcare services.

7. Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation : The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-11986—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Serious Crime Bill, introduced in the House of Lords on 5 June 2014, relating to amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, amendments to the Computer Misuse Act 1990, amendments to the Serious Crime Act 2007 in respect of serious crime prevention orders, the repeal of provisions within the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 in respect of financial reporting orders and the amendments to the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 to include habitual UK residents, 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).

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

9. New Psychoactive Substances Needs Assessment for Tayside, 2014 Report: The Parliament debated S4M-11849 in the name of Alex Johnstone—That the Parliament notes the report, New Psychoactive Substances Needs Assessment for Tayside, 2014, by NHS Tayside, which states that there are now over 350 substances that the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction is aware of and over 650 websites in Europe that market new psychoactive substances (NPS) to consumers; understands that, in 2013, NPS were found to be a potential contributor to 60 drug deaths in Scotland; acknowledges the concerns of community groups in places such as Aberdeen, Arbroath and Montrose about the potential impact of NPS and the retail premises that sell them; commends the work of these community groups and agencies in raising awareness of the potential dangers of using NPS, and notes the hopes of many that this work will be taken forward locally and nationally to reduce the availability and consumption of NPS.

The meeting closed at 6.14 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 a Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

2. **Active Travel:** The Minister for Transport and Islands (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-11980—That the Parliament recognises the success of active travel programmes in enabling more people to be active more often, with record levels of investment in active travel; celebrates the 20th anniversary of the National Cycle Network; welcomes the publication of the second *Cycling Action Plan for Scotland* and the first National Walking Strategy; acknowledges the cross-party commitment to promoting active travel and progress made by the Scottish Government since 1999, alongside external partners, in laying the foundations for a more active and healthier nation, and commits to working together to realise the active travel vision, which outlines how Scotland will look in 2030 if more people are walking and cycling.

David Stewart moved amendment S4M-11980.1 to motion S4M-11980—

Insert at end—

"; acknowledges that the number of people participating in active travel has remained relatively stagnant and more needs to be done to increase the number of people cycling and walking as a normal means of transport through improving infrastructure, promotion activities and road safety, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how the active travel budget for 2015-16 will be spent, in particular the proportion that will be allocated to cycling and walking infrastructure”.

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

Alison Johnstone moved amendment S4M-11980.2 to motion S4M-11980—

Insert at end—

"; reaffirms the Scottish Government’s target of 10% of journeys to be made by bike by 2020; notes the estimate by Spokes that active travel funding in the 2015-16 draft budget is lower than in the previous year; calls on the Scottish Government to reverse this cut and substantially increase funding for active travel; notes the ongoing debate and research into the introduction of presumed liability in relation to road accidents, and urges local authorities to meet growing demand for high-quality walking and cycling infrastructure, extend 20mph speed limits in built-up areas and provide walking and cycling training opportunities to every child in Scotland".
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 60, Abstentions 11).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 111, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—that the Parliament recognises the success of active travel programmes in enabling more people to be active more often, with record levels of investment in active travel; celebrates the 20th anniversary of the National Cycle Network; welcomes the publication of the second *Cycling Action Plan for Scotland* and the first National Walking Strategy; acknowledges the cross-party commitment to promoting active travel and progress made by the Scottish Government since 1999, alongside external partners, in laying the foundations for a more active and healthier nation; commits to working together to realise the active travel vision, which outlines how Scotland will look in 2030 if more people are walking and cycling; acknowledges that the number of people participating in active travel has remained relatively stagnant and more needs to be done to increase the number of people cycling and walking as a normal means of transport through improving infrastructure, promotion activities and road safety, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how the active travel budget for 2015-16 will be spent, in particular the proportion that will be allocated to cycling and walking infrastructure.

3. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11996—that the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 8 January 2015—

   after

   2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   insert

   *followed by* Ministerial Statement: Oil and Gas

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11982—that the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   Tuesday 13 January 2015

   2.00 pm Time for Reflection

   *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   *followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Protecting Public Services
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 14 January 2015

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 15 January 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: Commending the People who Keep Scotland Safe in Emergencies
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 20 January 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 21 January 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 22 January 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. Committee Remits: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11983—That the Parliament agrees that the remit of the following committees be amended to—

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee

To consider and report on the Scottish economy, enterprise, energy, tourism, renewables and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (apart from those covered by the remit of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee), and matters relating to cities.

Education and Culture Committee
To consider and report on matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning; matters relating to youth employment, skills and employment training, implementation of the recommendations of the Commission for Developing Scotland’s Young Workforce, Skills Development Scotland and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training, and matters relating to culture and the arts falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs.

Health and Sport Committee

To consider and report on health policy, the NHS in Scotland, sport and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, and measures against child poverty.

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee

To consider and report on infrastructure, capital investment, transport, Scottish Water and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, and matters relating to housing and digital infrastructure.

Local Government and Regeneration Committee

To consider and report on the financing and delivery of local government and local services, planning, regeneration and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights.

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

To consider and report on agriculture, fisheries, rural development, climate change, the environment and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment.

Welfare Reform Committee

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

The motion was agreed to. (DT)

6. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11984—that the Parliament agrees that—
Liz Smith be appointed to replace John Lamont as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee; and

John Scott be appointed to replace Jackson Carlaw as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Nursing Against Health Inequalities: The Parliament debated S4M-11495 in the name of Malcolm Chisholm—That the Parliament believes that there are growing inequalities in health between the best-off and the worst-off people in the Edinburgh Northern and Leith constituency and across Scotland; notes the view that these need to be tackled as a matter of urgency; welcomes RCN Scotland’s initiative, Nursing at the Edge, which was launched on 12 November 2014 and aims to combat health inequalities; acknowledges what it sees as the diversity and depth of the roles that nurses play in reducing such inequalities; notes the calls for shadow health and social care integration boards to support services that reduce inequalities and for them to invest in nursing roles that allow such services to be successful, and further notes the calls for the Scottish Government, NHS boards, local authorities and shadow integration boards to put in place long-term secure funding for services that are designed to reduce health inequalities.

The meeting closed at 5.55 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. A Shocking Way to Treat a Dog: The Parliament debated S4M-11431 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament commends the Welsh Assembly for passing in 2010 a ban on the use of electronic collars on cats and dogs and setting a penalty of a fine of up to £20,000 or six months in prison; notes that there are bans in, inter alia, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Germany; understands that, when the Scottish Government consulted on their use in 2007, most animal welfare organisations including the Scottish SPCA, the Scottish Kennel Club and the Dogs Trust supported a ban, as did ACPOS; considers that the Scottish Government’s reliance on guidance on usage and manufacturing standards is insufficient given that a range of devices is readily available online, that many users dispense with the guidance and that, in any event, research by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs demonstrates that there are long-term negative impacts on dog welfare, and notes the view that the Scottish Government should reconsider its position and follow Wales’s lead and ban the use in Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale and throughout Scotland.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Oil and Gas.

5. Boosting the Economy: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-11993—That the Parliament welcomes the continued growth of Scotland’s economy and the fact that Scotland’s unemployment rate is the lowest in the UK; further welcomes the fact that, since 2007, Scottish exports have increased by a third, business research and development has risen by 29% and that the total number of registered businesses in Scotland has grown by 10%; agrees that delivering sustainable economic growth and addressing longstanding inequalities are reinforcing, and not competing, objectives, and welcomes the actions that the Scottish Government is taking to foster a supportive business environment, invest in infrastructure, support entrepreneurship, innovation and internationalisation, and to help to ensure that economic growth is characterised by income, regional and social equality.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-11993.3 to motion S4M-11993—Leave out from “and the fact” to end and insert—
“; recognises, however, that the Scottish Government needs to ensure that the benefits of economic growth improve the prospects of the workforce at large and address increasing inequalities; calls on the Scottish Government to recognise the fundamental importance of the oil and gas industry to the success of the Scottish economy; notes that the current oil price is less than half that predicted by the Scottish Government in its white paper on independence; notes the calls for cross-party talks on sustaining the future of the oil and gas industry, and further calls on the Scottish Government to work in partnership with the UK Government and local government to address the current risks to that sector, to establish a resilience fund to be used in exceptional times of crisis to deal with the consequences on local economies of large-scale redundancies and to publish an updated Oil and Gas Bulletin.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 64, Abstentions 15).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-11993.4 to motion S4M-11993—

Leave out from “the actions” to end and insert—

“that the UK’s economic growth continues to be among the highest of major developed world economies; believes that measures taken by the UK Government, such as cutting employer national insurance contributions and maintaining the lowest level of corporation tax in the G7, are providing considerable benefits to Scottish businesses, and calls on the Scottish Government to reduce the burden on business by ensuring that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax is introduced in a way that is conducive to economic growth and by extending existing rates relief schemes to ensure that Scotland is a more competitive location to do business.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

6. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-12011—That the Parliament agrees that—

Mark Griffin be appointed to replace Neil Bibby as a member of the Education and Culture Committee;

Siobhan McMahon be appointed to replace Jayne Baxter as a member of the Education and Culture Committee;
Anne McTaggart be appointed to replace Alex Rowley as a member of the European and External Relations Committee;

Lewis Macdonald be appointed to replace Richard Baker as a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

Johann Lamont be appointed to replace Margaret McDougall as a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

Jayne Baxter be appointed to replace Siobhan McMahon as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;

David Stewart be appointed to replace Mark Griffin as a member of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee;

Jayne Baxter be appointed to replace John Pentland as a member of the Justice Committee;

Drew Smith be appointed to replace Ken Macintosh as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

Paul Martin be appointed to replace Hugh Henry as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

John Pentland be appointed to replace David Stewart as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

Sarah Boyack be appointed to replace Cara Hilton as a member of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee;

Margaret McDougall be appointed to replace Ken Macintosh as a member of the Welfare Reform Committee;

Cara Hilton be appointed to replace Anne McTaggart as a member of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

Duncan McNeil be appointed to replace Drew Smith as a member of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee;

Richard Baker be appointed to replace Michael McMahon as a member of the Finance Committee;

Patricia Ferguson be appointed to replace Cara Hilton as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

Hanzala Malik be appointed to replace Anne McTaggart as a member of the Public Petitions Committee.

S4M-12012—That the Parliament agrees that—
Gil Paterson be appointed to replace Fiona McLeod as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

Stuart McMillan be appointed to replace Gil Paterson as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. **Substitution on Committees:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-12013—That the Parliament agrees that—

- James Kelly be appointed to replace Mary Fee as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee;
- Iain Gray be appointed to replace Kezia Dugdale as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Education and Culture Committee;
- Claire Baker be appointed to replace Patricia Ferguson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the European and External Relations Committee;
- Jackie Baillie be appointed to replace Jenny Marra as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;
- Anne McTaggart be appointed to replace Jackie Baillie as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee;
- Jackie Baillie be appointed to replace Iain Gray as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Finance Committee;
- Hugh Henry be appointed to replace Graeme Pearson as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Justice Committee;
- Margaret McCulloch be appointed to replace Sarah Boyack as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;
- David Stewart be appointed to replace Claire Baker as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee; and
- Neil Bibby be appointed to replace Jackie Baillie as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Welfare Reform Committee.

S4M-12014—That the Parliament agrees that—
James Dornan be appointed to replace Bruce Crawford as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee; and

Bob Doris be appointed to replace Fiona McLeod as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.
1. **Time for Reflection:** Ani Lhamo, Kagyu Samye Ling Monastery and Tibetan Centre, Eskdalemuir led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12046—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of the debate on motion S4M-11985 on the Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] on Tuesday 13 January 2015, in Rule 10.6.5 of Standing Orders—

   (a) delete
   
   one speaker
   
   and insert
   
   two speakers
   
   (b) the third sentence be suspended.

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Protecting Public Services:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Keith Brown) moved S4M-12034—That the Parliament believes that strong public services are the bedrock of a fair and prosperous society; pays tribute to Scotland’s public service workers who teach, treat, protect and serve communities and welcomes continued support for public services in Scotland, including an increase in funding for all NHS boards; expresses concern at the impact that the UK Government’s austerity agenda will have on the delivery of public services; notes that, even excluding cuts planned for welfare across the UK, Scotland faces real-terms cuts to come that are estimated at £15 billion; further notes an assessment by the Office for Budget Responsibility that UK Government cuts will reduce government spending as a proportion of income to its lowest level since the 1930s; recognises that real-terms cuts in spending on services such as police, local government, infrastructure and education will total almost £1,800 per person while, at the same time, the UK Government proposes to spend over £100 billion on new nuclear weapons; further recognises that there is an alternative to the UK Government’s austerity agenda, and calls on all parties to work together to secure economic growth, tackle inequality and protect Scotland’s public services.

Mary Fee moved amendment S4M-12034.2 to motion S4M-12034—
Leave out from “including an increase” to end and insert—

“; believes that the Scottish Government’s budget underspend of £444 million restricts the potential for Scotland’s public services to invest in hospitals, schools and in local communities; notes that the Barnett formula benefits Scotland’s budget; further believes that redistributive policies such as a mansion tax and a 50p top rate of tax will allow further investment in Scotland’s public services, and calls on all parties to work together to tackle inequality, support economic growth and proudly protect Scotland’s public services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 78, Abstentions 2).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-12034.3 to motion S4M-12034—

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

“; believes that a decisive shift toward preventative spending is important to protect public services and to improve outcomes across Scotland; notes the issues raised in the Finance Committee report on the Draft Budget 2015-16 regarding the lack of progress on preventative spending, and calls on the Scottish Government to respond formally in early course to the concerns around preventative spending in that report.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 65, Abstentions 37).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-12034.1 to motion S4M-12034—

Leave out from “including an increase” to end and insert—

“; notes the recent concern expressed by health professionals regarding pressure on the NHS, particularly accident and emergency services and the lack of sufficient resources to ensure parity between the treatment of physical and mental ill-health; further notes that some NHS boards have still to reach parity through the NHS Scotland Resource Allocation Committee formula and that Aberdeen and Edinburgh City councils are still receiving under the 85% floor for revenue allocations; understands that the Scottish Government will benefit from additional funding of £238 million through to 2015-16 as a result of spending decisions taken by the UK Government in the Autumn Statement 2014; notes that the Scottish Government’s Fiscal Commission Working Group advised it to match the trajectory of UK deficit reduction even beyond the 2015 general election; further notes the Scottish Government’s continuing underspend on day-to-day services, and believes that the best platform to achieve a strong economy and a fair society best able to deliver high quality public services and opportunity for everyone is from an economy anchored in
the centre ground, with spending and borrowing balanced to allow continued movement from economic rescue to recovery.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 63, Abstentions 13).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

5. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-11985—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

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

7. The Need for a Direct Ferry Service Between Scotland and Scandinavia: The Parliament debated S4M-11392 in the name of Angus MacDonald—That the Parliament notes that, following the cessation of the DFDS Harwich to Esbjerg service in September 2014, there is no direct ferry service between the UK and Scandinavia; understands that the historic Newcastle–Stavanger–Bergen service ceased operation in 2008, which meant that there was no direct service between the UK and Norway; believes that a direct service between Scottish and Scandinavian ports would help to increase exports from the Falkirk East constituency and other parts of Scotland to northern Europe while simultaneously attracting tourists with high disposable incomes, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government, the Scotland Office, Scottish Development International and interested regional transport partnerships to work with port and ferry operators to investigate the feasibility of such a project.

The meeting closed at 5.39 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. Scotland’s Future: Dr Richard Simpson moved S4M-12045—That the Parliament believes that the NHS in Scotland is under extreme pressure, with waiting times rising at accident and emergency (A&E) departments across the country, people waiting on trolleys for hours and waiting time targets missed in many hospitals; pays tribute to the hard working staff of the NHS; notes that the NHS staff survey reported that 75% of Scotland’s nurses think that there are not enough of them to do the work; welcomes Scottish Labour’s commitment to fund 1,000 extra nurses in the NHS from a UK-wide mansion tax that will pool and share the resources of the UK for the benefit of Scotland’s health service; notes the impact that these nurses will have on pressure points for the NHS services in mental health, A&E and community nursing; further notes that delayed discharge targets are not being met across Scotland; deplores the Scottish Government’s record in breaking its own law guaranteeing treatment in 12 weeks over 12,500 times across the country, and notes the situation of those patients who have had their legal rights breached by the Scottish Government.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S4M-12045.3 to motion S4M-12045—

Leave out from “under extreme pressure” to end and insert—

“an institution greatly valued by the people of Scotland; recognises that even with additional funding of £28 million for winter pressures being made available, there have been challenges in meeting the increasing demands in A&E departments; pays tribute to the health services’ dedicated and hardworking staff who ensured across the festive period that nine out of 10 patients were seen within four hours; acknowledges that further steps are required to reduce delays in discharge, improve patient flow and ensure that A&E targets are sustainably met in the future; notes that health resources are at a record £12 billion in 2015-16, an increase of £2.7 billion since 2006; further notes that NHS Scotland staffing is at a record high, with over 1,700 more qualified nurses and midwives than 2006, and welcomes that treatment times have improved significantly in recent years, with 98% of patients, over 600,000 people, having received treatment within the 12 week treatment time guarantee.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 39, Abstentions 14).

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S4M-12045.2 to motion S4M-12045—
Leave out from first “is” to end and insert—

“, as elsewhere and throughout the UK, is under considerable seasonal pressure, particularly at A&E departments, and acknowledges the resulting and unacceptable inconvenience to thousands of patients; notes the additional funding resource being committed to the NHS in England, which has resulted in consequential funding for the NHS in Scotland in excess of £1.4 billion between 2010 and 2016; notes that the total health budget for England has been protected in real terms while similar protections have not been put in place by the Scottish Government; acknowledges that, for the NHS in Scotland to achieve a sustainable future in the face of the many well documented challenges with which it is now confronted, it requires all political parties to agree and unite in support of a long-term strategic plan, and calls on the Scottish Government, without further delay, to lead the development and implementation of such a plan within the current parliamentary session.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 39, Abstentions 13).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that the NHS in Scotland is an institution greatly valued by the people of Scotland; recognises that even with additional funding of £28 million for winter pressures being made available, there have been challenges in meeting the increasing demands in A&E departments; pays tribute to the health services’ dedicated and hardworking staff who ensured across the festive period that nine out of 10 patients were seen within four hours; acknowledges that further steps are required to reduce delays in discharge, improve patient flow and ensure that A&E targets are sustainably met in the future; notes that health resources are at a record £12 billion in 2015-16, an increase of £2.7 billion since 2006; further notes that NHS Scotland staffing is at a record high, with over 1,700 more qualified nurses and midwives than 2006, and welcomes that treatment times have improved significantly in recent years, with 98% of patients, over 600,000 people, having received treatment within the 12 week treatment time guarantee.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12048—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for Thursday 15 January 2015—
delete

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commending the People who Keep Scotland Safe in Emergencies

and insert

followed by Election to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commending the People who Keep Scotland Safe in Emergencies

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Debate: Re-appointment of a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Modern Slavery Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12049—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 20 January 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Inequalities

followed by Public Bodies Consent Motion: Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2015 – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 21 January 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

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

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill 2015-16

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 22 January 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: 2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 27 January 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 28 January 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 29 January 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 SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved:

S4M-12050—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12051—That the Parliament agrees that the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources - Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 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. Taliban’s Attack in a School in Peshawar: The Parliament debated S4M-11929 in the name of Hanzala Malik—That the Parliament condemns the actions of the Taliban’s attack in a school in Peshawar, where it opened fire on children and staff members; understands that seven Taliban attackers wearing bomb vests entered the public school and opened fire on children as young as five; understands that at least 132 children and nine staff members are already dead and that a further 125 children were wounded before all seven attackers were killed; believes this to be the deadliest attack by the Taliban; recognises the deep sadness of the Pakistani community in Glasgow and the rest of Scotland; supports the Pakistan government and its agencies in bringing these attackers’ network to justice, and offers its deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to the families of the children and teachers.

8. Motion without Notice: Hanzala Malik 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 5.52 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. **Equal Pay:** The Parliament debated S4M-11325 in the name of John Mason—That the Parliament notes the recent report from the Resolution Foundation, which suggests that a record five million people in the UK are stuck in low-paid jobs, including in Glasgow Shettleston; believes that the statutory UK national minimum wage of £6.50 per hour is too low to counterbalance the ever increasing cost of living; understands that the living wage of £7.65 is only a voluntary scheme and is not statutory, therefore does not ensure equal pay protection to all workers in the public, private or voluntary sectors, and notes the belief that the only way to ensure that genuine pay equality is achieved would be to make the living wage a statutory scheme for all employers.

4. **Election of Member to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body:**
   John Pentland was nominated as the candidate for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

   The Parliament voted to elect John Pentland for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 32, Against 0, A bstentions 16).

5. **Commending the People who Keep Scotland Safe in Emergencies:**
   The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-12060—That the Parliament applauds the excellent work undertaken by all of the brave and dedicated men and women of Scotland’s emergency services, both blue light and voluntary, who meet significant challenges on a daily basis to help keep communities safe and respond where and whenever there is need; acknowledges that Scotland has been reminded of this again through the events over the festive period, and commits to support all of the emergency services in the years ahead.

   Hugh Henry moved amendment S4M-12060.2 to motion S4M-12060—

   Insert at end—

   “; welcomes the cross-party support for the efforts of the emergency services but also recognises the challenges and pressures that they face and therefore commits to doing everything that it can to provide the necessary resources to enable them to do their jobs effectively; to that end, agrees to hold an inquiry into the resilience of the emergency services, including voluntary, to allow frontline staff and volunteers to
have their voices heard and to explore the resources required to allow them to do their jobs effectively, and further agrees that the Justice Committee and the Health and Sport Committee should lead in relation to their respective remits”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 27, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S4M-12060.1 to motion S4M-12060—

Leave out first “services” and insert—

“and other services, together with those elsewhere in the UK,“.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament applauds the excellent work undertaken by all of the brave and dedicated men and women of Scotland’s emergency and other services, together with those elsewhere in the UK, both blue light and voluntary, who meet significant challenges on a daily basis to help keep communities safe and respond where and whenever there is need; acknowledges that Scotland has been reminded of this again through the events over the festive period, and commits to support all of the emergency services in the years ahead.

6. Reappointment of a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland: Liz Smith, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-12062—That the Parliament agrees to the reappointment of Mrs Julia Ward as a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland under Schedule 7 of the Scottish Parliamentary Commission and Commissioners etc. Act 2010.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Modern Slavery Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-11999—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Modern Slavery Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 10 June 2014, relating to enforcement powers in relation to ships and the Anti-Slavery Commissioner, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the functions of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Reverend Scott M. Rennie MA BD STM FRSA, Minister, Queen’s Cross Parish Church, Aberdeen led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Tackling Inequalities**: The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-12095—That the Parliament agrees that a strong, sustainable economy is essential to building a fair and wealthy society; further agrees that a society that is fair and equitable underpins a strong economy; believes that an essential element of this is that work should be a route out of poverty; deplores the fact that half of children in poverty are growing up in a household where at least one person is in employment; further believes that this is a clear sign that the economic and social policies of the UK Government are failing Scotland; notes the commitment of the Scottish Government to build a fairer Scotland and tackle inequality; welcomes the positive steps that the Scottish Government has taken toward this by paying the living wage as part of its pay policy and, by supporting living wage accreditation, encouraging more organisations to do the same; further welcomes the development of the Fair Work Convention to promote and sustain a fair employment framework, and is concerned that these efforts are at risk of being undermined by the £6 billion of welfare cuts being made by the UK Government.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-12095.4 to motion S4M-12095—

After “same” insert—

“; believes that more can and should be done to extend the living wage to all those employed on public sector contracts; is concerned at growing inequalities in devolved areas such as health, the widening attainment gap in education and the increased use of charges in social care; calls on all in Scotland to use the powers at their disposal, including digital and transport access for those in rural areas, to reverse these trends”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-12095.2 to motion S4M-12095—

Leave out from “deplores” to end and insert—

“notes that, since the UK Government came into office, there are now 160,000 additional jobs in Scotland, which means that last year saw more people in work than ever before; recognises that, UK-wide, three-quarters of new jobs are in full-time positions and two-thirds are in skilled
trades; accepts that the introduction of universal credit will significantly increase the flexibility for benefit claimants to enter employment without losing support; believes that universal credit will increase personal responsibility and reduce dependency, allowing more people to benefit from the economic recovery, which is the result of the UK Government’s successful economic policies; expresses concern at the Scottish Government’s lack of action on health and educational inequalities, particularly through its inaction on preventative spend, which promised to move ‘from dealing with the symptoms of disadvantage and inequality towards tackling their root causes’, but welcomes the Scottish Government’s action in paying the living wage as part of its pay policy and, by supporting living wage accreditation, encouraging more organisations and businesses to follow this example when they are able to do so.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-12095.1 to motion S4M-12095—

Leave out from “deplores” to end and insert—

“considers that even one child living in poverty is unacceptable; believes that the best way to tackle poverty is by creating more jobs and opportunity for everyone, regardless of background, and welcomes that, since May 2010, a job has been created each minute of every working day; notes that over 260,000 of the lowest paid workers in Scotland now pay no income tax and that over 2.2 million taxpayers in Scotland have had their taxes cut because of the increase to the personal allowance and supports the plans to increase the allowance to £12,500 in the next UK parliamentary term; welcomes the UK Government’s decision to increase the national minimum wage from October 2014 and its acceptance in full of the Low Pay Commission’s recommendations; recalls that the Scottish Government’s white paper on independence did not support an increase in the personal allowance to £12,500, meaning that people on low incomes would have paid more tax and had less money to live on, but did propose a cut in corporation tax; further recalls that the white paper did not include an increase in social security spending of £2.5 billion, despite the Scottish Government and SNP members having called for spending increases; notes that the Expert Working Group on Welfare confirmed that, under the present UK administration, welfare spending is set to increase in Scotland by £2 billion by 2016-17; recalls that the Scottish Government’s Fiscal Commission Working Group advised it to match the trajectory of UK deficit reduction, even beyond the 2015 general election; notes in particular that motion S4M-05521, which was approved on 31 January 2013 with the support of Scottish ministers and SNP members, named the priority for social security spending as increasing child benefit for people earning more than £60,000 per year; notes evidence and expert opinion that suggests that investment in the first three years of a child’s
life is critical for their future life chances; believes that investment in early years education and quality childcare can help to close the attainment gap as well as being a sound investment for economic and social wellbeing; welcomes the expansion of free childcare to 15% of two-year-olds in Scotland; believes that there should be a further expansion in free early years childcare to match the provision on offer in England, and considers that the best platform to achieve a strong economy and a fair society best able to tackle inequality and ensure opportunity for everyone is from an economy anchored in the centre ground, with spending and borrowing balanced to allow continued movement from economic rescue to recovery.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 93, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

4. Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2015: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-12096—That the Parliament consents to the making of the Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2015, a draft of which was laid before the United Kingdom Parliament on 2 December 2014 and which makes provision that would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were contained in an Act of that Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. 35th Anniversary of Mercy Corps: The Parliament debated S4M-11272 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament celebrates what it sees as 35 years of Mercy Corps’ positive contribution to the world; notes that it was established in the USA in 1979 as the Save the Refugees Fund; understands that, after changing its name, in 1996 it merged with the Edinburgh-based Scottish European Aid to launch its European-led operations; notes that these are headquartered in Edinburgh; thanks Mercy Corps on what it sees as its ongoing efforts to raise the public’s awareness of the importance of international development; believes that its work has helped improve 229 million lives in 115 countries; understands that it is currently working in over 40 countries; notes that 93% of its staff are from these countries and believes that its determination to work with locally-based people has given it a deep insight into the problems and solutions needed in the areas in which it operates; understands that it aims to solve a multitude of issues, including the marginalisation of women and minorities, responding to conflict, and dealing with economic collapse and natural disasters; supports it in what it sees as its approach toward long-term recovery by staying in the country beyond any initial emergencies to help ensure stability; applauds Mercy Corps in its
continued presence in Pakistan, Liberia, Haiti, Gaza, Afghanistan and Indonesia; believes that, in these countries, it aims to move communities from relief to recovery to resilience and it is committed to engaging market forces; recognises the bravery and determination of its staff who continue their operations in war-torn countries such as Iraq, Central African Republic, South Sudan and Syria while helping thousands of internally-displaced civilians; commends it on its work in Liberia to help stop the spread of the Ebola virus; supports the Scottish Government’s continued spending on international development and on the funding of non-governmental organisations such as Mercy Corps, and wishes Mercy Corps every success in its future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 5.51 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 Ministers.

2. **Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12101—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 66, Against 0, Abstentions 55).

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12104—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   **Tuesday 27 January 2015**
   
   2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
   
   followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
   
   followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment
   
   followed by  Business Motions
   
   followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   5.00 pm  Decision Time
   
   followed by  Members’ Business

   **Wednesday 28 January 2015**
   
   2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions

   Education and Lifelong Learning
   
   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 29 January 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: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill
followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill (Private Members’ Bill) – UK Legislation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 February 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 4 February 2015

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 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 5 February 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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12105—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 8 May 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

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


S4M-12107—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 be approved.

S4M-12108—That the Parliament agrees that the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment 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. Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education Report: The Parliament debated S4M-11626 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament notes with concern a recent survey, which was published by the Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education and supported by The Royal Society of Edinburgh, suggesting that 98% of primary and secondary schools depended on external funding for practical work, including from parents and teachers, that 45% of primaries reported having no access
to safety equipment and that spending per head on pupils studying science in Scotland is around two thirds of the equivalent spending in England; is concerned that schools might be put off encouraging pupils to take science subjects at National 5 if sitting those exams is perceived to have an adverse impact on pass rates; acknowledges what it sees as the seriousness of these problems, given that some reports have stated that, by 2030, over seven million jobs in the UK will depend on science skills and that, therefore, the science graduates that Scotland’s economy will rely on are already at school and being introduced to the subject; welcomes the Royal Society of Chemistry’s recommendations on improving science learning in school through access to teaching specialists; further recognises what it believes is the important role that local science societies, such as the Dunbar Science Festival in East Lothian, and festivals play in making extracurricular science learning available, and understands with disappointment that, in 2015-16, science societies and festivals will receive a real-terms cut in funding from the Scottish Government.

The meeting closed at 5.44 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. **Tackling Projected Population Decline in Argyll and Bute:** The Parliament debated S4M-11361 in the name of Jamie McGrigor—That the Parliament notes that, on 29 October 2014, Argyll and Bute’s Community Planning Partnership held an economic summit in Dunoon entitled “Addressing our Population Challenge” to consider the population changes and associated challenges facing Argyll and Bute; is aware of the data published in May 2014 by the National Records of Scotland that predicted that Argyll and Bute’s population will fall by 13.5% by 2037, the second largest projected decline of any local authority in Scotland, with the working age population predicted to fall by almost 22%; shares local concerns about the impact on the local economy and public services of such a steep decline in population, and notes the view that policy makers at all levels should treat as a priority tackling and reversing the projected population decline and looking at new ways of supporting the area and boosting its economic growth, while promoting Argyll and Bute as a diverse, attractive and first-class location for residents, visitors and businesses alike.

4. **2020 Vision, the Strategic Forward Direction of the NHS:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-12120—That the Parliament is committed to ensuring that Scotland's NHS remains in public hands and free at the point of need; recognises that Scotland's caring services face challenges common across the developed world, including those derived from an ageing population, changing demands of service provision and increased costs associated with new medicines and technologies; supports the achievements that quality improvement programmes have made, such as the Scottish Patient Safety Programme and the Early Years Collaborative, and the importance of sustaining and spreading these achievements; agrees that the 2020 vision's strategy for integrated health and social care is key to ensuring sustainable caring services long into the future; commends the contribution of NHS and social care staff in caring for Scotland and in seeking to achieve the aims of the 2020 vision; believes that the contribution of staff, stakeholders and users of the country’s caring services will be vital to the development and implementation of delivery plans for the short and long term that meet the aims of the 2020 vision, and welcomes the recent additional investments in Scotland's NHS, including a further £100 million over three years to address delays in discharge and support people to remain at home or in a homely setting for as long as possible.
Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-12120.1 to motion S4M-12120—

Insert at end—

“; notes that the NHS staff survey reported that 75% of Scotland’s nurses think that there are not enough of them to do the work; welcomes Scottish Labour’s commitment to fund 1,000 extra NHS nurses from a UK-wide mansion tax, and believes that patients would benefit from a ‘frontline fund’ to allow hospitals to free up capacity during evenings and weekends for a modern health service”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 73, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12134—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 27 January 2015

after

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Smith Commission

followed by Ministerial Statement: Agricultural Holdings Review Group Report

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 29 January 2015

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

and insert

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Chilcot Inquiry

The motion was agreed to.

6. 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:** Lucy Paterson and Kieran Smyth, pupils at St. Andrew’s RC Secondary School in Glasgow led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on The Smith Commission.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on the Agricultural Holdings Review Group Report.

5. **Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) – Supporting Individuals out of Redundancy into Employment:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-12154—That the Parliament recognises that the Scottish Government’s initiative for responding to redundancy situations, Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE), with teams around Scotland, brings 21 organisations together with the Scottish Government; considers that it has performed well in its core function of helping those made redundant gain other employment or opportunities; notes that the most recent figures show that nearly three quarters of those who received PACE support went into employment, and urges the Scottish Government to continue to work with industry, workforce representatives and the third sector to provide the best possible and practicable assistance to those who have been made redundant and to spread awareness and knowledge of what PACE is and does.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-12154.1 to motion S4M-12154—Leave out from “considers” to end and insert—

“recognises that PACE was originally created with a remit to ensure the early identification of company or sector difficulties, to undertake partnership working with companies in order to mitigate difficulty and, only where redundancies are inevitable, get people back into jobs as quickly as possible; recognises that more needs to be done to support companies, sectors and regions faced with sudden economic shocks and difficulties to avoid or reduce the number of job losses; agrees that the work of PACE should be reviewed in order to identify where more pro-active interventions can be made at an earlier stage, and calls for the establishment of a resilience fund to assist with these efforts with an initial budget of £10 million in 2015-16.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 78, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12164—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 28 January 2015

after

followed by  Portfolio Questions
  Education and Lifelong Learning

insert

followed by  Ministerial Statement: Unconventional Oil and Gas

delete

5.00 pm  Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm  Decision Time

(b) Thursday 29 January 2015

after

followed by  Stage 1 Debate: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by  Financial Resolution: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

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

8. Holocaust Memorial Day 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-11995 in the name of Stewart Maxwell—That the Parliament notes that 27 January 2015 marks Holocaust Memorial Day, the 70th 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; acknowledges that this year marks perhaps the last significant anniversary that will be marked with the Holocaust in living memory; further notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2015 is Keep the Memory Alive; 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 Lucy Paterson and Kieran Smyth, two students from St Andrew's RC Secondary in Glasgow, who took part in the project and will deliver the Parliament’s Time for Reflection message on 27 January; 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.

9. **Motion without Notice**: Stewart Maxwell 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 6.23 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 Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Unconventional Oil and Gas.

3. **Women Offenders:** Kezia Dugdale moved S4M-12160—That the Parliament welcomes the decision of the Scottish Government to abandon its previously published plans for a large-scale women’s prison; congratulates the coalition of views that helped to bring about this decision; believes that the report produced by the Commission on Women Offenders led by Dame Elish Angiolini provides a clear roadmap for a different approach to women offending; believes that adequate and sustained funding is needed for community-based alternatives to imprisonment, and calls for full cross-party and wider stakeholder support and engagement in the debate and delivery of the commission’s recommendations.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved amendment S4M-12160.2 to motion S4M-12160—

Leave out from “to abandon” to end and insert—

“not to proceed with the plans for HMP Inverclyde as a prison for women; agrees that Scotland needs to take a more radical, ambitious and sophisticated approach in the way in which it deals with female offenders; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to enter into dialogue with all interested parties to develop a modern and progressive response to women who offend in Scotland, and agrees with the view of the Commission on Women Offenders that it is imperative that mainstream service providers, such as health, education and housing work, recognise their responsibilities and work collaboratively with each other and with criminal justice partners to facilitate the provision of all necessary services to women offenders.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 0, Abstentions 54 ).

Margaret Mitchell moved amendment S4M-12160.3 to motion S4M-12160—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“notes the decision of the Scottish Government to reverse its previously published plans for a female prison in Inverclyde; seeks clarity about the proposals for the new prison together with an explanation as to why this
decision was taken so late in the day; further seeks information relating to the financial ramifications of the decision, and believes that the report produced by the Commission on Women Offenders led by Dame Elish Angiolini has constructive proposals for dealing with women offenders.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 28, Against 62, Abstentions 17).

Alison McInnes moved amendment S4M-12160.1 to motion S4M-12160—

After “women offending” insert—

“; considers that further judicial training, greater judicial diversity and the establishment of a Scottish sentencing council would help ensure that sentencing is focused on rehabilitation and addresses the specific needs of women offenders”.

Amendment S4M-12160.1 was pre-empted by amendment S4M-12160.2.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 101, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the decision of the Scottish Government not to proceed with the plans for HMP Inverclyde as a prison for women; agrees that Scotland needs to take a more radical, ambitious and sophisticated approach in the way in which it deals with female offenders; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to enter into dialogue with all interested parties to develop a modern and progressive response to women who offend in Scotland, and agrees with the view of the Commission on Women Offenders that it is imperative that mainstream service providers, such as health, education and housing work, recognise their responsibilities and work collaboratively with each other and with criminal justice partners to facilitate the provision of all necessary services to women offenders.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12165—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 February 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 4 February 2015
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 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) (No. 4) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 5 February 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: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015-16 [draft]
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Working in Partnership to End the Practice of Female Genital Mutilation
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 February 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 February 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 19 February 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: Community Charge Debt (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-12166—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 30 January 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12168—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).
7. **Suspension of Standing Orders:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12183—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purpose of consideration of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill:

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

(b) in Rule 9.10.2, the words “except on a final lodging-day, when amendments may be lodged only until 12:00” be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. **Hepatitis C:** The Parliament debated S4M-11190 in the name of Kevin Stewart—That the Parliament notes that the blood-borne virus, hepatitis C, is a major cause of liver disease; understands that, in Scotland, an estimated 39,000 people, many unknowingly, are infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV), including many in Aberdeen; considers that the current Scottish administration and its predecessors have done much to highlight and prevent HCV infection and improve treatment by implementing the aims of the Hepatitis C Action Plan and the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Framework; commends organisations such as the Hepatitis C Trust and Hepatitis Scotland on their efforts in advocating for people with HCV and lobbying on their behalf; believes that new treatments may offer opportunities, and welcomes what it sees as the Scottish Government, the NHS, the third sector and pharmaceutical companies continuing to cooperate in the fight to eradicate hepatitis C.

The meeting closed at 6.21 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. **Educational Psychologists Numbers at Dangerously Low Levels in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-11796 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament recognises the report by the National Association of Scottish Principal Educational Psychologists and the Scottish Division of Educational Psychologists, which considers that the number of trained educational psychologists in Scotland is “dangerously low” and that psychological services in Scotland are reporting a significant increase in demand; understands that up to a quarter of educational psychologists may retire in the next four years and that there are too few trainees being recruited to fill this skills gap; believes that the ratio of educational psychologists was worse in 2012 than in 2001 and that, currently, around 394 educational psychologists are working in Scotland while the profession estimates the need for around 1,025; understands that the removal of the bursary paid to each trainee by the Scottish Government means that new trainees need to have access to around £25,000 to self-fund course fees, travel and living expenses, which has led to a 70% drop in applicants and a negative impact on the quality of candidates; considers that this has also created difficulties for students wishing to access courses who are resident in the Highlands and Islands and remote and rural parts of Scotland, and believes that a fall in the standards of assessment of children will undermine advances in early years intervention and, in particular, the educational advice open to children with learning difficulties and those with autistic spectrum disorder.

4. **The Chilcot Inquiry:** The First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-12182—That the Parliament calls for Sir John Chilcot’s official inquiry into the invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the subsequent war to publish its findings and all evidence ahead of the UK general election; acknowledges that the Iraq war resulted in the deaths of 179 UK service personnel and hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians; notes that the cost to taxpayers of the war is estimated at £9.6 billion, and believes that, six years after the inquiry was established and three years after hearings concluded, it is in the interests of transparency, accountability and democracy that the report is published as soon as possible and that any further delay in publication is completely unjustifiable.

Alex Fergusson moved amendment S4M-12182.1 to motion S4M-12182—Leave out from “calls” to end and insert—
“accepts that the timing of the release of the findings of the Chilcot inquiry into the invasion of Iraq is entirely for the inquiry itself to decide; expresses its disappointment that the inquiry has now stated that its findings will not be published before the 2015 general election, and, despite Sir John Chilcot’s statement confirming this, calls on him to publish the inquiry’s findings as soon as possible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 63, Abstentions 31).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 0, Abstentions 14).

5. Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12176—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

6. Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12171—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Charge Debt (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. UK Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill (Private Members’ Bill) – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-12187—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill, introduced as a Private Members’ Bill in the House of Commons on 2 July 2014, relating to the regulation of healthcare professionals, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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 5.05 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Ms Samina Ansari, Employability Co-ordinator, Amina, the Muslim Women’s Resource Centre, Glasgow led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment (Marco Biagi) moved S4M-12220—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill.

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

4. **Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12113—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Community Empowerment (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.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 76, Against 31, Abstentions 0).

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

6. **100 Years of Langside Library**: The Parliament debated S4M-12078 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament congratulates Langside Library on its centenary celebrations; understands that Langside Library was the last library in Scotland built with funds from Andrew Carnegie and the first in the city to let people take their own books from the shelves instead of requesting them from the counter; notes that the library is host to the famous Maurice Greiffenhagen picture of Mary Queen of Scots at the Battle of Langside, depicting her viewing the scene of the battle from the top of the hill where the Langside monument now sits; notes that the library now has drop-in services for Citizens Advice, Macmillan Cancer, and provides bounce and rhyme sessions, storytime sessions and a weekly coffee morning, and considers the changes that Langside Library has undertaken over the last decades to become a cultural and learning hub in the community represent a particularly fine example of the changes being made to the library sector across Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.34 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.4) Bill:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12226—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 53, Abstentions 3).

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12230—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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

   **Wednesday 18 February 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 19 February 2015
11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
11.40 am General Questions
12.00 pm First Minister’s Questions
followed by Members’ Business
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: National Marine Plan
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 February 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 25 February 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 26 February 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. Sub-Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12231—that the Parliament agrees that Elaine Murray be appointed to replace Graeme Pearson as a member of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

6. The Umbrella Company Contract Scam: The Parliament debated S4M-11720 in the name of Neil Findlay—that the Parliament welcomes the demonstration, which was organised by the unions, UCATT and Unite, and held at the UK Parliament on 26 October 2014, to highlight what it considers the scandal of so-called umbrella company contracts; condemns what it believes is the increasing number of employment agencies that are involved in this legal tax scam; understands that such contracts allow the cost of processing wages, employers’ national insurance and holiday pay to be passed on to workers, and impacts on people working in Lothian and across Scotland; recognises what it sees as the exploitative nature of these contracts; understands that, in some cases, they have allowed employers to pay workers less than the minimum wage; notes the negative effect that it considers such arrangements have on workers’ morale and productivity, as well as a loss of tax revenues to the Treasury, and further notes the calls on the UK and Scottish governments to use their procurement strategies and their powers and influence to end bogus self-employment and to ensure that this scandal is not allowed to continue.

The meeting closed at 5.38 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. **The Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland and European Antibiotic Awareness Day:** The Parliament debated S4M-11602 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament congratulates the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland on increasing awareness of the issue of antimicrobial resistance; notes its efforts to draw attention to the need for new antibiotics to avoid a situation where simple infections and infections as a result of routine surgery become fatal; welcomes its support of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day on 18 November 2014; considers the raft of resources made available to healthcare professionals in primary and secondary care by the Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG) to have demonstrated an impact through the decrease of 6.5% in the number of prescriptions for antibiotics in 2013-14; commends healthcare workers for their results to date; further notes the significant challenge that antimicrobial resistance continues to present worldwide; welcomes the SAPG’s focus this year on the cooperation between the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland, Community Pharmacy Scotland and Pharmacy Voice to distribute a resource pack to all community pharmacies in Scotland, including a patient self-help guide to treating infection; acknowledges the role that healthcare professionals, patients and the public play in preserving the effectiveness of antibiotics; notes the opportunity for MSPs, healthcare professionals and members of the public to sign up to become an antibiotic guardian via the website, antibioticguardian.com to ensure that current antibiotics continue to remain effective; further notes that it has been 30 years since a new class of antibiotics was last introduced despite growing numbers of infections becoming resistant to current antibiotics; notes calls for governments, academic research communities, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to work collaboratively to develop a new funding model to incentivise the development and appropriate use of new antibiotics, and wishes the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in Scotland every success in its future efforts in dealing with this challenge.

4. **Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12242—That the Parliament recommends that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 99, Against 2, Abstentions 0).
5. Working in Partnership to End the Practice of Female Genital Mutilation: The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights (Alex Neil) moved S4M-12241—That the Parliament notes that 6 February 2015 is International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM); condemns female genital mutilation as an unacceptable and illegal practice, a form of child abuse, violence against women and a violation of the human rights of women and girls; supports the Scottish Government’s commitment to tackling and eradicating this intolerable behaviour from Scottish society through working together with partners across the public and third sectors; welcomes the launch by the Women’s Support Project of the FGM training and public education resources on 6 February 2015; further welcomes the publication of the Scottish Refugee Council’s report on FGM in Scotland, Tackling Female Genital Mutilation in Scotland: A Scottish Model of Intervention, in December 2014; acknowledges the positive developments made through partnership across Police Scotland, NHS Scotland, education, social services, voluntary and third sector organisations with the establishment of the Female Genital Mutilation Short-Life Working Group; commends the valuable contribution that voluntary and third sector organisations, such as Dignity Alert Research Forum, the Women’s Support Project and Scottish Refugee Council, make to the shaping of Scotland’s approach to FGM; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to fund a programme of work to tackle FGM in Scotland and protect those women and girls at risk of harm from this human rights abuse, and supports Lord McConnell’s proposed Girl Summit to be held in Glasgow on 9 March 2015 to mark International Women’s Day on 8 March 2015.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-12241.1 to motion S4M-12241—

Insert at end—

“, is disappointed that, despite these efforts, there have been so few prosecutions, and calls on the Scottish Government to review its investment to ensure that it is effective and supports long-term sustainable community development in at-risk communities”.

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 that 6 February 2015 is International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM); condemns female genital mutilation as an unacceptable and illegal practice, a form of child abuse, violence against women and a violation of the human rights of women and girls; supports the Scottish Government’s commitment to tackling and eradicating this intolerable behaviour from Scottish society through working together with partners across the public and third sectors; welcomes the launch by the Women’s Support Project of the FGM training and public education resources on 6 February 2015; further welcomes the publication of the Scottish Refugee Council’s report on FGM in Scotland, Tackling Female Genital Mutilation in Scotland: A Scottish Model of
Intervention, in December 2014; acknowledges the positive developments made through partnership across Police Scotland, NHS Scotland, education, social services, voluntary and third sector organisations with the establishment of the Female Genital Mutilation Short-Life Working Group; commends the valuable contribution that voluntary and third sector organisations, such as Dignity Alert Research Forum, the Women’s Support Project and Scottish Refugee Council, make to the shaping of Scotland’s approach to FGM; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to fund a programme of work to tackle FGM in Scotland and protect those women and girls at risk of harm from this human rights abuse; supports Lord McConnell’s proposed Girl Summit to be held in Glasgow on 9 March 2015 to mark International Women’s Day on 8 March 2015; is disappointed that, despite these efforts, there have been so few prosecutions, and calls on the Scottish Government to review its investment to ensure that it is effective and supports long-term sustainable community development in at-risk communities.

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Calum Macdonald, Minister, the Park Church, Giffnock led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12330—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 February 2015—

   after

   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Raising Attainment

   insert

   followed by Supplementary Legislative Consent Motion: Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation

   followed by Public Bodies Consent Motion: Public Bodies (Abolition of the Advisory Committees on Pesticides) Order 2015 – UK Legislation

   followed by Scottish Ministers Nominations to the European Economic and Social Committee of the European Union

   The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Raising Attainment:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-12316—That the Parliament notes that school education in Scotland has improved in recent years, with record exam results and a record number of school leavers in work, education or training; recognises that the curriculum for excellence is delivering improved outcomes, using evidence-based approaches to raise attainment including a focus on strong leadership, high quality learning and teaching, literacy, numeracy and parental engagement; further recognises that more can be done to address the attainment gap; commends the establishment of the Scottish Attainment Challenge, backed by the £100 million Attainment Scotland Fund, to build on the work already underway to drive forward improvements in educational outcomes in Scotland’s most deprived communities and help tackle inequality; welcomes that providing Attainment Advisors for every local authority and the introduction of the Read, Write, Count literacy and numeracy campaign will also help educational outcomes, and believes that education is both key to the future of Scotland’s children and an investment in the future of Scotland’s economic health.

   Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-12316.2 to motion S4M-12316—

   Insert at end—
“, and further welcomes cross-party recognition of the blight of educational inequality on the life chances of pupils across Scotland and 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 in the associated primary schools of the 20 high schools facing the greatest challenges of deprivation, in addition to the Scottish Government’s plans and paid for through a 50p top rate of tax”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 26, Against 81, Abstentions 2).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-12316.1 to motion S4M-12316—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“believes that the greatest challenge facing Scottish education is the significant pupil attainment gap between different schools and different communities; is encouraged by some improvements in Scottish education in recent years, such as the increased number of school leavers in positive destinations, but is concerned that these improvements have been slow and have not resulted in equal improvements across all communities; welcomes the £100 million Attainment Scotland Fund, but believes that education policies should have a renewed focus on improving basic literacy and numeracy skills, as was highlighted by Audit Scotland in 2014, on increasing the number of trained science teachers in schools to help address the weak uptake of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects and on greater support for pupils with additional support needs, including better tracking of pupil attainment to help support learning; urges the Scottish Government to invest in the expertise of Scotland’s colleges, universities and employers to help pupils succeed, and hopes that it will engage constructively with all parties in the Parliament to help deliver for all of Scotland’s pupils.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 61, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 94, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

5. Serious Crime Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-12319—That the Parliament agrees that the amended provisions of the Serious Crime Bill introduced in the House of Lords on 6 June 2014, relating to the prevention or restriction of use of communications devices by prisoners, so far as these matters fall within the competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).
6. Abolition of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides – UK Legislation: The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (Aileen McLeod) moved S4M-12318—That the Parliament consents to the making of the Public Bodies (Abolition of the Advisory Committees on Pesticides) Order 2015, a draft of which was laid before the United Kingdom Parliament on 15 December 2014 and which makes provision that would be within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament if it were contained within an Act of that Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Scottish Ministers’ Nominations to the European Economic and Social Committee of the European Union: The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-12320—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish Government’s proposal to nominate Mr George Traill Lyon (self-nominated), Ms Agnes Tolmie (nominated by the Scottish Trades Union Congress) and Ms Irene Oldfather (nominated by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations) to the UK Delegation to the European Economic and Social Committee of the European Union for the forthcoming mandate from October 2015 to September 2020.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland’s Outstanding Support for Survivors: The Parliament debated S4M-12093 in the name of Margaret Mitchell—That the Parliament recognises what it considers Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland’s outstanding support for stroke survivors; understands that it provides information and support through its Communication Support Services (CSS); notes that there are six CSS coordinators in its Central West area, who in turn support 17 communication stroke groups, such as the Young Stroke Survivors group, which meets fortnightly in Coatbridge; understands that this group believes that GPs need to be more aware of the signs that might be an indication of a patient either having had a minor stroke or of being at high risk of a stroke; understands that all of the groups raise awareness of the common effects of strokes, including what can be hidden conditions such as tiredness, memory loss, lack of concentration and communication difficulties, and highlight the availability of physiotherapy and speech therapy for survivors, and commends Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland on its community-based services.

The meeting closed at 5.35 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. **Protecting Scotland’s Communities**: Jenny Marra moved S4M-12325—That the Parliament notes that there are serious problems across the country in Scotland’s health service; regrets that there is a veil of secrecy over important statistics on the operation of NHS Scotland, and calls for a culture of transparency and openness with regular publication of statistics and reports so that the Parliament and the people of Scotland can be fully informed about the state of the health service.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved amendment S4M-12325.3 to motion S4M-12325—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“thanks the staff of the NHS for their hard work during the challenging winter period; notes that in recent years there has been a progressive increase in the statistics available on the performance of NHS Scotland; welcomes that, from 3 March 2015, weekly A&E performance statistics will be published on the website, NHS Performs, and that NHS Scotland’s Information Services Division will also be identifying how it can further enhance the accessibility of NHS performance statistics in consultation with the users of statistics and the wider public, and strongly condemns the recent misrepresentation of information on NHS performance, which devalues the work of Scotland’s health service.”

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-12325.2 to motion S4M-12325—

Leave out from “regrets” to end and insert—

“accepts that these challenges make detailed scrutiny of the NHS in Scotland essential; notes the importance of rigorously produced and publicly available data to the process of that scrutiny; acknowledges the representations from the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Nursing supporting further consideration of the long-term sustainability of NHS Scotland; considers it necessary to ensure effective planning of primary and social care in order to remove pressure from hospital emergency departments, and regrets attempts to misuse the debate on the future of the NHS for political ends, whether by the use of rhetoric such as ‘weaponising’ or through the claims made surrounding this valued and important institution toward the end of last year’s referendum campaign.”

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After debate, amendment S4M-12325.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 35, Abstentions 14). As a result, amendment S4M-12325.2 was pre-empted.

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-12325.1 to motion S4M-12325—

Insert at end—

“...welcomes the Scottish Government’s decision to abandon its objections to the publication of weekly A&E waiting times, after considerable pressure from across the Parliament, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out how it will use the new information, in partnership with local communities, to improve waiting times across Scotland”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 66, Abstentions 14).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 35, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament thanks the staff of the NHS for their hard work during the challenging winter period; notes that in recent years there has been a progressive increase in the statistics available on the performance of NHS Scotland; welcomes that, from 3 March 2015, weekly A&E performance statistics will be published on the website, NHS Performs, and that NHS Scotland’s Information Services Division will also be identifying how it can further enhance the accessibility of NHS performance statistics in consultation with the users of statistics and the wider public, and strongly condemns the recent misrepresentation of information on NHS performance, which devalues the work of Scotland’s health service.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12331—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 February 2015

2.00 pm    Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Building Scotland’s Infrastructure for the Future
followed by  Legislative Consent Motion: Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – UK Legislation
followed by  Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.30 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 25 February 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 Conservative and Unionist Party Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 26 February 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 Ministerial Statement: New Psychoactive Substances in Scotland
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Commission on Local Tax Reform
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 3 March 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm        Decision Time

followed by    Members’ Business

Wednesday 4 March 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 5 March 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 Business

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-12332—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 2 April 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Referral of a Bill: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12334—That the Parliament agrees under Rule 9.7.1(b) that stage 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill be taken as follows:
(a) the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee to consider (in the order set out by, or by virtue of, Rules 9.7.4 and 9.10.8):
   (i) amendments to, and sections within, Part 4 (including any amendments inserting a new schedule to be introduced by Part 4), and
   (ii) any amendments not falling within Part 4 (including amendments to Part 9, schedules 4 and 5 and the long title) that relate primarily to provisions within or introduced by Part 4 or that otherwise relate primarily to land reform,

(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) amendments to Parts 1 to 3, Parts 5 to 8 and schedules 1 to 3; sections within those Parts, and schedules 1 to 3,
   (ii) any amendments not falling within those Parts and schedules (including amendments to Part 9, schedules 4 and 5 and the long title), other than those to be considered by the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, and
   (iii) sections within Part 9; schedules 4 and 5, and the long title (consideration of any provision mentioned in this sub-paragraph to be completed only after the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee has completed consideration of any amendments to that provision that fall to be considered by it);

with amendments to be considered by the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee being numbered in a sequence starting with 1 and amendments to be considered by the Local Government and Regeneration Committee to be numbered in a sequence starting with 1001, each sequence being published separately.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12335—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) 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-12336—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Addition and Modification of Reliefs) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12337—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Regulators’ Strategic Code of Practice be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 112, Against 3, Abstentions 0).
9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. The Wave Energy Sector in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-12218 in the name of Liam McArthur—That the Parliament deeply regrets the recent announcement by Pelamis that it has gone into administration and confirmation from Aquamarine Power that it is significantly scaling back operations; understands that these companies were responsible for delivering a number of world firsts and world-only successes in the development of wave energy; believes that, despite these serious setbacks, the wave energy sector in Scotland has an important contribution to make in creating the renewable technology mix that will be necessary to decarbonise Scotland’s energy system and meet its climate change targets; further believes that, with massive wave resources, notably in the Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters, a world-leading skills base and the European Marine Energy Centre in Stromness in Orkney, the sector remains well-placed to successfully deploy wave technology on a commercial scale; looks forward to the role, objectives and budget of Wave Energy Scotland (WES) being clarified in the near future; recognises what it considers the risks attached to ongoing delay in WES taking on its new role, including the loss of expertise and momentum, and restates its support for the development of a wave energy sector in Scotland that can help deliver high quality jobs in communities across Scotland, particularly in the islands.

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. **Young Voters and School Debates:** The Parliament debated S4M-12222 in the name of Patrick Harvie—That the Parliament celebrates the many school debates that took place in Glasgow and across Scotland during the independence referendum campaign, allowing young voters to engage with the issues and hear the arguments from campaigners on both sides; welcomes the broad cross-party consensus that has built up for a reduction in the voting age to 16 for Scottish Parliament elections; believes that high quality voter education and participation events in schools have great potential for harnessing young people’s interest in politics and establishing patterns of high voter turnout at an early age; considers that lessons must be learned from the best examples of this work during the referendum to ensure that engaging, creative and politically balanced debates become the norm in schools during future elections; welcomes the work of the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee in examining this area, and notes calls for all relevant parties and agencies to work together to maximise the democratic participation of young people.

4. **National Marine Plan:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-12343—That the Parliament notes that the draft National Marine Plan sets out the Scottish Government’s vision for the sustainable development of Scotland’s seas; further notes that the general policies in the draft plan provide an important framework to deliver the sustainable development of Scotland’s seas and are a crucial part of the process toward their better management at both regional and national level, and recognises the consultation and engagement process that has led to widespread stakeholder buy-in.

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S4M-12343.2 to motion S4M-12343—

Insert at end—

“and hopes that the Scottish Government will respond favourably to the recent Rural, Climate Change and Environment Committee report to the Parliament; notes the importance of enhancing, in addition to recovering and protecting, the health of Scotland’s seas; notes the concerns expressed by the Don’t take the P out of MPAs (marine protected areas) campaign; recognises the significant challenges posed by taking forward the delivery of the plan and the importance of ensuring that there is capacity at regional level to assess and monitor developments and their
possible cumulative effects, and recognises the value of the National Marine Plan Interactive in ensuring that the national plan and regional marine plans are living documents”.

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

Alex Fergusson moved amendment S4M-12343.1 to motion S4M-12343—

Insert at end—

“, but notes the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee’s concerns as raised in its recent report to the Parliament, and encourages the Scottish Government to recognise these concerns as the draft plan is taken forward”.

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 that the draft National Marine Plan sets out the Scottish Government’s vision for the sustainable development of Scotland’s seas; further notes that the general policies in the draft plan provide an important framework to deliver the sustainable development of Scotland’s seas and are a crucial part of the process toward their better management at both regional and national level; recognises the consultation and engagement process that has led to widespread stakeholder buy-in; hopes that the Scottish Government will respond favourably to the recent Rural, Climate Change and Environment Committee report to the Parliament; notes the importance of enhancing, in addition to recovering and protecting, the health of Scotland’s seas; notes the concerns expressed by the Don’t take the P out of MPAs (marine protected areas) campaign; recognises the significant challenges posed by taking forward the delivery of the plan and the importance of ensuring that there is capacity at regional level to assess and monitor developments and their possible cumulative effects; recognises the value of the National Marine Plan Interactive in ensuring that the national plan and regional marine plans are living documents, but notes the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee’s concerns as raised in its recent report to the Parliament, and encourages the Scottish Government to recognise these concerns as the draft plan is taken forward.

5. Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was disagreed to (by division: For 13, Against 90, Abstentions 2).

6. Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Local Government and Community empowerment (Marco Biagi) moved S4M-
12344—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Right Reverend John Chalmers, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-12381—That the Parliament agrees that the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

4. **Building Scotland’s Infrastructure for the Future:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Keith Brown) moved S4M-12382—That the Parliament recognises that infrastructure investment has an essential role in delivering sustainable economic growth by supporting jobs and enhancing Scotland’s asset base; welcomes Scottish Government action to maintain levels of investment in transport, health, schools and housing and other projects and programmes through a range of funding mechanisms; supports the strategic, long-term approach set out in the Infrastructure Investment Plan; acknowledges the value being delivered through major projects including the Queensferry Crossing, the M8, M73, M74 improvements, the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, A9 and A96 dualling programmes, the Borders rail link, the New South Glasgow Hospitals project and the Schools for the Future programme; recognises the further benefit that projects such as high speed rail would bring and calls for all parties in the Parliament to make clear their support for Scotland being included in HS2; notes that the UK Government has cut the Scottish capital budget by around a quarter in real terms over the current spending review period; calls on the Chancellor to use the 2015 budget to boost capital investment; notes that real-terms increases in spending, limited to half a per cent each year, would see debt reduce as a share of GDP over four years, but would result in a further £180 billion investment in UK infrastructure, skills and education to further boost the economy compared with the UK Government’s current spending plans, and believes that such an approach offers an alternative to the UK Government’s failed austerity agenda.

Mary Fee moved amendment S4M-12382.3 to motion S4M-12382—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“supports the long-term approach set out in the Infrastructure Investment Plan but notes that, as of 15 August 2014, under a third of the projects remaining are currently in construction; notes that more needs to be done to ensure that new infrastructure projects are developed in a more
strategic way, including ensuring that transport links are an integral consideration in the planning process; acknowledges that a number of promised projects have encountered delays, including the Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Programme and the Borders railway project, or have been cancelled, such as the Glasgow Airport Rail Link, at great cost to the taxpayer; further notes that there is still further investment required to support user-focused development of the Scottish transport system, including dualling of the A9, electrification and dualling of the rail network, especially on rail lines north of Perth, and ensuring that bus regulation is developed to ensure the bus network meets the needs of passengers not commercial operators; recognises the further benefit that projects such as high speed rail and Crossrail would bring in speeding up journey times in Scotland, and calls for cross-party commitment to long-term projects such as these."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 34, Against 76, Abstentions 4).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-12382.1 to motion S4M-12382—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“calls on the Scottish Government to explain the performance of the non-profit distribution pipeline since its creation, and asks the Scottish Government to publish an updated progress report for the Infrastructure Investment Plan as soon as possible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 67, Abstentions 4).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-12382.2 to motion S4M-12382—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

“welcomes the increasing amounts of capital funds made available to the Scottish Government by the UK Government and the additional borrowing powers agreed; notes that the recently published SNP fiscal plans increase debt and divert money from infrastructure to debt interest for a generation, and further notes with concern the review of the financing model underpinning the Scottish Futures Trust and the implications for Scottish infrastructure.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 17, Abstentions 34).

5. Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill – UK Legislation:
The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-
12384—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 25 June 2014 and subject to amendments tabled in the House of Lords on 7 January 2015, relating to the recovery of public sector exit payments, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-12192 in the name of Dennis Robertson—That the Parliament observes that 23 to 27 February marks Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2015; notes that the most recent figures from NHS Information Services Division estimate that, in Scotland, around 2,000 patients in a single year sought treatment for an eating disorder; believes that the real figure is impossible to know due to the great number of people who do not seeking help from a GP; understands that eating disorders are recognised as mental health conditions; acknowledges what it considers the serious conditions that can be associated with such disorders, including other mental health conditions, osteoporosis, type 1 diabetes, anaemia, low blood pressure and organ failure; notes with sadness that people are still dying from these disorders; believes that there can still be imperfections in the communication between clinicians and families; commends the organisations in Aberdeenshire West and throughout the country that are playing a part in raising awareness and providing support to people with eating disorders, and welcomes what it considers the continued engagement and support from the Scottish Government.

8. Motion without Notice: Dennis Robertson 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 6.24 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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

2. **An Energy Strategy for Scotland**: Murdo Fraser moved S4M-12395—

   That the Parliament notes with concern the latest threats to the continued operation of Longannet Power Station in Fife, contributing 25% of Scotland’s electricity output at its peak; urges Scottish Power and National Grid to work toward a resolution of the transmission charging issue, but recognises that EU emissions rules and carbon pricing mean that the future of Longannet beyond 2020 is very uncertain; further notes that Scotland’s two nuclear power stations, at Torness and Hunterston, which produced 35% of Scotland’s electricity output between them in 2013, are due to close by 2025; acknowledges the significant loss of electricity generating capacity that this is likely to cause in the next decade; notes that renewable energy, while having a part to play in the energy mix, cannot supply baseload from intermittent sources and that the Scottish Government is opposed to any new nuclear stations being built, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward as a matter of urgency a new energy strategy, setting out how new generating capacity will be created to ensure that the lights are kept on without Scotland having to rely on importing energy from the rest of the UK.

The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved amendment S4M-12395.1 to motion S4M-12395—

Leave out from “contributing” to end and insert—

“brought about by the UK’s discriminatory transmission charging regime; further notes that cleaner thermal generation progressively fitted with carbon capture and storage technology will continue to play an important role in securing Scotland’s future energy mix, alongside the expansion of renewables, as set out in the Scottish Government’s *Electricity Generation Policy Statement 2013*; recognises that UK energy policy and regulation actively discourages the construction of new conventional thermal generating plants in Scotland compared with other locations in the UK, given the higher transmission charges faced by Scottish generators; shares the Scottish Government’s disappointment at the further delay in implementing transmission pricing reforms stemming from Ofgem’s Project TransmiT; recognises the significant progress in renewables deployment in Scotland, with over 44% of gross electricity consumption met from renewable sources in 2013; supports the need for increased investment in large-scale flexible electricity storage solutions, including pumped storage, to complement the increasing deployment of renewable technologies, and further supports the First Minister’s call for
the UK Government to undertake a dedicated electricity capacity assessment for Scotland and to transfer to the Scottish Parliament the authority to set a Scottish security and quality of supply standard for electricity.”

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-12395.3 to motion S4M-12395—

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

“believes that the Scottish Government is responsible both for its stewardship of the Scottish economy and for the choices that it has made in relation to future energy generation; regrets its failure to address the likely impact of the closure of Longannet on the west Fife economy to date, and calls on it to do so now as a matter of urgency, and further calls for the establishment of a resilience fund, to help support communities affected by a sudden economic shock such as the threatened closure of Longannet.”

After debate, amendment S4M-12395.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 53, Abstentions 0). As a result S4M-12395.3 was pre-empted.

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S4M-12395.2 to motion S4M-12395—

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

“supports an energy strategy for Scotland based on a step-change in energy efficiency, a focus on demand reduction, increased storage capacity, development of a North Sea transmission grid and a rapid transition to low-carbon power production with an emphasis on local and community ownership; notes research such as the World Wildlife Fund’s *Pathways to Power*, which demonstrates that an almost fully renewables-based electricity generation system is technically feasible and achievable in 2030; recognises that Longannet’s age, EU emissions rules and carbon pricing mean that the closure of the plant is inevitable, and believes that this closure, coupled with recent oil price volatility, demonstrates the need to focus on a just transition for workers and communities from fossil fuels to a secure low-carbon energy system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 79, Abstentions 30).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with concern the latest threats to the continued operation of Longannet Power Station in Fife, brought about by the UK’s discriminatory transmission charging regime; further notes that cleaner thermal generation progressively fitted with carbon capture and storage technology will continue to play an important role in securing Scotland’s future energy mix, alongside the expansion of
renewables, as set out in the Scottish Government’s *Electricity Generation Policy Statement 2013*; recognises that UK energy policy and regulation actively discourages the construction of new conventional thermal generating plants in Scotland compared with other locations in the UK, given the higher transmission charges faced by Scottish generators; shares the Scottish Government’s disappointment at the further delay in implementing transmission pricing reforms stemming from Ofgem’s Project TransmiT; recognises the significant progress in renewables deployment in Scotland, with over 44% of gross electricity consumption met from renewable sources in 2013; supports the need for increased investment in large-scale flexible electricity storage solutions, including pumped storage, to complement the increasing deployment of renewable technologies, and further supports the First Minister’s call for the UK Government to undertake a dedicated electricity capacity assessment for Scotland and to transfer to the Scottish Parliament the authority to set a Scottish security and quality of supply standard for electricity.

3. STEM Education in Scottish Schools: Liz Smith moved S4M-12385—
That the Parliament demands urgent action from the Scottish Government to reverse the decline in the number of secondary school teachers in science, maths, engineering and technology (STEM) subjects, which occurred between the academic sessions 2007-08 and 2013-14, and which, many employers believe, is leading to insufficient numbers of pupils seeking tertiary education courses in these subjects; is concerned that, if the situation is allowed to continue, there will be a detrimental effect on the Scottish economy, which, in the future, will be increasingly dependent on science, engineering and technology skills; urges the Scottish Government to heed the calls from the Royal Society of Chemistry in Scotland that there should be specialist science teachers in every primary school and the calls from the Institute of Physics in Scotland that more should be done to encourage female science graduates, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with local government and the General Teaching Council for Scotland to remove the red tape that is preventing full flexibility in the recruitment of teachers.

The Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland’s Languages (Dr Alasdair Allan) moved amendment S4M-12385.3 to motion S4M-12385—

Leave out from “demands” to end and insert—

“agrees that a solid grounding in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education delivered by high-quality teachers is essential in equipping all young people with the knowledge and skills to successfully contribute to the economy and 21st century society; notes that high numbers of young people choose to take science and maths qualifications, in particular at school, and congratulates those young people, their teachers and their schools for their hard work and their achievement across the STEM subjects; agrees that both young women and young men should be encouraged to aspire to and work toward the full range of rewarding careers on offer in the STEM sectors; notes the considerable investment and commitment that local authorities and the
Scottish Government have made to support STEM education in schools; recognises the government’s commitment to raising educational attainment and tackling educational inequity as evidenced through the announcement of the Scottish Attainment Challenge and that STEM subjects are at the heart of the government’s approach to developing Scotland’s young workforce; agrees that Scotland’s young people deserve the very best teachers and supports the work of the General Teaching Council for Scotland and others in enhancing the quality and professionalism of teachers in Scotland, and calls on all members to support the commitment to a masters level qualification for head teachers in Scotland announced this week.”

Iain Gray moved amendment S4M-12385.1 to motion S4M-12385—

Leave out from “which occurred” to end and insert—

“particularly computing science teachers, which occurred between the academic sessions 2007-08 and 2013-14, and which, many employers believe, is leading to insufficient numbers of pupils seeking tertiary education courses in these subjects; is concerned that, if the situation is allowed to continue, there will be a detrimental effect on the Scottish economy, which, in the future, will be increasingly dependent on science, engineering and technology skills; urges the Scottish Government to heed the calls from the Royal Society of Chemistry in Scotland that there should be specialist science teachers in every primary school, from the Institute of Physics in Scotland that more should be done to encourage female science graduates and the recent survey, published by the Learned Societies Group on Scottish Science Education and supported by The Royal Society of Edinburgh, which suggested that 98% of primary and secondary schools depended on external funding for practical work; believes that the “attainment gap” excludes thousands of Scots from STEM opportunities and therefore welcomes the Scottish Attainment Fund, but calls on the Scottish Government to further increase the level of funding to reduce educational inequality by at least £25 million per year, funded from a 50p top rate of tax, targeted at those schools whose pupils face the greatest educational challenges to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to achieve the qualifications needed for a career in science, maths, engineering and technology.”

After debate, amendment S4M-12385.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 51, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-12385.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 22, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that a solid grounding in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education delivered by high-quality teachers is essential in equipping all young people with the knowledge and skills to successfully contribute to the economy and
21st century society; notes that high numbers of young people choose to take science and maths qualifications, in particular at school, and congratulates those young people, their teachers and their schools for their hard work and their achievement across the STEM subjects; agrees that both young women and young men should be encouraged to aspire to and work toward the full range of rewarding careers on offer in the STEM sectors; notes the considerable investment and commitment that local authorities and the Scottish Government have made to support STEM education in schools; recognises the government’s commitment to raising educational attainment and tackling educational inequity as evidenced through the announcement of the Scottish Attainment Challenge and that STEM subjects are at the heart of the government’s approach to developing Scotland’s young workforce; agrees that Scotland’s young people deserve the very best teachers and supports the work of the General Teaching Council for Scotland and others in enhancing the quality and professionalism of teachers in Scotland, and calls on all members to support the commitment to a masters level qualification for head teachers in Scotland announced this week.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12406—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 March 2015

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by  Stage 3 Proceedings: Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill

followed by  Business Motions

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 4 March 2015

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions

Health, Wellbeing and Sport

followed by  Scottish Liberal Democrats Business

followed by  Business Motions

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

followed by  Members’ Business
Thursday 5 March 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: Protecting Public Services and Boosting Scotland’s Economy
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 10 March 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 March 2015

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 12 March 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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12407—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 13 March 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. Clean Up Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-12205 in the name of Bruce Crawford—That the Parliament recognises the scale of the remaining problem of litter impacting on Scotland’s environment and welcomes the significant part played by the Keep Scotland Beautiful charity though its Clean Up Scotland campaign in tackling the problem over the last two years; welcomes the widespread national coalition that has been formed in support of the campaign, including the Scottish Government, the business community, local authorities, campaign groups and individuals from across Scotland, resulting in over 500,000 volunteer actions to clean up individual communities; welcomes the particular role that local authorities have played in adopting the Clean Up Scotland campaign and delivering integrated messages across the whole of Scotland including in Stirling; considers that litter has a significant impact as well as a negative impact on civic pride and notes evidence that poor environmental quality standards impact on health and social justice outcomes and costs Scotland £78 million per annum to clean up; welcomes the renewed focus for the Clean Up Scotland campaign on opportunities for individuals to do the right thing with their litter, recognising that significant further progress on litter levels requires behaviour change among those who dispose of their waste irresponsibly, and looks forward to further success in the battle against litter.
The meeting closed at 5.48 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. **An Unfair Sentence:** The Parliament debated S4M-12266 in the name of Mary Fee—That the Parliament notes the publication of a new report by NSPCC and Barnardo’s, *An Unfair Sentence: All Babies Count: a Spotlight on Babies in the Criminal Justice System*; understands that between 3,400 and 4,600 children under the age of two are affected by parental imprisonment in Scotland each year, including many in Glasgow; considers that there has been little focus on how best to meet the social, psychological and emotional needs of infants when their mothers or fathers are in prison; understands that the impact of imprisonment on families makes meeting babies’ needs especially challenging; believes that, by understanding these impacts, support can be provided for parents, carers and babies at this critical time in a child’s development, and notes the view that, to make a difference there is a need for a national action plan for babies affected by the criminal justice system and careful integration between health, early years and criminal justice agencies.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on New Psychoactive Substances in Scotland.

5. **Commission on Local Tax Reform:** The Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment (Marco Biagi) moved S4M-12423—That the Parliament supports the establishment of an independent cross-party commission to examine alternatives to the council tax; welcomes this being undertaken jointly by the Scottish Government and local government; endorses the remit as set out in the response to question S4W-24542, and looks forward to its report in autumn 2015.

Alex Rowley moved amendment S4M-12423.1 to motion S4M-12423—

After “council tax” insert—

“as proposed by the Local Government and Regeneration Committee in its 8th report in 2014, *Flexibility and Autonomy in Local Government*”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 13, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 88, Against 13, Abstentions 0).
Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the establishment of an independent cross-party commission to examine alternatives to the council tax as proposed by the Local Government and Regeneration Committee in its 8th report in 2014, *Flexibility and Autonomy in Local Government*; welcomes this being undertaken jointly by the Scottish Government and local government; endorses the remit as set out in the response to question S4W-24542, and looks forward to its report in autumn 2015.

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend James Boag, Minister, Broom Parish Church of Scotland, Newton Mearns led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12487—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Welfare Funds (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 5 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 6 and 1.

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

   2  (For 37, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
   3  (For 38, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
   4  (For 54, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
   5  (For 37, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
   7  (For 37, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
   8  (For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

   The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved a motion without notice under Rule 9.8.5A to extend the time limit for amendments by 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

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

5. **Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-12485—That the Parliament agrees that the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill be passed.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).
6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 5 as noted above.

7. Celebrating Mary Slessor on International Women’s Day 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-12191 in the name of Jenny Marra—That the Parliament recognises the centenary of the death of Mary Slessor, the missionary who left the slums of Dundee at the age of 28 and went on to save hundreds of lives and promote women’s rights in Calabar in Nigeria; commends the Mary Slessor Foundation’s work with a number of people, companies and organisations throughout Dundee and beyond to organise a series of events throughout the centenary year; welcomes the launch of these events with the unveiling of a commemorating stone and plaque in front of Dundee’s Steeple Church; recognises Mary Slessor’s importance as a historical figure as a Scot, a woman and the first female magistrate in the British Empire, and considers that her accomplishments should especially be highlighted on International Women’s Day 2015 to celebrate her work in helping create a future for women that is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12525—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 4 March 2015—

   delete

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   and insert

   5.15 pm Decision Time

   The motion was agreed to.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12523—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of consideration of the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5 and Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2015 [draft], in Rule 10.6.5 of the Standing Orders, the second and third sentences are suspended.

   The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Privacy and the State:** Willie Rennie moved S4M-12491—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government’s consultation on amendments to the National Health Service Central Register (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the concerns of privacy campaigners about those proposals; believes that these issues merit full parliamentary scrutiny, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government, if it wishes to proceed with this policy, to do so by means of primary legislation.

   The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved amendment S4M-12491.2 to motion S4M-12491—

   Leave out from “if it wishes” to end and insert—

   “to report back to the Parliament on its response to the consultation before outlining the further steps that it intends to take on this matter, consistent with its adherence to privacy principles and the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006”.
After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 61, Abstentions 0).

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-12491.1 to motion S4M-12491—

Leave out from “and the concerns” to end and insert—

“; notes the concerns of the British Medical Association Scotland and the Royal College of General Practitioners that sharing personal information registered for health purposes with the government for the identification of income tax payers in particular would seriously undermine trust between doctors and patients, with the result that patients may feel reluctant to seek medical help from their doctor; notes also the concerns of privacy protection campaigners such as Liberty, Big Brother Watch and the Open Rights Group that allowing information to flow between health and tax agencies sets a dangerous precedent; believes that NHS identification should only ever be used for other purposes with express and informed consent; recognises the need for identification of all citizens who will be required to pay tax in Scotland; believes that the current proposals should be halted, alternative options should be sought and that the Scottish Government should consult further, and further believes that any future proposals should be subject to full parliamentary scrutiny and primary legislation.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government’s consultation on amendments to the National Health Service Central Register (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the concerns of privacy campaigners about those proposals; believes that these issues merit full parliamentary scrutiny, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to report back to the Parliament on its response to the consultation before outlining the further steps that it intends to take on this matter, consistent with its adherence to privacy principles and the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006.

5. Mental Health: Jim Hume moved S4M-12492—That the Parliament notes that one in four people will experience a mental health problem during their lifetime; considers that providing appropriate treatment and support is critical to improving people’s wellbeing; notes the recent worrying figures that show that targets for child and adolescent mental health services and for adult patients referred for psychological therapies continue to be missed; notes that children and adolescent self-harm has doubled in some parts of Scotland; notes that 795 people died by suicide in 2013 in Scotland and calls on the Scottish Government to report to the Parliament on progress on its 36
commitments in the Mental Health Strategy for Scotland 2012-15, to ensure that parity is enshrined in law for the treatment of mental and physical ill-health, to commit to a zero suicide ambition and to adequately resource mental health services, and expresses its support for Scotland’s dedicated and committed NHS staff working in this critical area of health.

The Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health (Jamie Hepburn) moved amendment S4M-12492.2 to motion S4M-12492—

Leave out from “notes the recent” to end and insert—

“further notes the progress made in improving access to child and adolescent mental health services, with a 57% increase in the number of children and young people starting treatment, but is concerned that the waiting times standards are still to be achieved consistently across Scotland; welcomes the reduction in stigma and the increase in young people who now feel more confident about seeking help for self-harm; commits to supporting further efforts to meet the targets for referral to child and adult mental health services and psychological therapies; believes that every suicide represents a tragedy; notes the 11 commitments in the Suicide Prevention Strategy 2013-16 to continue the downward trend, which has seen a 19% reduction in suicides in Scotland over 10 years; recognises that there must be, and that legislation already reflects, no distinction of importance between physical and mental health; expects the Scottish Government to ensure transparent reporting of progress in meeting the challenges of improving people’s mental health, including on the Mental Health Strategy for Scotland 2012-15, and expresses its support for Scotland’s dedicated and committed NHS staff and those in the third sector working in this critical area.”

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-12492.3 to motion S4M-12492—

Leave out from “notes the recent” to “missed” and insert—

“while welcoming the HEAT waiting time targets for child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS), notes that both the 26-week targets for 90% of referrals for March 2013 and the 18-week target for December 2014 were not met for Scotland overall and not met by a number of NHS boards; calls on the Scottish Government to publish the 10-year follow-up to the 2003 Scottish Needs Assessment Programme report, which was promised for 2014; further calls on the Scottish Government to carry out an independent review of the referrals rejected by CAHMS and explain the substantial variation in these rejections; invites the Scottish Government to report to the Parliament on resumption of progress in eliminating the admission of children and adolescents to non-specialist settings, and notes that the target for adult patients referred for psychological therapies continues to be missed;”
After debate, amendment S4M-12492.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 81, Against 42, Abstentions 2). As a result, S4M-12492.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 120, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that one in four people will experience a mental health problem during their lifetime; considers that providing appropriate treatment and support is critical to improving people’s wellbeing; further notes the progress made in improving access to child and adolescent mental health services, with a 57% increase in the number of children and young people starting treatment, but is concerned that the waiting times standards are still to be achieved consistently across Scotland; welcomes the reduction in stigma and the increase in young people who now feel more confident about seeking help for self-harm; commits to supporting further efforts to meet the targets for referral to child and adult mental health services and psychological therapies; believes that every suicide represents a tragedy; notes the 11 commitments in the Suicide Prevention Strategy 2013-16 to continue the downward trend, which has seen a 19% reduction in suicides in Scotland over 10 years; recognises that there must be, and that legislation already reflects, no distinction of importance between physical and mental health; expects the Scottish Government to ensure transparent reporting of progress in meeting the challenges of improving people’s mental health, including on the Mental Health Strategy for Scotland 2012-15, and expresses its support for Scotland’s dedicated and committed NHS staff and those in the third sector working in this critical area.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12495—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 10 March 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Action Needed to Support the Oil and Gas Sector

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 11 March 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 12 March 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: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Mental Health (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Mental Health (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 17 March 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 March 2015
The motion was agreed to (by division: For 70, Against 51, Abstentions 0)

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

S4M-12497—That the Parliament agrees that the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12500—That the Parliament agrees that the National Health Service Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.


S4M-12505—That the Parliament agrees that the Teachers' Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).
8. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]:
Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12506—
That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12504—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5 and Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

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

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Marie Curie’s 2015 Great Daffodil Appeal: The Parliament debated S4M-12136 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament welcomes Marie Curie’s Great Daffodil Appeal, which runs throughout March 2015; applauds what it considers the substantial contribution that this makes toward the over £4 million raised in Scotland every year by Marie Curie to support its services across Scotland; understands that the charity supports over 7,000 terminally ill people in Scotland to get free care at home with the help of Marie Curie nurses or in the community in their Glasgow or Edinburgh hospices; recognises the vital role that volunteers play in supporting the work of the charity; acknowledges the launch of the charity’s new five-year strategy, which will see Marie Curie increase the number of people it supports in Scotland, and welcomes its vision of a better life for people with a terminal illness and their families.

The meeting closed at 6.13 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. **Fairtrade Fortnight 2015**: The Parliament debated S4M-12297 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament notes that Fairtrade Fortnight 2015 takes place from 23 February to 8 March; further notes that 2015 marks the second anniversary of Scotland achieving Fair Trade Nation status and that this will be celebrated during the fortnight; congratulates everyone who has expressed their commitment to fair trade and who will be holding events across the country; supports the work of the Scottish Fair Trade Forum in promoting what it believes is the deepening and widening of awareness and purchasing of fairly-traded goods and in hosting fair trade visitors to Scotland from the Dominican Republic, Malawi and Mauritius; notes the view that, in order to honour its Fair Trade Nation status, Scotland needs to continue to lead the global campaign to make trade fair; celebrates the achievements of Fair Trade businesses in Paisley and across Scotland in what it sees as them leading the way in showing that trade can be mutually beneficial for producers and consumers, and welcomes moves to encourage public bodies and private business to procure fairly-traded products.

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

5. **Protecting Public Services and Boosting Scotland’s Economy**: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12521—That the Parliament condemns the unfair approach that the UK Government is taking to reductions in public spending and the disproportionate impact that this is having on low-income households; endorses the approach of the Scottish Government, which has fairness at its heart and would see a 0.5% real increase in spending on public services every year from 2016-17 to 2019-20 while continuing to reduce debt over the next parliamentary session; welcomes the additional £180 billion of investment for protecting crucial public services that this will deliver compared with the UK Government’s plans; further welcomes the publication of Scotland’s Economic Strategy, and agrees that reducing inequality is not only important in itself, but is vital to establishing the conditions needed to deliver sustainable economic growth over the long term.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-12521.2 to motion S4M-12521—

Leave out from “condemns” to end and insert—
“rejects the UK Government’s failing austerity plan as set out in the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement; understands that the Office for Budget Responsibility has warned that this would take public spending back to a share of national income not seen since the late 1930s, before the NHS came into existence; notes that the Institute for Fiscal Studies has said that this would entail cuts on a colossal scale and has raised concerns that this could involve a fundamental reimagining of the role of the state; calls on the UK Government to instead adopt a different, fairer and more balanced approach, which involves a reversal of its £3 billion-a-year income tax cut for people earning over £150,000; recognises that a UK Labour government will ban exploitative zero-hours contracts, with rules introduced to give new rights to employees on these contracts; recognises the crucial role of the oil and gas industry to the success of the Scottish economy; notes that full fiscal autonomy, Scottish-only taxes for Scottish-only spending, would mean billions of pounds of cuts, and therefore rejects full fiscal autonomy in favour of the continuation of the Barnett formula to protect Scottish public services.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 25, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-12521.1 to motion S4M-12521—

Leave out from “condemns” to end and insert—

“welcomes the fact that the UK’s economic growth continues to be among the highest of the major developed world economies; welcomes the high employment situation across the UK and the deficit being reduced by a half since 2010; believes that measures taken by the UK Government, such as cutting employer national insurance contributions and maintaining the lowest level of corporation tax in the G7, are providing considerable benefits to businesses in Scotland; believes that measures such as raising the income tax threshold and freezing fuel duty have helped household budgets; notes the publication of Scotland’s Economic Strategy, but is disappointed by the content, which contains very few new initiatives that could help businesses in Scotland create jobs, grow and compete.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 88, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-12521.3 to motion S4M-12521—

Leave out from “condemns” to end and insert—

“notes the publication of the Scottish Government’s new economic strategy and the abandonment of its previous policy to anchor its approach to the economy on a cut of 3p in the pound on corporation tax; further notes that the economic policy of the UK Government has created six times as many jobs in Scotland in less than a quarter of the time compared with the projections for the now-abandoned Scottish
Government policy; understands that the Scottish Ministers defended to the Scottish Information Commissioner their right to withhold information on the cost in lost revenues of their corporation tax cut, including on the grounds set out by an official that it ‘may lead to opposition parties starting a debate’; considers that, now that the policy has been abandoned, ministers should publish the information on the lost revenues for the initial years of implementation forthwith; calls on the Scottish Government to indicate if its U-turn on corporation tax now means that it will support an increase in the corporation tax paid by banks in order to increase the contribution of the banking system to balancing the UK’s books, and further calls on the Scottish Government to change its position on a further aspect of creating a fairer society and to support a further cut in income tax for those on low and middle incomes by raising the personal allowance to £12,500."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 4, Against 89, Abstentions 13).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 44, Abstentions 2).

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12503—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) 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-12496—That the Parliament agrees that the European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Father Vincent Lockhart, St. Monica’s Parish, Coatbridge led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Action Needed to Support the Oil and Gas Sector:** The Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-12587—That the Parliament notes the Oil and Gas UK Activity Survey, which was published on 24 February 2015 and highlighted the challenges facing the North Sea oil and gas sector and the impact on investment and exploration from a lack of action; agrees that the Scottish Government continues to do all that it can to support the sector, the supply chain and the economy, and urges the UK Government to follow suit by announcing in the forthcoming 2015 Budget the immediate introduction of a substantial package of fiscal measures, including an immediate reversal of the misguided supplementary charge tax hike in 2011, the introduction of a basin-wide investment allowance with a single rate of 62.5% and the introduction of an exploration tax credit.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-12587.2 to motion S4M-12587—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“calls on the Scottish Government to undertake a full assessment of the impact of the current low oil price on employment and economic activity and to establish a resilience fund to support local and regional economies hit by sudden economic shocks; urges the UK Government to go beyond fiscal measures and to support continuing production by working in partnership with operators, including where appropriate through co-investment in marginal fields, and calls on the oil and gas industry to pursue cost savings and efficient working by increased collaboration and sharing data, not by driving down the terms and conditions of the offshore workforce.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

Murdo Fraser moved amendment S4M-12587.1 to motion S4M-12587—

Leave out from “and the impact” to end and insert—

“; believes that the industry, and both the Scottish and UK governments, all have a responsibility to work together to help safeguard jobs; supports calls for fiscal measures to encourage future investment; calls on the Scottish Government to resume publication of its regular *Oil and
Gas Analytical Bulletin, and backs the Aberdeen City Region Deal bid to assist economic growth in the city and wider area.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

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

5. Welcoming a More Energy Efficient Retail Sector: The Parliament debated S4M-12084 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the Scottish Retail Consortium’s (SRC) report, A Better Retailing Climate: Driving Resource Efficiency; congratulates the SRC on producing a robust commitment to reducing the environmental impact of the retail industry; recognises that the report provides examples of this commitment throughout Scotland, including Arbroath, where the local farmer, Peter Stirling, has reduced waste, invested in Biomass boilers and extended the shelf life of his produce; understands that the report sets out targets to reach by 2020, which include reducing carbon emissions from retail operations by 25% and ensuring that less than 1% of retail waste goes to landfill; commends the SRC for not only meeting, but exceeding all of its targets that it set out in the 2008 report, such as limiting landfill waste to 6% and reducing supermarket refrigeration emissions by 55%, and welcomes this encouragement for all those in the retail sector to commit to lowering their environmental impact.

The meeting closed at 5.30 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. **Supporting Scotland’s Economy**: Jackie Baillie moved S4M-12591—

That the Parliament believes that full fiscal autonomy within the UK would have an immediate and detrimental impact on Scotland’s economy, particularly in light of this week’s Government Expenditure and Revenue Scotland report; recognises that it would mean that Scotland would lose out on billions of pounds for public services, such as the NHS and schools, through the consequent scrapping of the Barnett formula; further believes that this would cut Scotland off from sharing in the wealth and resources of the UK, and calls on the Scottish Government to affirm that it would be better to retain the Barnett bonus than to have full fiscal autonomy within the UK.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved amendment S4M-12591.3 to motion S4M-12591—

Leave out from “that full” to end and insert—

“Scotland should have the powers that it needs to create a jobs-rich, more equal and more locally-based economy; further believes that this is key to reducing inequality and promoting a sustainable future; agrees that the UK Government’s fiscal austerity programme is having a disproportionate impact on the poorest in society and will reduce public spending to its lowest level since the 1930s, and calls on the UK Government to end the unfair cuts to public spending and invest to protect public services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-12591.2 to motion S4M-12591—

Insert at end—

“, and further calls on the Scottish Government to publish an updated *Outlook for Scotland’s Public Finances* to take into account changes to the projected public finances since the original publication in May 2014 and also to reflect the current Scottish Government policy of seeking full fiscal autonomy”.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 61, Abstentions 2).
Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-12591.1 to motion S4M-12591—

Insert at end—

“, and believes that the transfer of significant new powers to the Parliament under the Smith Commission agreement will provide real opportunities for the Scottish business community to work with policy makers to boost growth in Scotland”.

The amendment was pre-empted by amendment S4M-12591.3.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes Scotland should have the powers that it needs to create a jobs-rich, more equal and more locally-based economy; further believes that this is key to reducing inequality and promoting a sustainable future; agrees that the UK Government’s fiscal austerity programme is having a disproportionate impact on the poorest in society and will reduce public spending to its lowest level since the 1930s, and calls on the UK Government to end the unfair cuts to public spending and invest to protect public services.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12597—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 17 March 2015
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Place in Europe
followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motions: Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme and the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 18 March 2015
2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning
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 19 March 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: Health and Social Care Integration
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 24 March 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
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The motion was agreed to

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

S4M-12598—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12599—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2015 be approved.

S4M-12601—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12604—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.


S4M-12606—That the Parliament agrees that the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12608—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Tax Tribunals (Voting and Offences etc.) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

5. Committee Membership: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12609—That the Parliament agrees that Annabel Goldie be appointed to replace Alex Johnstone as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Substitution on Committees: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12610—That the Parliament agrees that Alex Johnstone be appointed to replace Annabel Goldie as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. Young People and the Commonwealth, Commonwealth Day 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-12441 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—That the Parliament recognises the valuable role of the Commonwealth in building relationships between nations across the world; welcomes the continued contribution of Scotland and its people to these relationships; acknowledges the challenges, as well as benefits, particularly for young people, and reaffirms its support for the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The meeting closed at 5.48 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 Libraries: The Parliament debated S4M-12195 in the name of Colin Beattie—that the Parliament notes that 7 February 2015 marks National Library Day, a UK-wide day of events that allows users to celebrate libraries and their staff; notes that the events cover a wide range of activities, including book swaps, treasure hunts and author visits; considers that National Library Day is of great importance in highlighting the role that libraries play in communities, including in Midlothian North and Musselburgh; considers that this role can include access to valuable information that would not otherwise be easily accessible to low-income families and households; notes that 3.6% of libraries in Scotland were closed between 2008 and 2013, compared with 7.9% in England and 11% and 11.5% in Wales and Northern Ireland respectively in the same period, and celebrates libraries for their significance in providing culture and education to the people of Scotland.

4. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12623—that the Parliament recommends that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 95, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

5. Mental Health (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health (Jamie Hepburn) moved S4M-12624—that the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. Mental Health (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-12285—that the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Mental Health (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. **Approval of SSI**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12498—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 89, Against 11, Abstentions 0).

8. **Approval of SSI**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12499—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Sub-sale Development Relief and Multiple Dwellings Relief) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Approval of SSI**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12602—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. **Decision Time**: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 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:** Mr K. Jagannathan, Hindu Temple of Scotland, Rutherglen, Glasgow led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Scotland’s Place in Europe:** The Minister for Europe and International Development (Humza Yousaf) moved S4M-12670—That the Parliament supports Scotland’s place in the European Union (EU) and its role as an active and constructive member; recognises the importance of the EU single market, which gives Scotland access to 500 million people and 22 million businesses across the EU; further recognises the additional social, cultural and educational benefits of EU membership; highlights the importance of ensuring that Scotland can make a contribution to EU policy-making, particularly in light of the recommendations of the Smith Commission, to support the work of the Scottish Government to deliver sustainable growth, address long-standing inequalities and protect Scotland’s public services; understands the importance of protecting Scotland’s EU membership, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s double majority proposal, which would prevent Scotland from being taken out of the EU against the will of its people.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-12670.2 to motion S4M-12670—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

“believes that the best future for the UK is within the EU; highlights the many advantages that being within the EU brings to Scotland, including access to the single market and subsequent trading opportunities and employment that this brings; acknowledges the social, cultural and educational benefits of continued EU membership; believes that the EU should have a clear focus on tackling youth unemployment and inequality across member states and opposes the proposed cuts to the Horizon 2020 fund; further believes that the EU should be taking a lead in tackling exploitative work practices, and recognises the need to protect public services in any trade negotiations; welcomes the proposals from the Smith Commission for improvement of the Concordat on the Co-ordination of European Union Policy Issues, which recognises the important role that Scotland has to play in negotiations on devolved policy matters; supports the reform agenda in the EU, and believes that the UK should lead on this as a strong member of the EU.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 63, Abstentions 14).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-12670.1 to motion S4M-12670—
Leave out from “role” to end and insert—

“influential position as part of the UK as an active and constructive member state; recognises the UK Government’s track record of delivering positive change in Europe; notes the importance of the single market to the UK, which gives the UK economy access to 500 million consumers and 22 million businesses across the EU; acknowledges the additional social, cultural and educational benefits of EU membership for Scotland and the wider UK; welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to negotiate a new settlement for the UK in Europe followed by an in-out referendum before the end of 2017; notes that no other mainstream political party has publicly given a commitment to give the UK electorate a choice in a referendum on EU membership; further notes that the 1975 referendum on the UK’s membership of the European Economic Community was held on the basis of a simple one-person-one-vote system, and observes that the UK Government agreed with the Scottish Government to legislate for a fair, legal and decisive referendum in Scotland with no additional requirements other than a simple majority of votes.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 96, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

4. Amendments to the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme: Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-12625—That the Parliament—

a. in exercise of the powers conferred by section 81(1) and (5)(b) of the Scotland Act 1998

(i) confers functions on the Parliamentary corporation (the SPCB) to pay salaries to members in accordance with the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme (the Scheme) annexed as Annex 1 to this Resolution;

(ii) confers other functions on the SPCB as specified in the Scheme; and

(iii) approves the Scheme;

b. determines that the Scheme shall come into effect on 1 April 2015;

c. rescinds, with effect from 1 April 2015, paragraph a. of the Resolution of the Parliament of March 21 2002 conferring functions as specified in the Scottish Parliament Salaries Scheme (SP Paper 554) on the SPCB and approving the Scheme (the Resolution); and that part of the Resolution which directs the SPCB to pay on or after 1 April 2002 the salaries stated in that Scheme.
Annex 1

THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT SALARIES SCHEME

1. (1) In this Scheme-

“the Act” means the Scotland Act 1998;

“general election” means an ordinary or extraordinary general election for membership of the Parliament held under section 2 or section 3 of the Act;

“Schedule” means the Schedule to this Scheme; and

“year” means a year starting on 1st April.

(2) For the purposes of this Scheme, a person who is a member of the Parliament immediately before the Parliament is dissolved shall be treated-

(a) if he or she continues to hold office by virtue of section 19(2) (term of office of the Presiding Officer and deputies) of, or paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (term of office of members of the Parliamentary corporation) to, the Act, as if he or she were such a member until the end of the day on which he or she ceases to hold such office; and

(b) if he or she does not fall within sub-paragraph (a) but is nominated as a candidate at the subsequent general election, as if he or she were such a member until the end of the day on which the election is held.

2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) and paragraphs 5 and 7, there shall be payable to every member of the Parliament a salary at the yearly rate specified in Part 1 of the Schedule.

(2) For any period during which a salary is payable to a member of the Parliament under section 4 of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (salaries of members of the House of Commons) or pursuant to a resolution of the House of Lords relating to the remuneration of members of that House, or under section 1 of the European Parliament (Pay and Pensions) Act 1979 (remuneration of United Kingdom MEPs), the yearly rate of the salary payable by virtue of this Scheme to that member for that period shall be reduced by two-thirds.

(3) The salary payable by virtue of this paragraph to a member of the Parliament shall be payable from 1 April 2015 and, for any member elected after that date, for the period beginning with the day on which he or she is declared to be returned as a member of the Parliament and ending with the day on which the member ceases to be a member of the Parliament.

3. (1) Subject to paragraphs 5 and 7, in addition to any salary payable by virtue of paragraph 2 –
(a) there shall be payable to a member of the Parliament holding the office of
Presiding Officer a salary at the yearly rate specified in Part 2 of the Schedule
in relation to that office; and

(b) there shall be payable to a member of the Parliament holding the office of
deputy Presiding Officer a salary at the yearly rate specified in Part 2 of the
Schedule in relation to that office.

(2) The salary payable by virtue of this paragraph to a member of the
Parliament holding any such office shall be payable from 1 April 2015, and for
any member elected to such office after that date, from the date of that
election, for the period during which he or she holds that office.

4. (1) Subject to paragraphs 5 and 7, in addition to any salary payable by
virtue of paragraph 2, there shall be payable from 1 April 2015, or where
appointed to such office after that date, the date of appointment,

(a) to the holder of any office specified in Part 3 of the Schedule a salary at
the yearly rate specified in relation to that office in Part 3 of the Schedule, and

(b) to the holder of such other office as the Parliamentary corporation may
determine, a salary at the yearly rate determined by the Parliamentary
corporation, for the period during which such office holder holds that office.

(2) If the holder of the office of Lord Advocate or Solicitor General for Scotland
is not a member of the Parliament, the yearly rate specified in relation to that
office in Part 3 of the Schedule shall be increased by the amount of the yearly
rate of salary that would be payable to him or her by virtue of paragraph 2 if
he or she were a member of the Parliament.

(3) The salary payable by virtue of this paragraph to the holder of any office
specified in Part 3 of the Schedule shall be payable for the period during
which he or she holds that office.

5. Subject to paragraph 8, for each year starting from 1 April 2016 any salary
payable by virtue of the Scheme shall be amended to reflect any increase in
the index for the mean annual earnings of public sector full time workers in
Scotland as provided for by the Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings
produced by the Office of National Statistics, or such other index as the
Parliamentary Corporation may from time to time deem appropriate.

6. (1) The yearly rate specified in this Scheme in relation to any salary
payable by virtue of the Scheme shall be taken to be the maximum amount so
payable in any year and accordingly-

(a) notwithstanding the provisions of this Scheme as to any such rate, the
salary so payable in any year may be of a lesser amount than that so
specified; and
(b) where any period, or part of a period, for which a salary is payable under this Scheme is less than a year, the maximum amount of salary so payable for that period, or part of that period, shall be a proportionate part of the yearly rate.

(2) Any salary payable by virtue of this Scheme shall be paid by the Parliamentary corporation.

(3) A person to whom any salary is payable by virtue of paragraphs 3 or 4 shall be entitled to receive only one such salary, but if he or she is the holder of two or more offices in respect of which a salary is so payable and there is a difference between the yearly rate of salaries payable in respect of those offices, the office in respect of which a salary is payable to him or her shall be that in respect of which the highest salary is payable.

7. (1) For any period during which a member of the Parliament is imprisoned, the salary payable to that member by virtue of paragraph 2(1) shall be reduced by 90%.

(2) For any period during which a member of the Parliament holding the office of Presiding Officer or deputy Presiding Officer is imprisoned, the salary payable by virtue of paragraph 3(1) shall be reduced by 90%.

(3) For any period during which the holder of an office to whom a salary is payable by virtue of paragraph 4(1) is imprisoned, that salary shall be reduced by 90%.

8. (1) The Parliamentary corporation may, at such intervals as it deems appropriate, make arrangements to review and determine the salaries payable under paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 and, in consequence of a review, shall determine the salaries payable.

(2) In discharging its function under sub paragraph (1), the Parliamentary corporation shall obtain advice on salary levels from such person or persons as it deems appropriate and, in relation to the review of salaries payable by virtue of paragraph 4, shall, in addition, consult the First Minister.

(3) In determining the salaries to be paid in consequence of a review in accordance with this paragraph, the Parliamentary corporation shall have regard to any recommendations made to it by the person or persons referred to in sub paragraph (2).

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

5. Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme: Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-12626—That the Parliament, by virtue of sections 81(2) and (5)(b) and 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998:

1. amends that part of paragraph (iv)(b) of the Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 as amended by the Resolution of Parliament of 24 March 2010, relating to provision for termination payments to members’ staff who are close family members of the member (as defined by Section 9.1.1 of the Scheme) where the costs of employing such close family members is reimbursed in accordance with Section 3 of the Scheme and termination of the employment of such close family members on or before the 31 July 2015 is due to the
effect of paragraph 3.1.8 of the Scheme as inserted by the amending Resolution, and paragraph (v)(i), by deleting “31 July 2015” and inserting instead “31 July 2016”.

2. amends that part of paragraph (v) of the Resolution of the Parliament of 12 June 2008 as amended by the resolution of the Parliament of 24 March 2010, relating to the transitional arrangements for entitlement to the reimbursement of staff costs under Section 3 of the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme in respect of close family members (as defined by Section 9.1.1 of the Scheme) whose employment by a member commenced before 1 April 2010 which provides for that entitlement to end not later than 31 July 2015 by deleting “31 July 2015” and inserting instead “31 July 2016”.

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

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

7. Average Speed Cameras on the A9: The Parliament debated S4M-12163 in the name of Mike MacKenzie—That the Parliament welcomes the recently published performance data regarding the average speed cameras on the A9, which suggests that, since the cameras were introduced, the number of drivers speeding has reduced from around one in three to one in 20 and that examples of excessive speeding are down by 97%; understands that there is no evidence of drivers taking diversions or using so-called rat runs to avoid the cameras; believes that their introduction has resulted in an increase in journey time reliability to and from Inverness, and considers that both the cameras and the HGV speed limit pilot on the A9, which have been put in place ahead of the dualling of the road, have been a success and have led to more responsible and safer motoring.

8. 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 2.00 pm.

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

2. **An End to In-work Poverty**: Alison Johnstone moved S4M-12678—That the Parliament notes with deep concern that the majority of children and working-age adults in poverty live in working households; believes that in-work poverty has a profoundly damaging impact on Scottish society and its economy; recognises that poverty wages require to be subsidised through the welfare system in order to meet people’s most basic needs; considers that the purpose of social security should be to maintain human wellbeing, not to subsidise cheap labour for the benefit of employers and multinational corporations, and considers that the level of poverty and inequality at work must be addressed by an incoming UK Government with a £10 minimum wage by 2020, maximum ratios between highest and lowest pay within organisations, a wealth tax on the assets of the top 1% and a move toward a citizens’ income instead of the punitive and humiliating welfare system currently in place.

The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved amendment S4M-12678.2 to motion S4M-12678—Leave out from “with a £10” to end and insert—

“; is further concerned regarding the damaging impact that £6 billion of welfare cuts will have on some of the most vulnerable people in society; recognises the Scottish Government’s commitment to tackling inequalities and promoting fair work practices through its establishment of the Fair Work Convention and the Scottish Business Pledge; believes that the minimum wage has been eroded by the last two UK governments and should be increased in real terms and demands an increase for apprentices to the same as the national minimum wage for under-18s, and calls for a significant increase in the work allowance to help ensure that those in work have a better chance of lifting themselves and their families out of poverty.”

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

Neil Findlay moved amendment S4M-12678.3 to motion S4M-12678—Leave out from “recognises” to end and insert—

“notes that the Scottish Government’s own statistics show that, under the last Labour administration, the number of people in in-work poverty fell by 30,000 and the number in absolute poverty fell by over half a
million; recognises that, since 2006-07, the number of people in in-work poverty has increased by 50,000; notes that 414,000 people across Scotland would benefit from Scottish Labour's plans to extend the payment of the living wage, incentivising more businesses to pay the living wage by using Make Work Pay contracts and increasing the national minimum wage to £8; believes that these actions, alongside the banning of exploitative zero-hours contracts, will improve the lives of working people across Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to amend the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 to extend the payment of the living wage to public sector contracts."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 85, Abstentions 0).

Annabel Goldie moved amendment S4M-12678.1 to motion S4M-12678—Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“acknowledges that increasing employment, growing the economy and creating opportunity remains the most sustainable way of moving people out of poverty; recognises the opportunities and positive outcomes associated with regular employment for those who can work; welcomes the drop in unemployment and rise in employment under the UK Government; believes that the additional 187,000 new jobs created in Scotland since 2010 have been effective in providing more families with the security of a regular wage; notes the phased increases in the income tax personal allowance since 2010, which by next year will have enhanced incomes by reducing the tax bills for 2.32 million people in Scotland and will have taken 261,000 of the lowest paid out of paying income tax altogether; appreciates the increase in the national minimum wage that was recently announced by the UK Government in line with the recommendations of the Low Pay Commission, which is likely to be the largest real-terms increase since 2007, and acknowledges that such improvements can only be sustained by a responsible macroeconomic policy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 100, Abstentions 4).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 51, Abstentions 5).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with deep concern that the majority of children and working-age adults in poverty live in working households; believes that in-work poverty has a profoundly damaging impact on Scottish society and its economy; recognises that poverty wages require to be subsidised through the welfare system in order to meet people's most basic needs; considers that the purpose of social security should be to maintain human wellbeing, not to subsidise cheap labour for the benefit of
employers and multinational corporations, and considers that the level of poverty and inequality at work must be addressed by an incoming UK Government; is further concerned regarding the damaging impact that £6 billion of welfare cuts will have on some of the most vulnerable people in society; recognises the Scottish Government’s commitment to tackling inequalities and promoting fair work practices through its establishment of the Fair Work Convention and the Scottish Business Pledge; believes that the minimum wage has been eroded by the last two UK governments and should be increased in real terms and demands an increase for apprentices to the same as the national minimum wage for under-18s, and calls for a significant increase in the work allowance to help ensure that those in work have a better chance of lifting themselves and their families out of poverty.

3. Celebrating Scotland’s Diverse Communities: Jean Urquhart moved S4M-12677—That the Parliament believes that Scotland’s diversity should be celebrated and rejects the negative attitudes expressed in the media and politics toward immigration and immigrants; also notes with concern the impact of these attitudes in the context of the approaching general election; believes that there should be recognition of the very real and positive contribution made by immigrants from all over the world to Scottish society, culture and history; also notes that the Scottish population is comprised of a rich mix of peoples and cultures from all over the world and believes that all immigrants and their descendants are an integral part of the Scottish identity; calls on politicians and the media to stop the demonisation of immigrants, and calls on media outlets to take a more responsible approach toward their reporting of immigration to Scotland and the UK.

The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities and Pensioners’ Rights (Alex Neil) moved amendment S4M-12677.2 to motion S4M-12677—

Insert at end—

“, and unites in condemning the recent comments by David Coburn MEP”.

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

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-12677.3 to motion S4M-12677—

After “Scottish identity” insert—

“; believes that more can be done to prevent immigrants being exploited or treated unfairly”.

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

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-12677.1 to motion S4M-12677—

Leave out from “in the media” to end and insert—
“within some quarters of the media and politics toward immigration and immigrants; is concerned about the divisive impact of such attitudes, especially during election campaigns; notes that the Scottish population is comprised of a rich mix of peoples and cultures from all over the world who are an integral part of the Scottish identity, and therefore believes that there should be recognition of the very real and positive contribution made by immigrants from all over the world to Scottish society, culture and history.”

After debate, the amendment was, by agreement, withdrawn.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that Scotland’s diversity should be celebrated and rejects the negative attitudes expressed in the media and politics toward immigration and immigrants; also notes with concern the impact of these attitudes in the context of the approaching general election; believes that there should be recognition of the very real and positive contribution made by immigrants from all over the world to Scottish society, culture and history; also notes that the Scottish population is comprised of a rich mix of peoples and cultures from all over the world and believes that all immigrants and their descendants are an integral part of the Scottish identity; believes that more can be done to prevent immigrants being exploited or treated unfairly; calls on politicians and the media to stop the demonisation of immigrants; calls on media outlets to take a more responsible approach toward their reporting of immigration to Scotland and the UK, and unites in condemning the recent comments by David Coburn MEP.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12683—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 24 March 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Post-study Work Visas
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 25 March 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 Labour Party Business
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
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Thursday 26 March 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  Health and Sport Committee Debate: Health Inequalities
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 31 March 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 1 April 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 2 April 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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12684—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 24 April 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

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

S4M-12685—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12686—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2014 Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12687—That the Parliament agrees that the Charity Test (Specified Bodies) and the Protection of Charities Assets (Exemption) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] be approved.
S4M-12688—That the Parliament agrees that the Common Financial Tool etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12689—That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.


S4M-12691—That the Parliament agrees that the General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12692—That the Parliament agrees that the Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 be approved.

S4M-12693—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] be approved.

S4M-12694—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Exemption Certificates) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. **Designation of Lead Committee:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12695—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Carers (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. **UK Government Carbon Price Support Exemption for Opencast Coal Sites:** The Parliament debated S4M-12246 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament notes proposals put forward for the UK Government to introduce a carbon price support (CPS) exemption for opencast coal sites; acknowledges the recent difficulties in the coal industry in Scotland, which it considers were caused initially by the demise of Scottish Coal and ATH Resources, and the impact that this has had on subsequent opencast restoration projects; understands that, in 2013, the Scottish coal industry taskforce was set up to find solutions to these problems but has had limited success in doing so; recognises that the Cockburn CPS proposal aims to address some of these issues by suggesting an economically viable way of achieving more substantial restoration through a CPS exemption on restoration coal, and understands the substantial impact that this exemption could have on the restoration of some of Scotland’s most scarred landscapes,
including in the communities of Kelty and Crossgates, which it considers have been significantly affected by the St Ninian’s and Muir Dean opencast sites respectively.

The meeting closed at 5.43 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. European Conference for Cold Water Island Tourism: The Parliament debated S4M-12520 in the name of Kenneth Gibson—That the Parliament notes that 17 to 19 March 2015 marks the first annual European Conference on cold water island tourism, hosted on the Isle of Arran; understands that the conference will serve to create a means for cold water islands to come together and collaborate toward achieving a more sustainable tourism industry; celebrates the three overarching themes of the conference, which include opportunities from life, culture and heritage, access and business excellence, and congratulates the programme on highlighting and promoting what it considers the indispensable efforts of Scotland’s cold water island industries to deliver sustainable employment and prosperity.

4. Health and Social Care Integration: The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-12710—That the Parliament notes progress toward the implementation of the integration of health and social care, with new integration joint boards being established from 1 April 2015 in line with legislation; welcomes the substantial resources that are being invested to deliver integration; supports the agreement between COSLA and the Scottish Government on the core suite of indicators for integration; notes the commitment for NHS boards and local authorities to work together to deliver benefits for their patients and service users, and believes that integration is vital to realising the 2020 vision for health and social care, and providing the best caring environments for the people of Scotland.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-12710.3 to motion S4M-12710—

Insert at end—

“; and welcomes the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport’s pledge to ‘eradicate delayed discharge out of the system’ over the course of this year”.

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

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-12710.2 to motion S4M-12710—

Insert at end—
“...acknowledges the enormous challenge that integration represents, and calls on those involved at all levels to work to overcome obstacles, real or imagined, of previous practice or prejudice, to ensure the most successful outcome for both patients and staff”.

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

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-12710.1 to motion S4M-12710—

Insert at end—

“...notes the view of the British Medical Association that successful integration of health and social care needs long-term planning of investment in building capacity in community and social care services, effective and meaningful engagement and involvement of primary and secondary care clinicians on integration joint boards and integration joint monitoring committees, and medical leadership and influence at the locality level, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline how it will achieve these key objectives”.

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 progress toward the implementation of the integration of health and social care, with new integration joint boards being established from 1 April 2015 in line with legislation; welcomes the substantial resources that are being invested to deliver integration; supports the agreement between COSLA and the Scottish Government on the core suite of indicators for integration; notes the commitment for NHS boards and local authorities to work together to deliver benefits for their patients and service users; believes that integration is vital to realising the 2020 vision for health and social care, and providing the best caring environments for the people of Scotland; welcomes the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport’s pledge to ‘eradicate delayed discharge out of the system’ over the course of this year; acknowledges the enormous challenge that integration represents; calls on those involved at all levels to work to overcome obstacles, real or imagined, of previous practice or prejudice, to ensure the most successful outcome for both patients and staff; notes the view of the British Medical Association that successful integration of health and social care needs long-term planning of investment in building capacity in community and social care services, effective and meaningful engagement and involvement of primary and secondary care clinicians on integration joint boards and integration joint monitoring committees, and medical leadership and influence at the locality level, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline how it will achieve these key objectives.

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

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Joe Barnard, Minister, Kiltarlity Free Church, Inverness-shire led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Post-study Work Visas:** The Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland’s Languages (Dr Alasdair Allan) moved S4M-12763—that the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Post Study Work Working Group’s report; agrees with business and education leaders who demand the return of the post-study work visa to Scotland; recognises the contribution that international graduates make to the economy and society; highlights that Scotland’s education institutions provide a first-class experience for talented students from around the world; embraces a culturally diverse student and teaching body that enriches Scotland’s intellectual, social and cultural life; calls on the UK Government to engage constructively on the Smith Commission finding that it should work with the Scottish Government to explore schemes to allow international graduates to remain in Scotland and contribute to economic activity, and calls for an immigration system for Scotland that meets its needs.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-12763.1 to motion S4M-12763—

Insert at end—

“; recognises the success of Fresh Talent, launched by the then First Minister, Jack McConnell, in bringing considerable benefits to Scotland’s economy by encouraging international students to work, study and stay in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to immediately remove university students from net migration targets to ensure that Scotland’s universities can continue to compete in a growing global market”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 0, Abstentions 12).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 0, Abstentions 12).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—that the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Post Study Work Working Group’s report; agrees with business and education leaders who demand the return of the post-study work visa to Scotland; recognises the contribution that international graduates make to the economy and society; highlights that Scotland’s education institutions provide a first-class experience for talented students from around the world; embraces a culturally diverse student and teaching body that enriches Scotland’s intellectual, social and cultural life; calls on the UK
Government to engage constructively on the Smith Commission finding that it should work with the Scottish Government to explore schemes to allow international graduates to remain in Scotland and contribute to economic activity; calls for an immigration system for Scotland that meets its needs; recognises the success of Fresh Talent, launched by the then First Minister, Jack McConnell, in bringing considerable benefits to Scotland’s economy by encouraging international students to work, study and stay in Scotland, and calls on the UK Government to immediately remove university students from net migration targets to ensure that Scotland’s universities can continue to compete in a growing global market.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12780—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Wednesday 25 March 2015

after

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

insert


delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

5.30 pm Decision Time

(b) Thursday 26 March 2015

after

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Penrose Inquiry

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. Greenock Ocean Terminal: The Parliament debated S4M-12250 in the name of Annabel Goldie—That the Parliament notes that the owners of Greenock’s cruise terminal have predicted that, in 2015, it will become the first port in Scotland to handle over 100,000 passengers, thus making it the busiest passenger port in the country; understands that, during the year, 56
ships, bringing a total of 108,866 passengers, are expected to call at Greenock Ocean Terminal and that this would represent seven more vessels than in 2014; believes that passenger numbers at Greenock have more than quadrupled over the last eight years; understands that it has been predicted that the Inverclyde economy will receive an £8.7 million boost from the expected record-breaking number of visitors; acknowledges that the cruise terminal, which is owned by Peel Ports, will be visited by ships such as The Royal Princess, The Regal Princess and the Queen Mary II as part of Cunard’s 175th anniversary celebrations; believes that breaking the 100,000-passenger barrier is a fantastic achievement and testament to the efforts made to enhance the experience of overseas visitors arriving at Greenock; notes the terminal works in partnership with the Inverclyde Tourist Group (ITG), which provides an ambassador service for the area by greeting passengers on arrival and offering what it considers vital information; understands that the ITG comprises of people from Inverclyde who are passionate about where they stay; believes that Greenock is ideally placed for overseas visitors and people from Scotland sailing from their own local port, and wishes everybody involved with the terminal every success.

The meeting closed at 5.25 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. **Supporting Scotland’s Economy**: Jackie Baillie moved S4M-12776—That the Parliament rejects the UK Government’s plans for further austerity; believes that George Osborne’s economic plan is based on extreme spending cuts and regressive taxation and will have a detrimental impact on the UK’s economy; notes that the Office for Budget Responsibility has warned about yet further and more savage cuts in the next two years; further believes that the Scottish Government’s plans for full fiscal autonomy within the UK would have instant and damaging consequences for Scotland’s economy, with huge funding cuts to health, education and policing totalling £7.6 billion in additional cuts or tax rises, as confirmed by the Institute for Fiscal Studies; understands the necessity for progressive taxation to support hardworking families across the UK; believes that Labour’s redistributive policy plans, which include a 50p top rate of tax for those earning over £150,000, a 10p starting rate of tax to save money for hard working families, the introduction of a mansion tax and banker’s bonus tax, counter Conservative austerity, and believes that the only way to avert a £7.6 billion deficit would be to reject full fiscal autonomy within the UK in favour of keeping the Barnett bonus.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved amendment S4M-12776.4 to motion S4M-12776

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

"condemns the Fiscal Mandate, endorsed by Labour, which will lead to a requirement for a further £30 billion of cuts over 2016-17 and 2017-18; further condemns the statement from the Shadow Chancellor that there is nothing he would reverse from the Chancellor’s 2015 Budget statement; endorses the need for increased investment in public services; agrees that this can be achieved while reducing the deficit, and believes that full fiscal powers over the Scottish economy would enable Scotland to improve its sustainable economic performance and boost the revenues available for tackling inequality."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 48, Abstentions 4).
Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-12776.3 to motion S4M-12776—

Leave out from “rejects” to end and insert—

“welcomes the fact that the UK’s economic growth was the highest among the G7 economies in 2014 and notes that the Office for Budget Responsibility has revised up its forecast for UK growth in 2015; welcomes the high employment situation across the UK and the deficit being reduced by over a half since 2010; believes that measures taken by the UK Government, such as cutting employer national insurance contributions and maintaining the lowest level of corporation tax in the G7, are providing considerable benefits to Scotland’s businesses; believes that measures, such as raising the income tax personal allowance and freezing fuel duty, have helped household budgets; calls on the Scottish Government to publish an update to *Outlook for Scotland’s Public Finances* to take into account changes to the projected public finances since its original publication in May 2014 and to reflect the current Scottish Government policy of seeking full fiscal autonomy, and further calls on the Scottish Government to publish an updated *Oil and Gas Analytical Bulletin*.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 99, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-12776.1 to motion S4M-12776—

Leave out from “the UK Government’s plans” to end and insert—

“a return to volatile see-saw economics, which has the potential to cause great economic damage and divert the UK economy from the employment and economic growth achieved; therefore notes with great concern the Conservatives’ ideological drive to reduce the size of the state, recklessly cutting public services on one hand, and Labour and SNP plans to borrow more, repeating the mistakes of the past and indebting future generations, on the other; believes that the SNP’s proposal to borrow £180 billion would put the hard-won economic recovery at great risk, and endorses the Liberal Democrats’ plans to balance the country’s books by 2018 and to use the benefits of the economic growth achieved by that plan to increase public expenditure in line with the economy, keeping Scotland and the UK on a steady path to prosperity.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 4, Against 109, Abstentions 0).

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S4M-12776.2 to motion S4M-12776—

Leave out from “rejects” to end and insert—
“considers that the UK Government’s austerity agenda is ideologically motivated by those who seek an ever-smaller state and poorer public services as ends in themselves; deeply regrets that the main opposition party in the UK Parliament also remains committed to cuts that will have the same effect; believes that a credible alternative to austerity is available in the form of a programme of green quantitative easing (QE); recognises that, instead of creating money to rebalance balance sheets in the financial services sector, a green QE programme would provide investment in the transition to a sustainable economy; sees many benefits of such a programme, including stimulating the real economy and the creation of jobs in every constituency of the UK, more rapid progress toward social and environmental targets and localised control of economic assets instead of a privatised model of infrastructure investment; believes that Scotland’s economy needs such investment, and considers that this would complement the progress that has been made on the development of renewables and energy efficiency in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 5, Against 109, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 47, Abstentions 4).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament rejects the UK Government’s plans for further austerity; believes that George Osborne’s economic plan is based on extreme spending cuts and regressive taxation and will have a detrimental impact on the UK’s economy; notes that the Office for Budget Responsibility has warned about yet further and more savage cuts in the next two years; condemns the Fiscal Mandate, endorsed by Labour, which will lead to a requirement for a further £30 billion of cuts over 2016-17 and 2017-18; further condemns the statement from the Shadow Chancellor that there is nothing he would reverse from the Chancellor’s 2015 Budget statement; endorses the need for increased investment in public services; agrees that this can be achieved while reducing the deficit, and believes that full fiscal powers over the Scottish economy would enable Scotland to improve its sustainable economic performance and boost the revenues available for tackling inequality.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12787—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 31 March 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

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Wednesday 22 April 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 23 April 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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12784—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 June 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12788—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Carers (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 2 October 2015.
The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12785—That the Parliament agrees that the Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Fixed Penalty Notices and Amendment) (Scotland) 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-12786—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications and Saving) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. Earth Hour 2015: The Parliament debated S4M-12157 in the name of Graeme Dey—That the Parliament supports WWF’s Earth Hour 2015; celebrates the many individuals, families, communities, organisations and landmarks across Scotland, including the Scottish Parliament, that will be participating by switching their lights off for an hour at 8.30pm on 28 March; congratulates all of the local authorities participating in Earth Hour 2015, particularly Angus Council, which has been awarded one of WWF Scotland’s Super Local Authority badges for its level of participation; considers that Earth Hour has become a moment for people around the world to think about the importance of action to address climate change and protect the planet; notes that Scotland will be one of more than 160 countries, nations and territories around the world that will take part in Earth Hour 2015; understands that this year is an important year for action on climate change, with the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change taking place in Paris in December; welcomes the continued cross-party support for the aims of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and would welcome other nations sharing Scotland’s ambitions on tackling climate change, and wishes everyone participating in Earth Hour 2015 every success.

The meeting closed at 6.21 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. **Accountability of Police Scotland**: The Parliament debated S4M-12667 in the name of Hugh Henry—that the Parliament notes that 1 April 2015 marks the second anniversary of the establishment of Police Scotland; notes the reported controversies regarding the deployment of armed police, stop and search, the loss of data, the use of performance targets and local accountability; recognises the budget pressures that were identified by Audit Scotland, including what it believes has been the significant reduction in civilian staff, concerns about uniformed officers having to fulfil the duties previously delivered by civilian staff and worries about the closure of control rooms; believes that the Scottish Police Authority is failing to exercise thorough and robust scrutiny of the force in its operations in Renfrewshire and across the country, and notes the views that these issues must be addressed to ensure that public confidence in the police is maintained and that the Scottish Government must recognise its responsibilities by addressing the concerns that are being expressed.

4. **Ministerial Statement**: The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and sport (Shona Robison) made a statement and answered questions on The Penrose Inquiry.

5. **Health Inequalities**: Duncan McNeil, on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee, moved S4M-12769—that the Parliament notes and welcomes the Health and Sport Committee’s 1st Report 2015 (Session 4), Report on Health Inequalities (SP Paper 637); recognises the wider causes of health inequalities, and welcomes the innovative approach that allows a wide range of parliamentary committees an opportunity to contribute to the debate.

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

6. **Approval of SSI**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12818—that the Parliament agrees that the Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (Modification of Legislation) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

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 Lynn McChlery BA BD MLitt, Minister, Eaglesham Parish Church, Eaglesham, East Renfrewshire led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Dairy Industry Inquiry:** Rob Gibson, on behalf of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, moved S4M-12849—That the Parliament welcomes the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee’s inquiry into the dairy industry and the unanimous recommendations that it made in its letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment on 20 February 2015, which were subsequently taken into account in the Scottish Government’s *Dairy Action Plan*, which was published on 24 March 2015.

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

4. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12862—That the Parliament agrees that the Aftercare (Eligible Needs) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12863—That the Parliament agrees that the Continuing Care (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. **Awareness of Group B Streptococcus:** The Parliament debated S4M-12723 in the name of Margaret McDougall—That the Parliament notes with concern what it understands is the lack of public awareness regarding group B streptococcus (GBS) and the effects that it can have on newborn babies; understands that, in the UK, GBS infects over 500 babies every year and that 340 will develop early-onset GBS infection and one in 10 of them will die; believes that the incidence of early-onset GBS infection in England, Wales and Northern Ireland has remained unchanged since prevention strategies were first introduced in 2003 and that, in Scotland, it has increased from 0.21 per 1,000 live births in 2000 to 0.47 in 2012; understands that many countries, including the USA, Canada, Germany and Spain, offer routine testing for GBS at 35 to 37 weeks of pregnancy; notes that, although the Royal College of
Obstetricians and Gynaecologists does not recommend routine testing, the Scottish Government is not bound by this approach, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to introduce guidelines so that hospitals in the west of Scotland and beyond provide expectant mothers with information regarding GBS and either offer routine testing or provide information on how testing can be accessed privately.

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

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

2. **Scotland’s Economy and Finances:** Gavin Brown moved S4M-12857—
That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Government seeks to achieve full fiscal autonomy for Scotland within the UK; notes that a number of experts predict a weaker fiscal position for Scotland should full fiscal autonomy be achieved and is concerned about the tighter fiscal challenge that could be faced; believes that a potential net fiscal deficit of over double that of the UK in 2015-16, as outlined by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, would be damaging for the Scottish economy; calls on the Scottish Government to arrange for publication of an update to the *Outlook for Scotland’s Public Finances* to take into account changes to the projected public finances since its original publication in May 2014 and to reflect the current Scottish Government policy of seeking full fiscal autonomy; believes that the update should be conducted and published by the Scottish Fiscal Commission, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish an updated oil and gas analytical bulletin as soon as possible.

The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved amendment S4M-12857.2 to motion S4M-12857—

Leave out from “within the UK” to end and insert—

“; recognises that Scotland requires the social and economic powers necessary to reflect the needs and preferences of the people of Scotland; notes that being tied to the UK Government’s austerity plan and welfare cuts is having a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable in society; believes in an alternative to this approach that would protect vital investment in public services and develop a fair and sustainable economy, and calls on the UK parties to set out in detail their plans for taxation and welfare ahead of the general election.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 41, Abstentions 0).

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-12857.1 to motion S4M-12857—

Leave out from “that the Scottish Government” to end and insert—

“that the Scottish Government’s plans for full fiscal autonomy within the UK would have instant and damaging consequences for Scotland’s economy, with huge funding cuts to areas such as health, education and policing totalling £7.6 billion in additional cuts or tax rises, as confirmed
by the Institute for Fiscal Studies; further notes that this would be on top of Conservative austerity plans and that the Scottish Government has set out its intention to adopt Conservative austerity plans in 2015-16; calls on the Scottish Government to publish an updated *Outlook for Scotland’s Public Finances* on the basis of full fiscal autonomy and an updated oil and gas analytical bulletin before the UK General Election in May 2015, and believes that the only way to avert a £7.6 billion deficit would be to reject full fiscal autonomy within the UK in favour of keeping the block grant and the Barnett formula.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 23, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 40, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the Scottish Government seeks to achieve full fiscal autonomy for Scotland; recognises that Scotland requires the social and economic powers necessary to reflect the needs and preferences of the people of Scotland; notes that being tied to the UK Government’s austerity plan and welfare cuts is having a disproportionate impact on the most vulnerable in society; believes in an alternative to this approach that would protect vital investment in public services and develop a fair and sustainable economy, and calls on the UK parties to set out in detail their plans for taxation and welfare ahead of the general election.

3. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12884—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 21 April 2015

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Contribution of Culture, Visitor Attractions and Events to Scotland’s Economy and Society

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 22 April 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm  Portfolio Questions
Justice and the Law Officers;
Rural Affairs, Food and Environment

*followed by* European and External Relations Committee Debate: EU Engagement and Scrutiny of the Committees of the Scottish Parliament on European Union policies 2015-16

*followed by* Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate:
Members’ Interests Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 23 April 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: Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Financial Resolution: Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 28 April 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 29 April 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 30 April 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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12882—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 29 May 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12883—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 9 October 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

6. May Day Holiday: First Minister’s Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions: Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S4M-12885—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—
lodge a First Minister’s Question for answer on Wednesday 6 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 1 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on 13 and 14 May should end at 12 noon on Friday 1 May; and

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 5 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 5 May.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Spring Bank Holiday: First Minister’s Questions, Portfolio and General Questions and Topical Questions: Joe FitzPatrick on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S4M-12886—That the Parliament agrees that the period for Members to—

lodge a First Minister’s Question for answer on Thursday 28 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 26 May;

submit their names for Portfolio and General Questions on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 June should end at 4.30pm on Thursday 21 May;

and

lodge a Topical Question for answer on Tuesday 26 May should end at 9.30am on Tuesday 26 May.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Making Scotland Autism Friendly: The Parliament debated S4M-12446 in the name of Mark McDonald—That the Parliament notes that World Autism Awareness Week takes place between 27 March and 2 April 2015, with World Autism Awareness Day taking place on 2 April; further notes the ongoing work of the Scottish Strategy for Autism; welcomes investment in new resources, such as the autism toolbox for schools; commends recent initiatives for providing relaxed cinema and theatre performances and applauds efforts to increase the number of facilities qualifying for the Autism Access Awards administered by the National Autistic Society; considers that work still needs to be done to improve attitudes and understanding regarding people with autism, for example in increasing opportunities for employment, and supports the ongoing work of a range of organisations to create greater awareness to help make Scotland a truly autism-friendly nation.

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. Congratulating Greenock Morton Community Trust: The Parliament debated S4M-12203 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament congratulates Greenock Morton Community Trust (GMCT) on receiving £106,029 from the Scottish Government’s Climate Challenge Fund; understands that the group will use the grant to promote lower carbon lifestyle choices in Inverclyde, including a sports kit and footwear recycling initiative; notes GMCT’s role in educating school children and providing them with equipment to participate in sport; considers that football clubs across Scotland have an important role in their local communities, and praises all involved at GMCT and Greenock Morton Football Club for the growing community work that they do in Inverclyde.

4. Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-12878—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 0, Abstentions 10).

5. Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and the Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-11827—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Prisoners (Control of Release) (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 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Right Reverend Dr Robert A Gillies, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12973—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 21 April 2015—

   after
   
   *followed by* Topical Questions

   insert

   *followed by* Ministerial Statement: Bonomy Review

   The motion was agreed to.

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

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

5. **Contribution of Culture, Visitor Attractions and Events to Scotland's Economy and Society:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-12958—That the Parliament acknowledges the great contribution that Scotland’s rich and diverse culture, events and visitor attractions make to Scotland’s society and economy; applauds the role that Culture 2014 and Festival 2014 played in the success of the Commonwealth Games; notes that Edinburgh’s festivals continued to achieve record attendances and box office figures during the Games; welcomes the 10% increase in visitor numbers to Scottish attractions in 2014, which outperformed the rest of the UK, and recognises the key role that Scotland’s festivals, cultural events and attractions play in making the country a great place to live, work, study and visit and in enhancing its international reputation.

   Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-12958.2 to motion S4M-12958—

   Insert at end—

   “; welcomes the Culture Counts campaign, which promotes the value of culture in Scotland, including culture’s contribution toward improving learning, health, wellbeing, confidence and quality of life; looks forward to Voluntary Arts Week in May 2015, which highlights the positive
contribution to Scotland’s vibrant cultural sector made by voluntary arts, including encouraging people to engage with arts and culture in their community, and acknowledges the dedication and hard work of staff and volunteers throughout Scotland in ensuring that venues, creative hubs and organisations are accessible and welcoming to all”.

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

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-12958.1 to motion S4M-12958—

Insert at end—

“, and believes that smaller cultural events and festivals have a crucial role to play in sustaining more fragile, remote rural communities”.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the great contribution that Scotland’s rich and diverse culture, events and visitor attractions make to Scotland’s society and economy; applauds the role that Culture 2014 and Festival 2014 played in the success of the Commonwealth Games; notes that Edinburgh’s festivals continued to achieve record attendances and box office figures during the Games; welcomes the 10% increase in visitor numbers to Scottish attractions in 2014, which outperformed the rest of the UK; recognises the key role that Scotland’s festivals, cultural events and attractions play in making the country a great place to live, work, study and visit and in enhancing its international reputation; welcomes the Culture Counts campaign, which promotes the value of culture in Scotland, including culture’s contribution toward improving learning, health, wellbeing, confidence and quality of life; looks forward to Voluntary Arts Week in May 2015, which highlights the positive contribution to Scotland’s vibrant cultural sector made by voluntary arts, including encouraging people to engage with arts and culture in their community; acknowledges the dedication and hard work of staff and volunteers throughout Scotland in ensuring that venues, creative hubs and organisations are accessible and welcoming to all, and believes that smaller cultural events and festivals have a crucial role to play in sustaining more fragile, remote rural communities.

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

7. Recognition of the Palestinian State: The Parliament debated S4M-12630 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament believes that the recognition of the state of Palestine alongside the state of Israel based on 1967 borders could be a stimulus to securing a negotiated two-state solution in the Middle East and notes the opinion of many Israelis and Palestinians living in Glasgow, the rest of Scotland and beyond that resolution through peaceful means is the only option.
8. **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 6.00 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

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


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


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

4. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12995—

   **Tuesday 28 April 2015**
   
   2.00 pm Time for Reflection
   
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
   
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Future Employability Services
   
   followed by Business Motions
   
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   5.00 pm Decision Time
   
   followed by Members’ Business

   **Wednesday 29 April 2015**
   
   2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Health, Wellbeing and Sport

followed by European and External Relations Committee Debate: 2nd Report, 2015, The Implications of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership for Scotland.

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 30 April 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: Making the Most of the Contribution of Veterans to Scotland

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 5 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 6 May 2015

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Members’ Business
2.45 pm  General Questions
3.05 pm  First Minister's Questions
3.35 pm  Portfolio Question Time
         Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
         Culture, Europe and External Affairs
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
4.15 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

S4M-12989—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Education (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 9 October 2015.

S4M-12990—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Harbours (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 19 June 2015.

S4M-12991—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be extended to 15 May 2015.

S4M-12992—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 29 May 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

6. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12987—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-12988—That the Parliament agrees that the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill at stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).
8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. **UK National Stalking Awareness Day:** The Parliament debated S4M-12902 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament recognises National Stalking Awareness Day, which falls on 18 April 2015; notes that the focus for this year’s activities keeps the spotlight on raising awareness of the dangers of stalking among young people; understands that the 2010 NUS report, *Hidden Marks*, highlighted that 60% of college students experienced stalking; further understands that research shows that stalking among young people is being overlooked in favour of bullying; welcomes this focus for the 2015 National Stalking Awareness Day and believes that it will both help raise awareness of stalking and have it recognised as much as a young person’s problem as it is an adult’s, and believes that bullying in its severest form is stalking.

The meeting closed at 5.34 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. **DG Food and Drink:** The Parliament debated S4M-12801 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament understands the importance of food and drink to the Scottish economy; believes that the Year of Food and Drink 2015 is a chance to spotlight, celebrate and promote Scotland’s natural produce; considers that food and drink are an important part of Scottish cultural identity and heritage and are key strengths in promoting Scotland as a holiday destination; recognises as an example of best practice the collaborative activities between food businesses, organisations and the public sector across Dumfries and Galloway to raise awareness of the economic importance of food and drink production in the region; congratulates DG Food and Drink and Dumfries and Galloway Council on developing and launching Scotland’s Artisan Food Trail, a new tourism trail to encourage food tourism during the Year of Food and Drink and beyond; congratulates the food and drink industry in Dumfries and Galloway for embracing the opportunities presented by the Year of Food and Drink, and looks forward to seeing Dumfries and Galloway increasingly recognised across Scotland and beyond as a food tourism destination.

4. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-12994—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 60, Against 0, Abstentions 12).

5. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-12488—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Air Weapons and Licensing (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).
6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Squadron Leader Reverend Dr Andrew Hill, RAF (Retired), Executive Director, Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Scripture Readers Association led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Scotland’s Future Employability Services:** The Cabinet Secretary for Fair Work, Skills and Training (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-13023—That the Parliament recognises the importance of effective and targeted employment support for individuals, their families and communities, while helping deliver sustainable economic growth, and agrees that collaboration and engagement is needed to focus on the requirements of service users, to align service delivery and develop employability services that help deliver a socially-just, equal and prosperous Scotland.

Siobhan McMahon moved amendment S4M-13023.1 to motion S4M-13023—

Insert at end—

"; further notes the report from the Human Rights Commission on the low levels of disabled people on modern apprenticeships, recognising the work being done by the Scottish Government with third sector organisations to help prepare disabled people for work; calls for an early review in the context of Scotland taking over disability benefits, with the expected implementation of the Smith Commission proposals; believes that wider reforms of employment policy are required to deliver a more socially-just Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to use International Workers Memorial Day to both remember the dead and fight for the living by committing to use its powers of procurement to extend the living wage, to back Scottish Labour’s initiative to promote Make Work Pay contracts, bring an end to insecure employment with a ban on exploitative zero-hours contracts and invest in the next generation of workers by setting up a future fund for all young people not in education to give all young people in Scotland the best possible employment support”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 13, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 57, Against 9, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the importance of effective and targeted employment support for individuals, their families and communities, while helping deliver sustainable economic growth;
agrees that collaboration and engagement is needed to focus on the requirements of service users, to align service delivery and develop employability services that help deliver a socially-just, equal and prosperous Scotland; further notes the report from the Human Rights Commission on the low levels of disabled people on modern apprenticeships, recognising the work being done by the Scottish Government with third sector organisations to help prepare disabled people for work; calls for an early review in the context of Scotland taking over disability benefits, with the expected implementation of the Smith Commission proposals; believes that wider reforms of employment policy are required to deliver a more socially-just Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to use International Workers Memorial Day to both remember the dead and fight for the living by committing to use its powers of procurement to extend the living wage, to back Scottish Labour’s initiative to promote Make Work Pay contracts, bring an end to insecure employment with a ban on exploitative zero-hours contracts and invest in the next generation of workers by setting up a future fund for all young people not in education to give all young people in Scotland the best possible employment support.

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

5. Prestwick Airport Spaceport Bid: The Parliament debated S4M-12526 in the name of John Scott—That the Parliament welcomes the inclusion of Glasgow Prestwick Airport in the shortlist of sites being considered to host the UK’s first spaceport; believes that the location of a spaceport at Glasgow Prestwick Airport would represent an opportunity to increase the airport’s revenue, enhance the reputation of the Prestwick aerospace campus as a centre of excellence and provide a boost for the Ayrshire economy, and notes the view that the airport should be promoted as Scotland’s preferred bidder to be the UK’s first commercial spaceport.

The meeting closed at 5.36 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. **Report on the Implications of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership for Scotland:** Christina McKelvie, on behalf of the European and External Relations Committee, moved S4M-13007—that the Parliament notes and welcomes the conclusions and recommendations in the European and External Relations Committee’s 2nd Report, 2015 (Session 4), *The implications of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership for Scotland* (SP Paper 693).

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 0, Abstentions 15).

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13037—that the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   **Tuesday 5 May 2015**
   
   2.00 pm    Time for Reflection
   
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
   
   followed by Stage 1 Debate: British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill
   
   followed by Financial Resolution: British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill
   
   followed by Business Motions
   
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   5.00 pm    Decision Time
   
   followed by Members’ Business

   **Wednesday 6 May 2015**
   
   2.00 pm    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   
   2.00 pm    Members’ Business
   
   2.45 pm    General Questions
   
   3.05 pm    First Minister’s Questions
   
   3.35 pm    Portfolio Question Time
               Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture, Europe and External Affairs

followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.15 pm  Decision Time

Tuesday 12 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 13 May 2015

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Portfolio Question Time
          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 14 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
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

S4M-13034—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Apologies (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 30 October 2015.

S4M-13035—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 25 September 2015.

S4M-13036—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 June 2015.

The motions were agreed to.

5. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13033—That the Parliament agrees that the Devolution (Further Powers) Committee be designated as the lead committee and that the Education and Culture Committee be designated as a secondary committee to consider and report to the Parliament on the draft Memorandum of Understanding to be entered into by the UK Government, Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. My Life My MS: The Parliament debated S4M-12808 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament welcomes MS Society Scotland’s campaign during MS Awareness Week, which runs from 27 April to 3 May 2015; notes that the campaign will look at all the issues that influence the lives of people living with MS, how the diagnosis affects them and their families and in what way they receive ongoing treatment, care and support, and recognises that the campaign highlights issues of financial security and explores the whole person and the many challenges that they deal with while living with multiple sclerosis.

8. Motion without Notice: George Adam 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 5.58 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. **Expanding Coverage of the Living Wage**: The Parliament debated S4M-12938 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament understands that 427,000 Scots earn less than the living wage, which is currently set at £7.85 per hour, including 18% of workers across the Lothian region; considers that low pay and job insecurity are major factors contributing to in-work poverty, and notes calls for the Scottish Government to provide guidance to public sector organisations advising them that they can ensure that the living wage is paid by giving due consideration to pay rates while assessing a company’s general approach to recruitment and staff engagement at the selection stage of any contract.

4. **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.

5. **Making the Most of the Contribution of Veterans to Scotland**: The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Keith Brown) moved S4M-13045—That the Parliament commends the contribution that the armed forces and veterans make to life in Scotland; welcomes publication of the report, *Transition in Scotland*, by the Scottish Veterans Commissioner; recognises the challenges facing veterans transitioning to civilian life but believes that their training, skills, sense of duty and discipline mean that employers and companies benefit greatly from employing veterans, and seeks a coordinated approach, bringing together public and private sector stakeholders, in removing barriers to Scotland’s veterans realising their full potential.

Mary Fee moved amendment S4M-13045.1 to motion S4M-13045—

Insert at end—

“; further believes that injured veterans awarded compensation should not have most of their payments taken to cover the costs of social care; supports the Insult to Injury campaign run by Poppyscotland and the Royal British Legion, and believes that, as part of the commitment to the armed forces covenant, the Scottish Government should revise existing charging guidelines so that war disablement pensions are fully disregarded from means tests for social care”.

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After debate, the amendment was, by agreement, withdrawn.

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

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

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


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

3. British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill: Mark Griffin moved S4M-13046—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill.

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

4. British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Learning, Science and Scotland’s Languages (Dr Alasdair Allan) moved S4M-13052—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the British Sign Language (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. Motion without Notice: John Finnie, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.48 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

7. North East Mosses: The Parliament debated S4M-12210 in the name of Christian Allard—That the Parliament recognises the importance of raised bogs known as mosses to the local eco-systems with unique animal and plant life; notes that the north east has the Arnhall Moss in Westhill and the Portlethen Moss, both of which, it considers, provide an important natural environment for use by local communities; recognises what it sees as the great work of groups such as the Portlethen Moss Conservation Group and the Arnhall Moss Management Advisory Group, who ensure conservation and maintenance of the mosses; understands that local schools have taken part in safaris and tree planting on the mosses facilitated by local rangers who foster understanding and care of the natural heritage in these areas, and welcomes widespread use of the mosses.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.
Parliamentary Year 4, No. 106 Session 4    Wednesday 6 May 2015

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13093—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 12 May 2015

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by  Stage 1 Debate: Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Financial Resolution: Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 13 May 2015

2.00 pm  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Portfolio Question Time
              Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Apprenticeship Week
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 14 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
Scottish Government Debate: Circular Economy (Waste Management)
followed by  Business Motions
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

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 Business
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 Government 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  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

2. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13088—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 5 February 2016.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13089—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill at stage 2 be completed by 5 June 2015.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13090—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Marine Regions Order 2015 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Committee Membership:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13091—That the Parliament agrees that Alex Johnstone be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Welfare Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Thousands of Migrants Dying Attempting to Reach Europe Each Year:**

The Parliament debated S4M-12950 in the name of Alex Rowley—That the Parliament expresses its shock at the recent loss of life in the Mediterranean sea where almost 400 migrants attempting to reach the EU are believed to have died in a shipwreck off the coast of Libya; supports the comments of human rights groups across Europe that have condemned the scrapping of rescue operations in the Mediterranean, which it believes is endangering the lives of thousands of desperate migrants making perilous journeys across the sea; acknowledges the comments of the human rights group, Amnesty International, which stated that “European governments’ on-going negligence towards the humanitarian crisis in the Mediterranean has contributed to a more than 50-fold increase in migrant and refugee deaths since the beginning of 2015”; believes that the decision of the EU to stop funding Italy’s Mare Nostrum rescue mission last year in favour of the surveillance patrols currently being carried out by its border agency, Frontex, is a clear example of its dereliction of duty with regard to this matter; notes the evidence given to the European and External Relations Committee by Pasquale Terracciano, the Italian Ambassador to the United Kingdom, who stated “We are pressing
to persuade the European Union that there is an external border that is of common interest and should be managed at a common level, we are pressing other partners to make it a European priority and all political pressure is welcome to create awareness of the scale of the phenomenon”, and believes that it is the duty of all EU nations to work together to tackle this humanitarian crisis, the scale of which it considers is causing widespread concern and disbelief in the Cowdenbeath constituency and in communities across Scotland.

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

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

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

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

The meeting closed at 4.17 pm.
Annex A: Bills Introduced

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

14 May 2014

**Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the licensing and regulation of air weapons; to amend the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005; to amend and extend the licensing provisions of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 49) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Kenny MacAskill

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 49-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 49-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

10 June 2014

**Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the maintenance of welfare funds and to provide for them to be used to help certain individuals; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 51) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon

Supported by: Margaret Burgess

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 51-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 51-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

11 June 2014

**Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about national outcomes; to confer functions on certain persons in relation to services provided by, and assets of, certain public bodies; to amend Part 2 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003; to enable certain bodies to buy abandoned or neglected land; to make provision for registers of common good property and about disposal and use of such property; to restate and amend the law on allotments; to enable local authorities to reduce or remit non-domestic rates; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 52) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Supported by: Derek Mackay, Paul Wheelhouse

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 52-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 52-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 June 2014

**Mental Health (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 in
various respects; to make provision about mental health disposals in criminal cases; to make provision as to the rights of victims of crime committed by mentally-disordered persons; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 53) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Alex Neil
Supported by: Michael Matheson
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 53-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 53-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

14 August 2014

Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to end the right of certain long-term prisoners to automatic early release from prison at the two-thirds point of their sentences and to allow prisoners serving all but very short sentences to be released from prison on a particular day suitable for their re-integration into the community. (SP Bill 54) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Kenny MacAskill
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 54-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 54-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

29 October 2014

British Sign Language (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to promote the use of British Sign Language including by making provision for the preparation and publication of a British Sign Language National Plan for Scotland and by requiring certain authorities to prepare and publish their own British Sign Language Plans in connection with the exercise of their functions; and to provide for the manner in which such plans are to be prepared and for their review and updating. (SP Bill 55) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Mark Griffin
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 55-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 55-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

3 December 2014

Community Charge Debt (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to extinguish various liabilities arising by virtue of the Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc. (Scotland) Act 1987. (SP Bill 56) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 56-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 56-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

11 December 2014

Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour, including provision about offences and sentencing, provision for victim support and provision to reduce activity related to offences. (SP Bill 57) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 57-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 57-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.
15 December 2014

Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to prohibit smoking in private motor vehicles in the presence of children, subject to limited exceptions; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 58) (Member’s Bill)

Introduced by: Jim Hume

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 58-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 58-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

15 January 2015

Budget (Scotland) (No.4) Bill—An Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2015/16, 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 2016/17, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 59) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Supported by: Nicola Sturgeon, Joe FitzPatrick

Accompanying documents) (SP Bill 59-AD) were printed to accompany the Bill.

3 March 2015

Apologies (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the effect of an apology in certain legal proceedings. (SP Bill 60) (Member’s Bill)

Introduced by: Margaret Mitchell

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 60-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 60-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

9 March 2015

Carers (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about carers, including the identification of carers’ needs for support through adult carer support plans and young carer statements; the provision of support to carers; the enabling of carer involvement in certain services; the preparation of local carer strategies; the establishment of information and advice services for carers; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 61) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Shona Robison

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 61-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 61-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

18 March 2015

Harbours (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to repeal sections 10 to 12 of the Ports Act 1991 and amend Schedules 3 and 4 to the Harbours Act 1964. (SP Bill 62) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Keith Brown

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 62-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 62-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.
19 March 2015
Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for the holding of public inquiries in respect of certain deaths. (SP Bill 63) (Government Bill)
Introduced by: Michael Matheson
Supported by: Paul Wheelhouse
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 63-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 63-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

23 March 2015
Education (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to impose duties in relation to reducing pupils’ inequalities of outcome; to modify the Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 and section 70 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980; to make provision about Gaelic medium education, about the provision of school meals, for appointing Chief Education Officers and in relation to registration of independent schools and teachers in grant-aided schools; to extend the duty to provide early learning and childcare to certain children; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 64) (Government Bill)
Introduced by: Angela Constance
Supported by: Dr Alasdair Allan
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 64-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 64-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

1 April 2015
Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for reducing and dealing with the abuse of alcohol; to amend the legislation in relation to applications for, and to vary, licences for the sale of alcohol; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 65) (Member’s Bill)
Introduced by: Dr Richard Simpson
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 65-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 65-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 April 2015
Scottish Elections (Reduction of Voting Age) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to reduce the voting age to 16 at elections for membership of the Scottish Parliament and local government elections; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 66) (Government Bill)
Introduced by: John Swinney
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 66-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 66-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

30 April 2015
Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about altering the boundary of the Pentland Hills Regional Park; and for connected purposes (SP Bill 67) (Member’s Bill)
Introduced by: Christine Grahame
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 67-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 67-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

7 May 2015

Community Justice (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about community justice, including establishing a new national body to oversee community justice and introducing requirements in relation to the achievement of particular nationally and locally determined outcomes; and for connected purpose. (SP Bill 68) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Michael Matheson

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 68-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 68-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.
Annex B: Subordinate Legislation

1. Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the dates indicated and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

15 May 2014
HGV Speed Limit (M9/A9 Trunk Road) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 86(8) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

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

16 May 2014
Land Register of Scotland (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(g), (h) and (i) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

Registers of Scotland (Information and Access) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(k) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

Registers of Scotland (Fees) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(l) and (4)(b) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Incidental, Consequential and Transitional) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(e) and (4)(b) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 and section 81(3) of the Long Leases (Scotland) Act 2012

19 May 2014
Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedule 4) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 459(6)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

Registration of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in Care Services (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

National Confidential Forum (Prescribed Care and Health Services) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under paragraph 7(6) of schedule 1A to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003
Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

21 May 2014
Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Revenue Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

27 May 2014
Registers of Scotland (Fees) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(l) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (This draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this instrument remains unchanged.)

6 June 2014
Scottish Legal Complaints Commission (Modification of Duties and Powers) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 79(3) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (Membership of the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission) Amendment Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 79(3) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

12 June 2014
Lanarkshire Colleges Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 60(2A)(a) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 and section 34(4)(bc) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) 2005

20 June 2014
Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. (The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this instrument remains unchanged.)

25 June 2014
Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Historic Environment Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003
Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 2(8) and (9)(d) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

26 June 2014
Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of the Convener of the School Closure Review Panels as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

7 July 2014
Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 115 of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

10 July 2014
Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (Membership of the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission) Amendment Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 79(3) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007. *(The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament.)*

21 August 2014
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 55(4) of the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014

Bankruptcy (Money Advice and Deduction from Income etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 72(2) and (3)(a)(ii), (iia), (iib), (iid) and (iii) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

Common Financial Tool etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 72(2) and (3)(a)(iic) and (b) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 and section 62(4) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002

22 August 2014
Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 62(4) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002

4 September 2014
Bankruptcy (Money Advice and Deduction from Income etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 72(2) and (3)(a)(ii), (iia), (iib), (iid) and (iii) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

This draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this instrument remains unchanged.

18 September 2014
Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 62(4) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002. (This draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this instrument remains unchanged.)

26 September 2014
Road Traffic Act 1988 (Prescribed Limit) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 195(4A) of the Road Traffic Act 1988

2 October 2014
Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 1) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 81(3)(a) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

3 October 2014
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Scheme) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

8 October 2014
Land Register of Scotland (Automated Registration) etc. Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(j) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 and section 9E(4)(a) of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995
15 October 2014
Scotland Act 1998 (Functions Exercisable in or as Regards Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

20 October 2014
Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

22 October 2014
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modifications) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 69(4) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of these draft instruments remains unchanged—
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 69(2) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

24 October 2014
Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Amendment and Transitional) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 116(3)(l) and (4)(b) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

29 October 2014
Marriage (Same Sex Couples) (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) (Scotland) Regulations 2014
laid under paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 1B to the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1973

Marriage Between Civil Partners (Procedure for Change and Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014
laid under section 10(6) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014

30 October 2014
Budget (Scotland) Act 2014 Amendment Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2014.

Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 2 and 2A(1), (2)(a) and (3)(a) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Marriage Between Civil Partners (Procedure for Change and Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014
laid under section 10(6) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (This draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this instrument remains unchanged.)

3 November 2014
Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments and Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 37 of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

7 November 2014
Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft]
laid under section 25(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 November 2014
The following draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament on—
Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft]

26 November 2014
Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

laid under sections 177(4) and 197 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under sections 152(5) and 197 of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]
laid under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972

2 December 2014
Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Modification of Authorisation Provisions: Legal Consultations) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 27(2) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000
Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
   laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance and Property Interference – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
   laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

8 December 2014
The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of these draft instruments remains unchanged—
   Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]—
   Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance and Property Interference – Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] —
   laid under section 24(9) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

16 December 2014
European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft]) (withdrawn)

19 December 2014
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Addition and Modification of Reliefs) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
   laid under section 68(2) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

7 January 2015
Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
   laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

14 January 2015
Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
   laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
   laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Police Pensions (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
   laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 24 of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

20 January 2015
Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedules 4 and 5 and Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

21 January 2015
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

23 January 2015
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Sub-sale Development Relief and Multiple Dwellings Relief) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 68(2)(c) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 and section 29(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 January 2015
Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to the Scotland Act 1998

General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

30 January 2015
Charity Test (Specified Bodies) and the Protection of Charities Assets (Exemption) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 103(5)(a) and (b) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

2 February 2015
Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Disclosure of Information to and by Lord Advocate and Scottish Ministers) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 459(6)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

Scottish Tax Tribunals (Voting and Offences etc.) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(b) and (d) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Postponement of Tax Pending a Review or Appeal) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(p) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Reimbursement Arrangements) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(g) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(f) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(m) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

4 February 2015
Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

5 February 2015
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 68(2) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 41(2) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

Budget (Scotland) Act 2014 Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2014

16 February 2015
National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 52(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

17 February 2015
The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of these instruments remains unchanged—
Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Reimbursement Arrangements) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(g) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014
Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Record Keeping) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(f) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014
Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Interest on Unpaid Tax and Interest Rates in General) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 254(3)(m) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 [draft] (withdrawn)

18 February 2015
Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 41(2)(ba) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

19 February 2015
Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 22(3) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

Continuing Care (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 26A(11)(b) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

Aftercare (Eligible Needs) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 29(9) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Common Financial Tool etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 72(2) and (3)(a)(iic) and (b) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 and section 62(4) of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2)(a) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Fixed Penalty Notices and Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (Modification of Legislation) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 103(5)(a) and (b) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(3)(a) of the Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications and Saving) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 69(4) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

23 February 2015
Health and Care Professions (Public Health Specialists and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999

The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament—
General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Overarching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999.
Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999
Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2)(b) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
The timetable for consideration of this draft SSI remains unchanged

24 February 2015
Scottish Landfill Tax (Exemption Certificates) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 41(2) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Fixed Penalty Notices and Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.
(The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this instrument remains unchanged.)

25 February 2015
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

4 March 2015
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications and Saving) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 69(4) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. (The draft affirmative instrument was withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament. The timetable for consideration of this instrument remains unchanged).

5 March 2015
The following draft affirmative instruments were withdrawn and subsequently re-laid before the Parliament—

Health and Care Professions (Public Health Specialists and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2015 [draft]
  laid under section 62(10) of the Health Act 1999
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
  laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992. *The timetable for consideration of the draft Order remains unchanged.*

9 March 2015
Scottish Marine Regions Order 2015 [draft]
  laid under section 165(5) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

12 March 2015
Health and Care Professions (Public Health Specialists and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2015 [draft] *(withdrawn)*

27 March 2015
Climate Change (Additional Greenhouse Gas) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft]
  laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

1 April 2015
Enhanced Enforcement Areas Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft]
  laid under section 101(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

20 April 2015
Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft]
  laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

  laid under section 459(6)(b) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

28 April 2015
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Extension) Order 2015 [draft]
  laid under section 133(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
  laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

2. Instruments subject to approval

18 December 2014
Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/367)
  laid under section 41(3) and (4)(b) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

5 February 2015
Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/45)
  laid under section 41(3) and (4)(d) and (e) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

3. 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

19 May 2014
Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/129)
  laid under section 78(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/130)
  laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003

Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/132)
  laid under section 99(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

22 May 2014
Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/137)
  laid under section 195(3) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

27 May 2014
Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/139)
  laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

29 May 2014
Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/140)
laid under section 6(1) of the Plant Health Act 1967

Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/141)
  laid under section 54(2) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

St Mary’s Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/143)
  laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

30 May 2014
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/142)
  laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/145)
  laid under section 21(7) the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

Assigned Colleges (University of the Highlands and Islands) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/146)
  laid under section 34(3) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/147)
  laid under section 138(3) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/148)
  laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/149)
  laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Land Register Rules etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/150)
  laid under section 116(2)(g) of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

Specified Diseases (Notification and Slaughter) (Amendment) and Compensation (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/151)
  laid under section 33(4) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/154)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

5 June 2014
Adults with Incapacity (Supervision of Welfare Guardians etc. by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/157)
laid under section 86(1) of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

Right to Information (Suspects and Accused Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/159)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

9 June 2014
Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/164)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Services Pensions Act 2013

12 June 2014
Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/167)
laid under section 16 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

13 June 2014
Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Inverclyde Council) Designation Order 2014 (SSI 2014/169)
laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (Inverclyde Council Parking Area) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/170)
laid under section 134(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (Inverclyde Council) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/171)
laid under section 82(7) the Road Traffic Act 1991

18 June 2014
Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013 (Specification of Commercially Damaging Species) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/176)
laid under section 62(3) of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013

25 June 2014
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/184)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

26 June 2014
Protection of Seals (Designation of Haul-Out Sites) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/185)
laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
7 July 2014

Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/200)
laid under section 105(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973
23 July 2014

laid section 115 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998
31 July 2014

Food Hygiene and Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/213)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972
1 August 2014

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/214)
laid under section 275(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
7 August 2014

Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/217)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013
14 August 2014

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/219)
laid under section 54(4) of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/220)
laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003
21 August 2014

Bankruptcy (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/225)
laid under section 72(1) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985.

Bankruptcy (Applications and Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/226)
laid under section 72(1) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/227)
laid under section 72(1) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985
22 August 2014
Local Government Pension Scheme (Transitional Provisions and Savings) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/233) laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013 and section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

12 September 2014

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/243) laid under section 29 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

25 September 2014

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/249) laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

26 September 2014

Legal Aid and Assistance By Way of Representation (Fees for Time at Court and Travelling) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/257) laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

29 September 2014

Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/258) laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

30 September 2014

South Arran Marine Conservation Order 2014 (SSI 2014/260) laid under section 165(2) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

9 October 2014

Convener of the School Closure Review Panels (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/262) laid under section 20 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

Members of a School Closure Review Panel (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/263) laid under section 20 of the Schools (Consultation) (Scotland) Act 2010

10 October 2014

Act of Sederunt (Commissary Business) (Amendment) 2014 (SSI 2014/265) laid under section 54 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1876

16 October 2014

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Order of Council 2014 (SSI 2014/268) laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

30 October 2014
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Monitoring Committees) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/281) 
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Local Authority Officers) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/282) 
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Consultees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/283) 
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Days) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/284) 
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/285) 
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

31 October 2014
Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3, Saving, Transitional Provision and Revocation) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/287) 
laid under sections 35(4) and 36(2) of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014

5 November 2014
Products Containing Meat etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/289) 
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

7 November 2014
Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/292) 
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/295) 
laid under section 103(4) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

South Arran Marine Conservation (Amendment) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/297) 
laid under section 165(2) and (4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

10 November 2014
Discretionary Housing Payments (Limit on Total Expenditure) Revocation (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/298)
laid under article 4(2) of the Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2014 (SI 2014/2918)

13 November 2014
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/300)
   laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/301)
   laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Civil Partnership (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/303)
   laid under section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/304)
   laid under 8(1G) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977

Same Sex Marriage (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/305)
   laid under section 8(1G) of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Prescribed Forms) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/306)
   laid under section 126(4) of the Civil Partnership Act 2004

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Health Professionals and Social Care Professionals) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/307)
   laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Membership of Strategic Planning Group) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/308)
   laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

14 November 2014
Looked After Children (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/310)
   laid under section 103(2) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

Food Information (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/312)
   laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

17 November 2014
Notice of Potential Liability for Costs (Discharge Notice) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/313)
laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 and
section 32(1) and (2) of the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004

20 November 2014
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provision) (No. 2)
Order 2014 (SSI 2014/315)
laid under section 99(4) of the Children and Young People (Scotland)
Act 2014

Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI
2014/316)
laid under section 63(3) of the Clean Air Act 1993

Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI
2014/317)
laid under section 63(2) of the Clean Air Act 1993

Education (Disapplication of section 53B) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI
2014/318)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Environmental Regulation (Relevant Offences) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI
2014/319)
laid under section 58 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Controlled Waste (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI
2014/320)
laid under section 161 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Litter (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/321)
laid under section 161 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Environmental Regulation (Liability where Activity Carried Out by
Arrangement with Another) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/323)
laid under section 58 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Environmental Regulation (Significant Environmental Harm) (Scotland) Order
2014 (SSI 2014/324)
laid under section 58 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Common Agricultural Policy (Cross-Compliance) (Scotland) Regulations 2014
(SSI 2014/325)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities
Act 1972

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Content of Performance Reports) (Scotland)
Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/326)
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

24 November 2014
Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/327)
laid under section 68(2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

27 November 2014
Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Protection Measures) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2014/333)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/335)
laid under section 103 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

1 December 2014
Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/336)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Mutual Recognition of Supervision Measures in the European Union (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/337)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/338)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and section 56 of the Finance Act 1973

2 December 2014
Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Authorisation of Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/339)
laid under section 28 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

8 December 2014
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Prescribed Proportions) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/350)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Qualifying Public or Educational Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/351)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Definition of Charity) (Relevant Territories) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/352)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

10 December 2014
laid under section 72(2)(a) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

11 December 2014
Scottish Tax Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/355)
laid under section 254 of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

12 December 2014
Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/357)
laid under section 68 of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

16 December 2014
Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Prescribed Relatives) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/360)
laid under sections 2 and 6 of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

18 December 2014
Building (Scotland) Act 2003 (Charging Orders) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/369)
laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

19 December 2014
Children (Performances and Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/372)
laid under sections 37(8) and 39(7) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963
Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/373)
laid under section 2(4) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/374)
laid under section 18(3) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Administration) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/375)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Ancillary Provision) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/376)
laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

laid under section 68 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

22 December 2014
Sea Fishing (Points for Masters of Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/379)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

9 January 2015
Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/1)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/3)
laid under section 41(8) of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014

16 January 2015
Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration and Severance Payments) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/7)
laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/9)
laid under section 21(7) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 and section 6(4) of the Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Act 2014

19 January 2015
Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/10)
laid under section 6(1) of the Plant Health Act 1967

20 January 2015
Tweed Regulation Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/11)
laid under article 77 of the Scotland Act 1998 (River Tweed) Order 2006

26 January 2015
Revenue Scotland (First Planning Period) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/16)
laid under section 254 of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/19)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

29 January 2015
Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2015 (SSI 2015/28)
laid under section 20 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

Loch Ewe, Isle of Ewe, Wester Ross, Scallops Several Fishery Order 2015 (SSI 2015/30)
laid under section 20 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967

2 February 2015
Health and Care Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2015 (SI 2015/93)
laid under article 42(3) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Fees for Payment) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/36)
laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Involved Third Party) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/37)
laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Privileged Communications) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/38)
laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

5 February 2015
Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/46)
laid under section 113(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/47)
laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Fish Labelling (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/48)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972 and section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990
Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/49)
  laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/50)
  laid under section 6A(2) of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act 1956

  6 February 2015
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (Procedure for Appointment of Members) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/53)
  laid under section 71(3) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

  13 February 2015
Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/58)
  laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

  16 February 2015
Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2015 (SI 2015/200)
  laid under section 115 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

  19 February 2015
Local Government Pension Scheme (Governance) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/60)
  laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Support and Assistance of Young People Leaving Care (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/62)
  laid under section 78(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/64)
  laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/65)
  laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards and Integration Joint Monitoring Committees) (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/66)
  laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

  20 February 2015
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Transitional Provisions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/71)
laid under section 68(7) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013

26 February 2015
Provision of Water and Sewerage Services (Reasonable Cost) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/79)
laid under section 1(6) of the Sewerage (Scotland) Act 1968 and section 101(2) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980

27 February 2015
Bankruptcy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/80)
laid under section 72(1) the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/81)
laid under section 195(8) of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003

Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (Fees) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/400)
laid under section 38 of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002

2 March 2015
National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/86)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/87)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/88)
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/89)
laid under section 163 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/90)
laid under section 114(3) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011

National Health Service (Cross-Border Health Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/91)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972
Reservoirs (Panels of Reservoir Engineers: Sections under which Members may be Appointed) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/92)
  laid under section 114(3) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011

3 March 2015
National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/94)
  laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service Pension Scheme (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/95)
  laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/96)
  laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/97)
  laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Teachers’ Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/98)
  laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/100)
  laid under section 60 of the Food (Scotland) Act 2015

Waste (Recyclate Quality) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/101)
  laid under section 161 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and section 2(8) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

5 March 2015
National Health Service (Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Indemnity Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/102)
  laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/103)
  laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

6 March 2015
Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Variation Scheme 2015 (SSI 2015/105)
  laid under section 42 of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993
13 March 2015
Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fixed Penalty Notices) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/113)
  laid under section 43(2) of the Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007

26 March 2015
Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/140)
  laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

Firefighters’ Pension Schemes (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/141)
  laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/142)
  laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firefighters’ Compensation Scheme and Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/143)
  laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

27 March 2015
Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Repayment Charge and Discharge) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/144)
  laid under section 191(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 and section 101(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

2 April 2015
National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/160)
  laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorisation of Cremation – Death Outwith Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/162)
  laid under section 29 of the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011

Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Application for Review) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/163)
  laid under section 29 of the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011

Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/164)
  laid under section 29 of the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011

Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Post-Mortem Examinations – Death Outwith United Kingdom) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/165)
  laid under section 29 of the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011
Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 (Prohibition on Disposal of a Body without Authorisation) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/166)

laid under section 27A of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

7 April 2015

Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/161)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

8 April 2015

Common Agricultural Policy Non-IACS Support Schemes (Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/167)

laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

21 April 2015

Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/173)

laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

Police Pensions (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/174)

laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

30 April 2015

Town and Country Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/181)

laid under section 39(3) of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Town and Country Planning (Hazardous Substances Inquiry Session Procedure) (Scotland) Rules 2015 (SSI 2015/182)

laid under section 15 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992

Outer Hebrides (Landing of Crabs and Lobsters) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/183)

laid under section 20 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

1 May 2015

Scottish Tax Tribunals (Time Limits and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/184)

laid under section 254(1) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/185)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

7 May 2015
Waste (Meaning of Hazardous Waste and European Waste Catalogue) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/188)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

8 May 2015
Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/189)
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

4. Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the date indicated and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

16 May 2014
Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Designated Day) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/127)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 May 2014
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/131 (C.9))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 May 2014
Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/144 (C.10))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Ordinary Cause Rules and Summary Cause Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/152)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 June 2014
Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/160 (C.11))
laid under section 58 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment) (Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) 2014 (SSI 2014/162)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 June 2014
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/165 (C.12))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 June 2014
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/172 (C.13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 9 and Savings Amendment) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/173 (C.14))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 June 2014
Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/183 (C.15))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

7 July 2014
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/201)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 July 2014
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No.1) Order 2014 (SSI/2014/202)
laid under section 69(6) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 July 2014
Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/210)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/212)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
11 August 2014
Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/218 (C.19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 August 2014
Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Commencement) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/221 (C.20))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 August 2014
Rules of the Scottish Land Court Order 2014 (SSI 2014/229)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 August 2014
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/231 (C.21))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 September 2014
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 September 2014
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/251 (C.22))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 October 2014
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2, Savings and Transitionals) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/261 (C.23))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

9 October 2014
Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/264 (C.24))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 October 2014
laid under section 1 of the United Nations Act 1946

27 October 2014
Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No.1) Order 2014  
(SSI 2014/277 (C.25))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order  
2014 (SSI 2014/278 (C.26))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement  
No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/279 (C.27))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

7 November 2014
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules  
Amendment No. 2) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/291)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

14 November 2014
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules  
Amendment No. 2) (Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014) 2014  
(SSI 2014/302)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

20 November 2014
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

3 December 2014
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 2)  
(Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/349)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

4 December 2014
Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014  
(SSI 2014/348 (C.30))  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform  
(Scotland) Act 2010

10 December 2014
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 5 and Saving Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/353) (C.31)
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 December 2014
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 December 2014
Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/359 (C.32))
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 December 2014
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/365) (C.33)
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 December 2014
Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/368 (C.34))
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/370 (C.35))
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 December 2014
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment No. 3) (Mutual Recognition of Protection Measures) 2014 (SSI 2014/371)
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 January 2015
Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Adoption Rules Amendment) 2015 (SSI 2015/5)
  laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 January 2015
Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/8 (C.1))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

21 January 2015
Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/12 (C.2))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 January 2015
Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4 and Savings Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/14 (C.3))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 January 2015
Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/17 (C.4))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/18 (C.5))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 January 2015
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment) (Regulation (EU) No. 1215/2012) 2015 (SSI 2015/26)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 January 2015
Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/31 (C.6))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 2) (Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) 2015 (SSI 2015/35)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 February 2015
Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/43 (C.7))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/44 (C.8))
laid under section 69(6) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/51)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 February 2015
Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/52 (C.9))
laid under section 58(5) of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

9 February 2015
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2, Savings and Transitionals) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/54 (C.10))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 February 2015
Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Commencement No. 11) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/59 (C.11))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 February 2015
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/61 (C.12))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/63 (C.13))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 February 2015
Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Commencement No. 20) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2014/72 (C.14))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Environment Act 1995 (Commencement No. 24) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2014/73 (C.15))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 (Commencement No. 3) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2014/74 (C.16))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 February 2015
Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/77 (C.17))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

27 February 2015
Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/82 (C.18))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 March 2015
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment) (Reporting Restrictions) 2015 (SSI 2015/84)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment No. 3) (Reporting Restrictions) 2015 (SSI 2015/85)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

3 March 2015
Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/99 (C.19))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 March 2015
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/104 (C.20))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 March 2015
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/108 (C.21))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/109 (C.22))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/110 (C.23))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/115 (C.24))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/116 (C.25))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 March 2015
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Bankruptcy Rules Amendment) (Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014) 2015 (SSI 2015/119)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Fitness for Judicial Office Tribunal Rules) 2015 (SSI 2015/120)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 2) (European Protection Orders) 2015 (SSI 2015/121)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 March 2015
Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/122 (C.26))
laid under section 30(1) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 March 2015
Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 (Commencement No. 4 and Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/139 (C.27))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 April 2015
Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause Rules Amendment) (Proving the Tenor and Reduction) 2015 (SSI 2015/176)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/177 (C.28))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/179 (C.29))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

24 April 2015
Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/180)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 April 2015
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Extension) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 133(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 99(2) of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

1 May 2015
Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/186)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scottish Tax Tribunals (Conduct and Fitness Assessment Tribunal) Rules 2015 (SSI 2015/187)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 May 2015
Forth Road Bridge Act 2013 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/190 (C.30))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5. Legislative Consent Memoranda

The following memoranda were lodged on the dates indicated:

8 August 2014
John Swinney: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 31.1)

15 August 2014
Nicola Sturgeon: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Deregulation Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM (S4) 30.2)

18 August 2014

Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 32.1)

23 October 2014

Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 33.1)

11 November 2014

John Swinney: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Infrastructure Bill 2014-15 (LCM(S4) 34.1)

14 November 2014

Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Modern Slavery Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4)35.1)

3 December 2014

Shona Robison: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 36.1)

12 January 2015

Michael Matheson: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM (S4) 33.2)

13 January 2015

John Swinney: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill: Public Sector Exit Payments (LCM(S4) 31.2)

6. Public Body Consent Memoranda

The following memoranda were lodged on the dates indicated:

3 December 2014

Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Public Body Consent Memorandum on The Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2014 (UK Parliament legislation) (PBCM(S4) 10.1). Please note that the date in the title has been changed from 2014 to 2015—

Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Public Body Consent Memorandum on The Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2015 (UK Parliament legislation) (PBCM(S4) 10.1)

7 January 2015

Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment: Public Body Consent Memorandum on The Public Bodies
(Abolition of the Advisory Committees on Pesticides) Order 2015 (UK Parliament legislation) PBCM(S4)11.1
Annex C: Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

21 May 2014
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations for May 2014 (SPSO/2014/05) —
Volume 1
Case 201203602: Lothian NHS Board - Acute Division
Case 201204510: Lothian NHS Board
Volumes 2 & 3
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 May 2014
laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

29 May 2014
Climate Ready Scotland: Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme SG/2014/83
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 53 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

30 May 2014
Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2013/14 (SCJC/2014/01)—
Scottish Civil Justice Council Programme 2014/15 (SCJC/2014/02)—
laid under section 5(4) of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

4 June 2014
Scotland’s Public Finances – a follow-up audit: progress in meeting the challenges. A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2014/4)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

5 June 2014
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2010–11 (For the year ended 31 March 2011) SG/2014/12—
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2011–12 (For the year ended 31 March 2012) SG/2014/13—
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2012–13 (For the year ended 31 March 2013) SG/2014/14—
laid under section 5(7) of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983

10 June 2014
Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 13/14 Year ended 31 March 2014 and Independent Auditor’s Report (SP Paper 557)
laid before the Parliament under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Government Chemist Review 2013 (SG/2014/82)
laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

11 June 2014
Audit Scotland: Self-directed support – a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2014/5)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 June 2014
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Covert Human Intelligence Sources Draft Revised Code of Practice SG/2014/110—
Covert Surveillance and Property Interference Draft Revised Code of Practice (SG/2014/111)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under 24(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000 (“the 2000 Act”). The code is not a Scottish Statutory Instrument nor does it have legislative effect. However, in accordance with section 24(5) of the 2000 Act, it shall not be brought into force except in accordance with an order made by the Scottish Ministers.

17 June 2014
Giving Children and Young People a Sporting Chance (SG/2014/80)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

18 June 2014
Food Standards Agency Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts 2013/14 (For the year ended 31 March 2014) SG/2014/31—
Food Standards Agency in Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (For the year ended 31 March 2014) SG/2014/32—
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 4 of the Food Standards Act 1999

19 June 2014
Treasure Trove in Scotland Report by Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer 2013/2014 SG/2014/116
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.
23 June 2014
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report and Accounts Financial Year: April 2013 to March 2014 (SG/2014/90)
    laid under section 14(8) & 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

The Scottish Government Scotland’s Third National Planning Framework (SG/2014/100)
    laid under Part 1A Section 3C(1) of the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

    laid under Part 1A Section 3C(2)(a) of the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

    laid under Part 1 Section 3C(2)(b) of the Planning Etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

24 June 2014
HM Courts & Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/87)
    laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

25 June 2014
Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/115)
    laid under paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

    laid under paragraphs 7 & 8 of schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2014 (SPSO/2014/06) -
    Volume 1-
    Case 201300380: Lothian NHS Board-
    Case 201301359: Grampian NHS Board-
    Volume 2 & 3 - Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations-
    laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Section 70 Grant Payments In accordance with: Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2013-14 (SG/2014/119)
    laid under section 70(4) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001
HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland Annual Report 2013-2014 (SG/2014/95)  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power  

26 June 2014  
Food Standards Agency: Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) (SG/2014/126)  
laid under section 40(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990, regulation 24(1) of the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and regulation 6(1) of the Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Regulations 2009  

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland: Thematic Review of CONTEST Prepare 2013 (HMICS/2014/01)  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012  

Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012 Annual Report - 2014 (SG/2014/86)  
laid under section 4(2) of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Act 2012  

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/81)  
laid under Article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008  

Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 13/14 (SG/2014/105)  
laid under paragraph 24 of Schedule 1 to the Climate Change Act 2008  

Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/16)  
laid under section 6 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995  

laid under section 5(5) of the Utilities Act 2000 and section 6(4) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000  

laid under paragraph 16(2) of schedule 7 the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002  

Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner for 2013 (SG/2014/103)  
laid under section 60(4A) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
Renewable Heat Action and Target – An Update: 2014 Update of Actions 
Taken to Implement the Renewable Heat Action Plan (SG/2014/122) 
laid under article 62 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/123) 
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

30 June 2014
Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Annual Report and Accounts 
2013 (SG/2014/124) 
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Annual Report 2013-14 
(SG/2014/74) 
laid under paragraph 8 of schedule 9A to the Criminal Procedure 
(Scotland) Act 1995

Education Scotland Annual Accounts 2014 & Auditor General for Scotland’s 
Report (SG/2014/79)—
Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2013-14 Annual Accounts 
(SG/2014/75)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability 
(Scotland) Act 2000

3 July 2014
(SG/2014/133) 
laid under paragraph 9 of schedule 1 to the Gaelic Language (Scotland) 
Act 2005 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability 
(Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Blood and Transplant Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 
(SG/2014/96) 
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

The Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts For the period 1 
April 2013 to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/134) 
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not 
under any laying power

4 July 2014
laid under section 5 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

9 July 2014
The United Kingdom Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and Lottery Distribution 
Fund Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/85)
laid under sections 34(3) & 35(5) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 and section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

10 July 2014
laid under Paragraphs 14 and 16 of Schedule 4 of the Gambling Act 2005 and Section 14(3) and Paragraph 11(4) of Schedule 2A of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2013 (SG/2014/89)
laid under sections 2B and 2C of the Dentists Act 1984

National Lottery Commission Report and Accounts for the six months ended 30 September 2013 (SG/2014/99)
laid under Section 14(3) and Paragraph 11(4) of Schedule 2A of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

11 July 2014
MG Alba Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 13-14 (SG/2014/137)
laid under Paragraph 12 of schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1981

UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (UKSA/2014/01)
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

UK Anti-Doping Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/51)
laid section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Canals Corporate Plan 2014-17 (SG/2014/132)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

laid under section 24(3) and 27(8c) of the Transport Act 1962

14 July 2014
The Law Commission and The Scottish Law Commission - Insurance Contract Law: Business Disclosure; Warranties; Insurers' Remedies for Fraudulent Claims; and Late Payment (SG/2014/131)
laid by a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

15 July 2014
Committee on Climate Change Meeting Carbon Budgets – 2014 Progress Report to Parliament (SG/2014/140)
laid under section 36(1) and (2) of the Climate Change Act 2008

Heritage Lottery Fund National Heritage Memorial Fund Lottery Distribution Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/113)
laid under sections 34(3) and 35(5) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

National Heritage Memorial Fund Report and Accounts 2013-2014
(SG/2014/114)
laid under section 7(1) and (3) of the National Heritage Act 1980

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/128)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 July 2014
British Tourist Authority Trading as VisitBritain & VisitEngland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/88)
laid under section 6(4) and (6) of the Development of Tourism Act 1969

British Library Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/91)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Student Awards Agency for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14
(SG/2014/125)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

17 July 2014
Health and Care Professions Council Annual Report and Accounts 2013–14
(SG/2014/130)
laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health and Social Work Professions Order 2001

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 2014 (SG/2014/118)
laid under Sections 11 and 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

laid under section 7 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005

21 July 2014
Big Lottery Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/117)
laid under section 34(3) of, and paragraph 21 of schedule 4A, to the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

Passenger Focus Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/127)
laid under paragraphs 9 and 11 of Schedule 5 to the Railways Act 2005

HMICS Review of Legacy Inspection Recommendations (HMICS/2014/02)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

22 July 2014
laid under section 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

23 July 2014
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2014 (SPSO/2014/07)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

25 July 2014
Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2014: (SG/2014/142)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under section 13(3) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2012

28 July 2014
laid under paragraph 15(3) of schedule 1 to the Education (Additional Support for Learning) Act 2004

30 July 2014
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/135)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

31 July 2014
laid under section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

5 August 2014
laid under section 2(7) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004

Forestry Commission Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/141)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

6 August 2014
Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report (CCYP/2014/01)
laid under section 10(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003.

Quality Meat Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the 12 Months to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/151)
laid under article 12(7) of the Quality Meat (Scotland) Order 2008 (SSI 2008/07) and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 August 2014
Scottish Information Commissioner Special Report: Failure to Respond to FOI requests: extent, impact and remedy (SG/2014/145)
laid under section 46(3) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Annual Report 2014 (SPSO/2014/AR)
laid in pursuance of section 17(1) and (3) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

8 August 2014
laid under section 11(7) of the Child Poverty Act 2010

11 August 2014
HMICS Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland (HMICS/2014/04)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

14 August 2014
laid under Section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

18 August 2014
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2013-14 (SG/2014/157)
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

20 August 2014
Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/158)—
Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/160)—
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  laid under section 12 of the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011.

  laid under section 4 of the Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013

  laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2013/14 (SCfS/2014/01)
  laid in pursuance of paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions & Commissioners etc. Act 2010

  26 August 2014
Scottish Law Commission Report on Trust Law (SG/2014/147)
  laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

  27 August 2014
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Accounts Accounts Year ended 31 March 2014: (SG/2014/170)
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  4 September 2014
Annual Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to the Scottish Ministers for 2013-2014 (SG 2014 92)
  laid under section 107(3A) of the Police Act 1997

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2014 (SG 2014 174)
  laid under paragraph 18(3) of schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

8 September 2014
laid under section 2B of, and paragraph 19 of schedule 1 to, the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993 as amended by the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2007 and the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

25 September 2014
laid under section 12 of the Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009.

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/149)
laid under sections 15(2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Scottish Housing Regulator Our Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/107)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 September 2014
Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2013-2014 (SG/2014/176)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

29 September 2014
Education Scotland Annual Review 2013/2014 (SG/2014/78)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland Annual Report 2013-2014 (SG/2014/120)
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

Scottish Information Commissioner 2013/14 Annual Report (SG/2014/162)
laid under section 46 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

30 September 2014
Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/177)
   laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

1 October 2014
Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/185)
   laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Borders Health Board Annual Accounts Final 2013/14 (SG/2014/186)
   laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/187)
   laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife Health Board Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/188)
   laid before under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/208)
   laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/156)
   laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/207)
   laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Law Commission Report on Adults with Incapacity (SG/2014/180)
   laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

2 October 2014
Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/189)
   laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
Grampian Health Board Annual Accounts Year-End 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/190)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/191)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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

Shetland NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/196)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2014/181)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/179)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Young Start Annual Report 2013/14 (SG/2014/183)
    laid under Schedule 3, Part 3, Paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008

      3 October 2014

Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/193)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

National Waiting Times Centre Board Directors’ Report and Accounts for year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/203)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/201)
    laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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NHS National Services Scotland Directors' Report & Accounts for the year to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/199)
  laid before under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

NHS Western Isles Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/198)
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Accounts and Notes for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/200)
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Tayside Health Board Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/197)
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/204)
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

6 October 2014
Transport Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/213)—
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

HM Fire Service Inspectorate: Integrity, Objectivity, and Fairness: Emergency Medical Response and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2014/178)
  laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 October 2014

10 October 2014
Argyll Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/166)—
Calmac Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/165)—
laid under section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1984

14 October 2014
Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/209)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

16 October 2014
Local Policing + Pilot Inspection of Fife Division October 2014 (HMICS/2014/05)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

17 October 2014
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 43(5) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

20 October 2014
laid under section 26B of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

21 October 2014
Children’s Hearings Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/228)
laid under paragraph 23(4) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under paragraph 23(4) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

22 October 2014
laid under section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations (SPSO/2014/10)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002
Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14
(SG/2014/108)
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
2013/14 (CES/2014/01)
laid in pursuance of section 25(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary
Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010 as amended

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st
March 2014 (SG/2014/216)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/217)
laid under section 34(6) of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

Highland Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014
(SG/2014/192)
Highlands and Islands Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14
(SG/2014/214)
NHS 24 Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014
(SG/2014/202)
NHS Orkney Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014
(SG/2014/195)
The 2013/14 audit of NHS 24 Management of an IT contract (SG/2014/232)
The 2013/14 audit of NHS Highland Financial management (SG/2014/230)
The 2013/14 audit of NHS Orkney Financial management (SG/2014/231)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Accounts
Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/229)
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

Review of Firearms Authority for Armed Response Vehicle Crews within
Police Scotland (HMICS/2014/06)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act
2012

The Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2013/14 (CES/2014/01) was laid on 23rd October 2014 and subsequently has been amended by erratum. The amendment changes the
text on page 15, table 8 - Under LA/Fa/1264* the ‘Nature of the Breach’ to
‘Misuse of council facilities’ and not ‘Disrespect of councillors/officials’. A copy
of the erratum is available in SPICe

28 October 2014
laid under paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010.

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts 2013/14
(SPCPF/2014/01)
laid under Schedule 1, Part S, Rule 102 (2)(b) of the Scottish

(SHRC/2014/01)
laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights
Act 2006

29 October 2014
NHS in Scotland 2013/14: a report prepared for the Auditor General for
Scotland (AGS/2014/6)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration Annual Accounts Year Ended 31
March 2014 (SG/2014/225)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000.

Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration Annual Report 2013/14
(SG/2014/224)
laid under paragraph 21 of schedule 3 of the Children’s Hearings
(Scotland) Act 2011

30 October 2014
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2014-2015 Autumn Budget Revision to
the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2015 (SG/2014/221)

Scottish Environment Protection Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2013-
2014 (SG/2014/171)
laid under section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 & section 22(5) of the
Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

The Scottish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Annual Target 2012 (SG/2014/215)
laid under section 33 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

31 October 2014
Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2013-2014 (SG/2014/218)
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.
Scottish Legal Aid Board Statement of Accounts For the year ending 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/219)
  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.

The Scottish Civil Estate: Efficiency and Sustainability 2013/14 The Fourth Report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2014/172)
  laid under Section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

6 November 2014
The Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/222)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

7 November 2014
Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SG/2014/237)
  laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 November 2014
Scottish Regulators’ Strategic Code of Practice (SG/2014/236)
  laid under section 6 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

13 November 2014
HM Fire Service Inspectorate Risk-based operational decision-making in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2014/182)
  laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

14 November 2014
Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/241)
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 November 2014
Disclosure Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14: (SG/2014/152)
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 November 2014
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2014 (SPSO/2014/11)
  laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002
Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SG/2014/246) 
laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (This document replaces Explanatory Document - The Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SG/2014/237) laid on 7 November 2014 and withdrawn on 19 November 2014)

21 November 2014
Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013/2014 (SG/2014/249) 
laid under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/247) 
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts Aithisg Bhliadhnaig Cunntasan 2013/14 (SG/2014/248) 
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

24 November 2014
The Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry Report & Executive Summary (AGS/2014/7) 
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

laid under section 47(2) of the Police Scotland Act 1967 as amended by section 62 of the Police and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1994

26 November 2014
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

27 November 2014
laid under paragraph 8(3) of Schedule 2 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.

NHS Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/254)—
Scottish Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/253)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

2 December 2014
National Records of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2013-2014 (SG/2014/97)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
laid under section 31(5) of the Environment Act 1995
Covert Human Intelligence Sources Code of Practice (SG/2014/268)
Covert Surveillance and Property Interference Code of Practice (SG/2014/269)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 24 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000

3 December 2014
The Scottish Court Service Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SCS/2014/02)
laid under section 67 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

laid under section 5(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

4 December 2014
Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/155)
laid under section 15(2) of Schedule 11 to the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 December 2014
Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/270)—
National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/250) —
National Galleries of Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/251) —
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

10 December 2014
laid under section 60(5) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and regulation 18(4) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013/2014 (SG/2014/242)
laid under section 11(8) of the Fisheries Act 1981

‘Preparations for the implementation of the Scotland Act 2012’: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2014/8)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

11 December 2014
Scotland’s National Marine Plan (SG/2014/240)
laid under paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

VisitScotland Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/258)
laid under section 6(6) of the Development of Tourism Act 1969 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

12 December 2014
Historic Scotland Annual Report 2013-14 (SG/2014/210)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Limited Annual Report and Group Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/256)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/257)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/271)
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

Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/259)—
Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/260)—
Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/261)—
Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/262)—
Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/263)—
North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/264)—
South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/265)—
Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/266)—
    laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts Year ended 30 June 2014 (SG/2014/239)
    laid under paragraph 15 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 & section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

    laid under paragraph 16 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

    16 December 2014
Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/272)—
Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Accounts for 2013/14 (SG/2014/280)—
Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual report on the 2013/14 audit (SG/2014/281)—
    laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Independence Referendum Report on the referendum held on 18 September 2014 (ELC/2014/2)
    laid in pursuance of Section 27 of the Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013.

Scottish Water Interim Accounts for the six months to 30 September 2014 (SG/2014/279)
    laid under section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

    17 December 2014
    laid under section 34 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993.

Homeowner Housing Panel Annual Report 2013 (SG/2014/274)
    laid under section 27(3) of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011.
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts 2013-2014 (SG/2014/282)—
The Queen's Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2013 to
31 March 2014 (SG/2014/275)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the
Scottish Government and not under any laying power

18 December 2014
Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Review 2014 (SG/2014/244)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the
Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

British Film Institute Group and Lottery Annual Report and Financial
Statements 2013-14 (SG/2014/139)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998.

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2013/2014 (SG/2014/235)
laid under paragraph 14(3) of schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and
Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

The Scottish Government Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration
for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/106)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the
Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

The Scottish Government: Local Government Portfolio: Non Domestic Rating
Account 2013-14 (SG/2014/273)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000.

The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited Annual Report and Financial
Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/5)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

19 December 2014
Audit Scotland: The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Police Authority
(SG/2014/278)—
Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for
the eight month period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/283)—
Borders College Report and Financial Statements for 8 months ended 31
March 2014 (SG/2014/284) —
City of Glasgow College Annual Report 2013-14 (SG/2014/285)—
Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for
the period 1 August 2013 to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/286)—
Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the period
ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/287)—
Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial
Statements for the eight months ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/288)—
Glasgow Clyde College Report of the Board of Management and Financial Statements 2013/14 for the 8 month period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/289)—
New College Lanarkshire Financial Statements Period ending 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/290)—
North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the eight month period to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/291)—
South Lanarkshire College Report and Financial Statements for the 8 month period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/292)—
West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/293)—
West Lothian College Operating and Financial Review for the eight month period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/294) —
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

laid under section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts 2013-2014 (SG/2014/277)
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.

laid under section 51 of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the Scottish Police Authority for the year to 31 March 2014 SG/2014/243
laid under section 7(5) and 15(3) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006.

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations (SPSO/2014/12)
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 December 2014

HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection of the Investigative Approach to Rape in Fife Division (HMICS/2014/08)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

7 January 2015
The Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2014 Annual Report:
(SG/2015/5)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

12 January 2015
Scottish Regulators’ Strategic Code of Practice (SG/2015/10)
laid under section 6 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

13 January 2015
Statement - Scottish Canals: Fees of Chair and Board Members
SG/2015/11
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

15 January 2015
Scotland’s Budget Documents 2015-16: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document for the year ending 31 March 2016 (SG/2015/3)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

16 January 2015
Scottish Information Commissioner - FOI 10 years on: Are the right organisations covered? (SG/2015/02)
laid under section 46(3) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

21 January 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2015 (SPSO/2015/01)
laid under sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 – Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2015/14)
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

22 January 2015
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2015/6)—
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2015/7)—
laid under section 5(7) of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1983

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2013-2014 (SG/2015/1)
laid under paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993

23 January 2015
Banff and Buchan College of Further Education Accounts for the 3 month period 1st August 2013 – 31st October 2013 (SG/2015/16)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 January 2015
Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2012/13: (SG/2015/8)—
Security Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2015/9)—
laid under paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001

30 January 2015
Private Rented Housing Panel Annual Report 2013 (SG/2015/4)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 29(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

5 February 2015
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2014-15 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/18)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2014 (SG/2015/13)
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

6 February 2015
Community Payback Order Scottish Government Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2013-14 (SG/2015/19)
laid under section 227ZM of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Scottish Law Commission Ninth Programme of Law Reform (SG/2015/17)
laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People: How Young People’s Participation in School Supports Achievement and Attainment (CCYP/2015/01)
laid under section 12(1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

16 February 2015
laid under section 459(7) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, which requires the Scottish Ministers to lay a copy of every SI containing an Order in Council made under section 445 of that Act before the Scottish Parliament

18 February 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2015 (SPSO/2015/02)
   laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002
   
   23 February 2015
The Third Annual Report on the Operation of Section 66 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2015/24)
   laid under section 66 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

The Scottish Government’s purchase of Glasgow Prestwick Airport – a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/1)
   laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

   24 February 2015
Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics 2013-14 (SG/2015/12)
   laid under section 118 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

   25 February 2015
‘Superfast Broadband for Scotland: A Progress Report’ – A Report Prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/02)
   laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act.

The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 – Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2015/25)
   The document is being laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

   26 February 2015
HMICS Local Policing + Inspection Programme – Inspection of Ayrshire Division (HMICS/2015/01)
   laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire reform (Scotland) Act 2012

   3 March 2015
Code of Practice on Sampling and Reporting at Materials Recovery Facilities: (SG/2015/27)
   laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

   6 March 2015
The Electoral Commission: Annual Report and Accounts 2013-2014 (ELC/2015/01)
   laid pursuant to the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011

   11 March 2015
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

12 March 2015
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Report of the Interception of Communications Commissioner March 2015 (SG/2015/28)
laid under 58(6) the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

13 March 2015
Edinburgh College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2015/32)
laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Fife College Annual Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2015/33)
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 March 2015
Update on developing financial reporting: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/4)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

18 March 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2015 (SPSO/2015/03)—
Volume 1 of 4
Case 201304738: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Case 201305288: A Medical Practice in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board area
Volume 2 of 4
Case 201302900: Western Isles NHS Board
Case 201302982: Scottish Water
Volume 3 of 4
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
Volume 4 of 4
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Scotland’s Carbon Footprint 1998-2012 (SG/2015/35)
laid under section 37 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
24 March 2015
Committee on Climate Change Reducing emissions in Scotland 2015 progress report (SG/2015/31)
laid under section 9(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

laid under section 33(2)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

laid under section 33(1)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012

25 March 2015
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan Financial year beginning April 2015 to financial year ending March 2018 (SG/2015/23)
laid under Schedule 3 of the Energy Act 2004

The Penrose Inquiry: Final Report (SG/2015/15)
laid under section 26 of the Inquiries Act 2005

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme – Valuation Report @ 31 March 2014 (SPCPF/2015/01)
laid under schedule 1, part S, Rule 103(4) of the Scottish Parliamentary Pensions Act 2009

27 March 2015
Local Policing+ Inspection Programme: Inspection of the management of Intelligence in Ayrshire Division and the National Intelligence Bureau (HMICS/2015/03)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

National Marine Plan – Statement to Parliament (SG/2015/37)
laid under paragraph 13(3) of Schedule 1 to the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Scotland’s National Marine Plan (SG/2015/36)
laid under paragraph 14(5) of Schedule 1 to the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

30 March 2015
Fifth Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: SG/2015/20
laid under section 73 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Police Scotland Annual Force Plan 2015/16 (PSOS/2015/01)
laid under section 34(7)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012
31 March 2015
HMICS Audit and Assurance Review of Stop and Search: Phase 1 (HMICS/2015/02)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Return of expenditure Incurred and prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981 and Incidences of Notifiable Disease in imported animals for the year 2014 (SG/2015/26)
laid under section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

Revenue Scotland schedule of delegation to Registers of Scotland (RS/2015/01)—Revenue Scotland schedule of delegation to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (RS/2015/02)—laid under section 4(5) of the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers At 2014

Revenue Scotland Charter of Standards and Values (RS/2015/03)
laid under the Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers At 2014

1 April 2015
Scotland’s Colleges 2015: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/5)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

2 April 2015
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service – Framework Document (SCTS/2015/01)
laid under section 60 and schedule 3 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

13 April 2015
Food Standards Scotland: Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) (SG/2015/42)
laid under section 40(1) of the Food Safety Act 1990, regulation 24(1) of the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and regulation 6(1) of the Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Regulations 2009

Food Standards Scotland: Feed Law Enforcement Code of Practice (Scotland) (SG/2015/41)
laid under regulation 6(1) of the Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Regulations 2009

17 April 2015
University of the Highlands and Islands: Moray College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2014 (SG/2015/45)—
University of the Highlands and Islands: Perth College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2014 (SG/2015/47)—
  laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

20 April 2015
Code of Practice for Constables in Scotland issued under section 293 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (SG/2015/48)
  laid under section 293(3) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

22 April 2015
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for April 2015 (SPSO/2015/04)—
  Volume 1
  Case ref: 201401011, Lanarkshire NHS Board
  Case ref: 201400930, A Medical Practice in the Highland NHS Board area
  Case ref: 201303790, Lothian NHS Board
  Case ref: 201305972, Dumfries and Galloway 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

30 April 2015
Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (SG/2015/40)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

2. The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

  10 November 2014
Scottish Regulators’ Strategic Code of Practice (SG/2014/236)
  laid under section 6 of the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

3. The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and are subject to procedure—

  30 March 2015
Police Scotland Annual Force Plan 2015/16 (PSOS/2015/01)
  laid under section 34(7)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012
Annex D: Committee Reports

The following reports were published on the dates shown—

13 May 2014


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th report 2014 (Session 4): Food (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 523)

15 May 2014
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 6th Report, 2014 (Session 4), Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 524)

16 May 2014

18 May 2014
Equal Opportunities Committee, 1st Report, 2014 (Session 4): Fathers and Parenting (SP Paper 518)

20 May 2014

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th report 2014 (Session 4): Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum on the Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014 [draft] (SP Paper 528)

22 May 2014
City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee, 1st Report 2014 (Session 4): Consideration Stage Report (SP Paper 529)

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 4th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 531)

23 May 2014
European and External Relations Committee, 2nd Report, 2014 (Session 4): The Scottish Government’s proposals for an independent Scotland: membership of the European Union (SP Paper 530)

28 May 2014
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 37th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 532)


Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 5th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum on the Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014 [draft] (SP Paper 539)

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 6th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Annual report 2013-14 (SP Paper 540)


Welfare Reform Committee, 2nd Report, 2014 (Session 4): Food Banks and Welfare Reform (SP Paper 537)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 38th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 543)


Health and Sport Committee, 5th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 547)

Health and Sport Committee, 6th report 2014 (Session 4): Annual Report 2012-13 (SP paper 548)
6 June 2014
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 6th report, 2014 (Session 4) Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 553)


11 June 2014
Justice Sub-Committee 1st Report, 2014 (Session 4): The Sub-Committee’s activities in the first year of police reform (SP Paper 559)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 561)


17 June 2014

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st report 2014 (Session 4): Housing (Scotland) Bill as amended at stage 2 (SP Paper 565)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 42nd report 2014 (Session 4): Buildings (Recovery of Expenses) (Scotland) Bill as amended at stage 2 (SP Paper 566)

18 June 2014

19 June 2014
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 8th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 564)

Finance Committee, 5th report 2014 (Session 4): Appointments to the Scottish Fiscal Commission (SP Paper 558)

20 June 2014
Finance Committee, 6th report 2014 (Session 4): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Revenue Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] (SP Paper 569)


23 June 2014
Welfare Reform Committee, 5th Report, 2014 (Session 4): The Local Impact of Welfare Reform (SP Paper 563)
24 June 2014
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 44th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 571)

25 June 2014
Health and Sport Committee, 7th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 570)

26 June 2014
Education and Culture Committee, 5th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 572)

6 August 2014
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 45th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 574)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 46th report 2014 (Session 4): Delegated Powers in the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 575)

11 August 2014

12 August 2014

13 August 2014
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 47th report 2014 (Session 4): Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill as amended at stage 2 (SP Paper 581)

14 August 2014
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 48th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 582)

19 August 2014
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 49th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 583)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 50th report 2014 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill (SP Paper 584)

21 August 2014
Education and Culture Committee, 7th Report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 585)
Health and Sport Committee, 8th report 2014 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Food (Scotland) Bill (SP paper 576)

25 September 2014

1 October 2014
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 52nd report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 589)

2 October 2014
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 7th Report, 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 592)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 54th report 2014 (Session 4): Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Deregulation Bill (SP Paper 591)

3 October 2014
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Umbrella Company Contract Scam Members’ Business S4M-11720 Wednesday 4 February 2015
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1. Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] (26 November 2014)
Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2015 [draft] (19 February 2015)
Aftercare (Eligible Needs) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (19 February 2015)
Bankruptcy (Money Advice and Deduction from Income etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] (21 August 2014 and 4 September 2014)
Budget (Scotland) Act 2014 Amendment Order 2014 [draft] (30 October 2014)
Budget (Scotland) Act 2014 Amendment Order 2015 [draft] (5 February 2015)
Charity Test (Specified Bodies) and the Protection of Charities Assets (Exemption) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] (30 January 2015)
Climate Change (Additional Greenhouse Gas) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (27 March 2015)
Common Financial Tool etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] (19 February 2015)
Common Financial Tool etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] (21 August 2014)
Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] (19 February 2015)
Continuing Care (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (19 February 2015)
Criminal Legal Aid (Fixed Payments and Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 [draft] (3 November 2014)
Debt Arrangement Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft]. (22 August 2014 and 18 September 2014)
Enhanced Enforcement Areas Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (1 April 2015)
Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 [draft] (20 April 2015)
European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] (26 November 2014 and 16 December 2014)
European Protection Order (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (4 February 2015)
Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (14 January 2015)
General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise and Over-arching Objective) and the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (References to Court) Order 2015 [draft] (29 January 2015 and 23 February 2015)
Health and Care Professions (Public Health Specialists and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2015 [draft] (23 February 2015, 5 and 12 March 2015)
Health Care and Associated Professions (Knowledge of English) Order 2015 [draft] (4, 17 and 23 February 2015)
HGV Speed Limit (M9/A9 Trunk Road) Regulations 2014 [draft] (15 May 2014)
Lanarkshire Colleges Order 2014 [draft] (12 June 2014)
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Addition and Modification of Reliefs) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (19 December 2014)
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Sub-sale Development Relief and Multiple Dwellings Relief) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (23 January 2015)
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands) (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (5 February 2015)
Land Register of Scotland (Automated Registration) etc. Regulations 2014 [draft] (8 October 2014)
Land Register of Scotland (Rate of Interest on Compensation) Regulations 2014 [draft] (16 May 2014)
Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Amendment and Transitional) Order 2014 [draft] (24 October 2014)
Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Incidental, Consequential and Transitional) Order 2014 [draft] (16 May 2014)
Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 (Membership of the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission) Amendment Order 2014 [draft] (6 June 2014 and 10 July 2014)
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] (25 February 2015 and 5 March 2015)
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2015 [draft] (21 January 2015)
Marriage (Same Sex Couples) (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (29 October 2014)
Marriage Between Civil Partners (Procedure for Change and Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (29 and 30 October 2014)
Mutual Recognition of Criminal Financial Penalties in the European Union (Scotland) (No. 1) Order 2014 [draft] (2 October 2014)
National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] (16 February 2015)
National Confidential Forum (Prescribed Care and Health Services) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] (19 May 2014)
National Health Service Pension Scheme (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 [draft] (14 January 2015)
Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 [draft] (25 June 2014)
Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedule 4) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] (19 May 2014)
Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] (19 May 2014 and 20 June 2014)
Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] (28 April 2015)
Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of the Convener of the School Closure Review Panels as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] (26 June 2014)
Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Historic Environment Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] (25 June 2014)
Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Revenue Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2014 [draft] (21 May 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Scheme) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] (3 October 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] (3 October 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Health Board Functions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] (3 October 2014 and 22 October 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] (3 October 2014 and 22 October 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Modifications and Saving) Order 2015 [draft] (19 February 2015 and 4 March 2015)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modifications) Order 2014 [draft] (22 October 2014)
Public Services Reform (Inspection and Monitoring of Prisons) (Scotland) Order 2014 [draft] (7 and 19 November 2014)
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Extension) Order 2015 [draft] (28 April 2015)
2. **Instruments subject to approval**

Scottish Landfill Tax (Prescribed Landfill Site Activities) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/367) *(18 December 2014)*
Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/45) *(5 February 2015)*

3. **Negative Instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are subject to annulment—

Act of Sederunt (Commissary Business) (Amendment) 2014 (SSI 2014/265) *(10 October 2014)*
Adults with Incapacity (Supervision of Welfare Guardians etc. by Local Authorities) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/157) *(5 June 2014)*
Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/103) *(5 March 2015)*
Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fixed Penalty Notices) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/113) *(13 March 2015)*
Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2013 (Specification of Commercially Damaging Species) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/176) *(18 June 2014)*
Assigned Colleges (University of the Highlands and Islands) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/146) *(30 May 2014)*
Bankruptcy (Applications and Decisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/226) *(21 August 2014)*
Bankruptcy (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/80) *(27 February 2015)*
Bankruptcy (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/225) *(21 August 2014)*
Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/227) *(21 August 2014)*
Building (Scotland) Act 2003 (Charging Orders) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/369) *(18 December 2014)*
Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/219) *(14 August 2014)*
Carbon Accounting Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/189) *(8 May 2015)*
Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Application for Review) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/163) *(2 April 2015)*
Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Authorisation of Cremation – Death Outwith Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/162) *(2 April 2015)*

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/335) (27 November 2014)

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/295) (7 November 2014)

Children (Performances and Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/372) (19 December 2014)


Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Ancillary Provision) (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/315) (20 November 2014)

Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Supplementary Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/137) (22 May 2014)

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/1) (9 January 2015)

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Protection Measures) (Scotland) Regulations (SSI 2014/333) (27 November 2014)

Civil Partnership (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/303) (13 November 2014)


Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/58) (13 February 2015)


Conservation of Salmon (Annual Close Time and Catch and Release) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/357) (12 December 2014)

Controlled Waste (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/320) (20 November 2014)

Convener of the School Closure Review Panels (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/262) (9 October 2014)

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/46) (5 February 2015)

Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Variation Scheme 2015 (SSI 2015/105) (6 March 2015)

Designation of Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/373) (19 December 2014)

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/145) (30 May 2014)

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/9) (16 January 2015)

Discretionary Housing Payments (Limit on Total Expenditure) Revocation (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/298) (10 November 2014)

Education (Disapplication of section 53B) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/318) (20 November 2014)
Environmental Regulation (Liability where Activity Carried Out by Arrangement with Another) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/323) (20 November 2014)

Environmental Regulation (Relevant Offences) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/319) (20 November 2014)

Environmental Regulation (Significant Environmental Harm) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/324) (20 November 2014)

Firefighters’ Compensation Scheme and Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/143) (26 March 2015)

Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/149) (30 May 2014)

Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/19) (26 January 2015)

Firefighters’ Pension Schemes (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/141) (26 March 2015)

Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/173) (2 April 2015)

Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/140) (26 March 2015)

Fish Labelling (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/48) (5 February 2015)


Food Hygiene and Official Feed and Food Controls (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/213) (31 July 2014)

Food Information (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/312) (14 November 2014)


Health and Care Professions Council (Registration and Fees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2015 (SI 2015/93) (2 February 2015)

Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/243) (12 September 2014)

Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Repayment Charge and Discharge) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/144) (27 March 2015)


Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Definition of Charity) (Relevant Territories) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/352) (8 December 2014)


Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Qualifying Public or Educational Bodies) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/351) (8 December 2014)


Land Register Rules etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/150) (30 May 2014)

Legal Aid and Assistance By Way of Representation (Fees for Time at Court and Travelling) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/257) (26 September 2014)

Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/185) (1 May 2015)

Litter (Fixed Penalty Notices) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/321) (20 November 2014)

Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2015 (SSI 2015/28) (29 January 2015)

Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/200) (7 July 2014)

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration and Severance Payments) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/7) (16 January 2015)

Local Government Pension Scheme (Governance) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/60) (19 February 2015)

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/87) (2 March 2015)

Local Government Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/164) (9 June 2014)


Loch Ewe, Isle of Ewe, Wester Ross, Scallops Several Fishery Order 2015 (SSI 2015/30) (29 January 2015)

Looked After Children (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/310) (14 November 2014)


Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3, Saving, Transitional Provision and Revocation) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/287) (31 October 2014)

Marriage Between Persons of Different Sexes (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/304) (13 November 2014)

Members of a School Closure Review Panel (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/263) (9 October 2014)


Mutual Recognition of Supervision Measures in the European Union (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/337) (1 December 2014)

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/64) (19 February 2015)

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/65) (19 February 2015)

National Health Service (Clinical Negligence and Other Risks Indemnity Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/102) (5 March 2015)

National Health Service (Cross-Border Health Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/91) (2 March 2015)
National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/160) (2 April 2015)
National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/86) (2 March 2015)
National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/148) (30 May 2014)
National Health Service Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/94) (3 March 2015)
National Health Service Pension Scheme (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/95) (3 March 2015)
National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/96) (3 March 2015)
National Health Service Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/154) (30 May 2014)
Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/47) (5 February 2015)
Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/49) (5 February 2015)
Non-Domestic Rating (Valuation of Utilities) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/50) (5 February 2015)
Notice of Potential Liability for Costs (Discharge Notice) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/313) (17 November 2014)
Outer Hebrides (Landing of Crabs and Lobsters) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/183) (30 April 2015)
Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Amounts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/81) (27 February 2015)
Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/338) (1 December 2014)
Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/140) (29 May 2014)
Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/10) (19 January 2015)
Police Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/142) (26 March 2015)
Police Pensions (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/174)
Products Containing Meat etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/289) (5 November 2014)
Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (Fees) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/400) (27 February 2015)
Protection of Seals (Designation of Haul-Out Sites) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/185) (26 June 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Content of Performance Reports) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/326) (20 November 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Health Professionals and Social Care Professionals) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/307) (13 November 2014)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/88) (2 March 2015)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards and Integration Joint Monitoring Committees) (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/66) (19 February 2015)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/285) (30 October 2014)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Monitoring Committees) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/281) (30 October 2014)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Local Authority Officers) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/282) (30 October 2014)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Membership of Strategic Planning Group) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/308) (13 November 2014)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Consultees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/283) (30 October 2014)

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Days) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/284) (30 October 2014)

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965 (Prohibition on Disposal of a Body without Authorisation) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/166) (2 April 2015)

Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/141) (29 May 2014)

Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/129) (19 May 2014)

Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Authorisation of Covert Human Intelligence Sources) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/339) (2 December 2014)

Reservoirs (Panels of Reservoir Engineers: Sections under which Members may be Appointed) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/92) (2 March 2015)

Reservoirs (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/90) (2 March 2015)

Revenue Scotland (First Planning Period) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/16) (26 January 2015)

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act (Fees for Payment) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/36) (2 February 2015)


Right to Information (Suspects and Accused Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/159) (5 June 2014)

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (Inverclyde Council) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/171) (13 June 2014)

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Inverclyde Council) Designation Order 2014 (SSI 2014/169) (13 June 2014)

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland Order of Council 2014 (SSI 2014/268) (16 October 2014)
Rural Development (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/192) (14 May 2015)

Rural Payments (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/194) (14 May 2015)

Same Sex Marriage (Prescribed Bodies) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/305) (13 November 2014)


Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2015 (SI 2015/200) (16 February 2015)


Scottish Landfill Tax (Administration) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/3) (9 January 2015)

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/89) (2 March 2015)

Scottish Tax Tribunals (Eligibility for Appointment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/355) (11 December 2014)


Sea Fishing (Points for Masters of Fishing Boats) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/379) (22 December 2014)

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/167) (12 June 2014)

Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/147) (30 May 2014)

Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/317) (20 November 2014)

Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/316) (20 November 2014)

South Arran Marine Conservation (Amendment) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/297) (7 November 2014)

South Arran Marine Conservation Order 2014 (SSI 2014/260) (30 September 2014)

Specified Diseases (Notification and Slaughter) (Amendment) and Compensation (Scotland) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/151) (30 May 2014)

Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/374) (19 December 2014)

St Mary’s Music School (Aided Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/143) (29 May 2014)

Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/258) (26 September 2014)

Support and Assistance of Young People Leaving Care (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/62) (19 February 2015)

Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2014(SSI 2014/292) (7 November 2014)

Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/97) (3 March 2015)

Teachers’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/217) (7 August 2014)
Teachers’ Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/98) (3 March 2015)

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/130) (19 May 2014)

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/220) (14 August 2014)

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/139) (27 May 2014)

Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/249) (25 September 2014)

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/214) (1 August 2014)

Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/301) (13 November 2014)

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment (Amendment) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/184) (25 June 2014)

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/142) (30 May 2014)

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/300) (13 November 2014)


Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/161) (7 April 2015)

4. Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on the date indicated and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—


Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 2) (European Protection Orders) 2015 (SSI 2015/121) (19 March 2015)

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 2) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/349) (3 December 2014)
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment) (Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) 2014 (SSI 2014/162)
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment) (Reporting Restrictions) 2015 (SSI 2015/84) (2 March 2015)
Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause Rules Amendment) (Proving the Tenor and Reduction) 2015 (SSI 2015/176) (23 April 2015)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 2) (Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014) 2015 (SSI 2015/35) (30 January 2015)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/201) (7 July 2014)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment No. 2) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/291) (7 November 2014)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment No. 2) (Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014) 2014 (SSI 2014/371) (14 November 2014)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment No. 3) (Mutual Recognition of Protection Measures) 2014 (SSI 2014/371) (19 December 2014)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Rules Amendment No. 3) (Reporting Restrictions) 2015 (SSI 2015/85) (2 March 2015)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session and Sheriff Court Bankruptcy Rules Amendment) (Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014) 2015 (SSI 2015/119) (19 March 2015)
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session, Ordinary Cause Rules and Summary Cause Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2014 (SSI 2014/152) (30 May 2014)
Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Adoption Rules Amendment) 2015 (SSI 2015/5) (14 January 2015)
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/172 (C.13)) (18 June 2014)
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2, Savings and Transitionals) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/261 (C.23)) (1 October 2014)
Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2, Savings and Transitionals) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/54 (C.10)) (9 February 2015)
Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 9 and Savings Amendment) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/173 (C.14)) (18 June 2014)
Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/186) (1 May 2015)
Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/115 (C.24)) (13 March 2015)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitory Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/131 (C.9)) (19 May 2014)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2, Transitional and Transitory Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/165 (C.12)) (9 June 2014)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/251 (C.22)) (29 September 2014)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/314) (C.29) (SSI 2014/314) (20 November 2014)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 5 and Saving Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/353) (C.31) (10 December 2014)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/365) (C.33) (17 December 2014)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 7) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/61 (C.12)) (19 February 2015)
Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 8 and Saving Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/104 (C.20)) (6 March 2015)
Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/179 (C.29)) (23 April 2015)
Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/12 (C.2)) (21 January 2015)
Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/177 (C.28)) (23 April 2015)
Disabled Persons’ Parking Badges (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/8 (C.1)) (16 January 2015)
Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Commencement No. 20) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2014/72 (C.14)) (20 February 2015)
Food (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/99 (C.19)) (3 March 2015)
Forth Road Bridge Act 2013 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/190 (C.30)) (8 May 2015)
Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/368 (C.34)) (18 December 2014)
Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/31 (C.6)) (30 January 2015)
Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/264 (C.24)) (9 October 2014)
Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/122 (C.26)) (20 March 2015)
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/279 (C.27)) (27 October 2014)
Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/108 (C.21)) (13 March 2015)
Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012 (Designated Day) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/127) (16 May 2014)
Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/17 (C.4)) (26 January 2015)
Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No.1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/277 (C.25)) (27 October 2014)
Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Amendment Order 2014 (SSI 2014/218 (C.19)) (11 August 2014)
Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4 and Savings Provisions) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/14 (C.3)) (22 January 2015)
Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 (Commencement No. 3) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2014/74 (C.16)) (20 February 2015)
Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999 (Commencement No. 4 and Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/139 (C.27)) (25 March 2015)
Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/144 (C.10)) (30 May 2014)
Post-16 Education (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 6) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/82 (C.18)) (27 February 2015)
 Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 [draft] (28 April 2015)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No.1) Order 2014 (SSI/2014/202) (11 July 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/231 (C.21)) (22 August 2014)
Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/44 (C.8)) (5 February 2015)
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Part 2 Extension) Order 2015 [draft] (28 April 2015)
Registration of Births, Still-births, Deaths and Marriages (Prescription of Forms) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/180) (24 April 2015)
Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/160 (C.11)) (6 June 2014)
Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/52 (C.9)) (6 February 2015)
Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/348 (C.30)) (4 December 2014)
Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/43 (C.7)) (5 February 2015)
Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/278 (C.26)) (27 October 2014)
Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/18 (C.5)) (26 January 2015)
Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/110 (C.23)) (13 March 2015)
Rules of the Scottish Land Court Order 2014 (SSI 2014/229) (21 August 2014)
Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/183 (C.15)) (23 June 2014)
Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/116 (C.25)) (13 March 2015)
Valuation Timetable (Scotland) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/51) (5 February 2015)
Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Provision) Order 2014 (SSI 2014/359 (C.32)) (16 December 2014)

5. Legislative Consent Memoranda

The following memoranda were lodged on the dates indicated:

Criminal Justice and Courts Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 32.1) Kenny MacAskill (18 August 2014)
Deregulation Bill (UK Parliament legislation) Supplementary (LCM (S4) 30.2) Nicola Sturgeon (15 August 2014)
Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 36.1) Shona Robison (3 December 2014)
Infrastructure Bill 2014-15 (LCM(S4) 34.1) John Swinney (11 November 2014)
Modern Slavery Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4)35.1) Kenny MacAskill (14 November 2014)
Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 33.1) Kenny MacAskill (23 October 2014)
Serious Crime Bill (UK Parliament legislation) Supplementary (LCM (S4) 33.2) Michael Matheson (12 January 2015)
Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 31.1) John Swinney (8 August 2014)
6. Public Body Consent Memoranda

The following memoranda were lodged on the dates indicated:

Public Bodies (Abolition of the Advisory Committees on Pesticides) Order 2015 (UK Parliament legislation) PBCM(S4)11.1 Richard Lochhead, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (7 January 2014)

Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2014 (UK Parliament legislation) (PBCM(S4) 10.1) Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (3 December 2014). Please note that the date in the title has been changed from 2014 to 2015: Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Public Body Consent Memorandum on The Public Bodies (Abolition of the Home Grown Timber Advisory Committee) Order 2015 (UK Parliament legislation) (PBCM(S4) 10.1) (3 December 2014)

6. Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure (unless otherwise indicated)—

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/81) (26 June 2014)
Architecture & Design Scotland Annual Review 2014 (SG/2014/244) (18 December 2014)
Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 13/14 Year ended 31 March 2014 and Independent Auditor’s Report (SP Paper 557) (10 June 2014)
Audit Scotland: Self-directed support – a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2014/5) (11 June 2014)
Audit Scotland: The 2013/14 audit of the Scottish Police Authority (SG/2014/278) (19 December 2014)
Auditor General for Scotland: Update on developing financial reporting: (AGS/2015/4) (16 March 2015)
Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/185) (1 October 2014)
Ayrshire College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the eight month period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/283) (18 December 2014)
Borders Health Board Annual Accounts Final 2013/14 (SG/2014/186) (1 October 2014)
Care Inspectorate Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/155) (4 December 2014)
Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to the Scottish Ministers for 2013-2014: Annual Report (SG 2014 92) (4 September 2014)
Children’s Hearings Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/228) (21 October 2014)
Climate Ready Scotland: Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme SG/2014/83 (29 May 2014)
Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland- Annual Report 2013/14 (CES/2014/01) (23 October 2014)
Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/158) (20 August 2014)
Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Annual Report 2013/14 (CES/2014/01) (27 October 2014)
Committee on Climate Change Annual Report and Accounts 13/14 (SG/2014/105) (26 June 2014)
Community Payback Order Scottish Government Summary of Local Authority Annual Reports 2013-14 (SG/2015/19) (6 February 2015)
Covert Human Intelligence Sources Code of Practice (SG/2014/268) (2 December 2014)
Covert Human Intelligence Sources Draft Revised Code of Practice (SG/2014/110) (16 June 2014)
Covert Surveillance and Property Interference Code of Practice (SG/2014/269) (2 December 2014)
Covert Surveillance and Property Interference Draft Revised Code of Practice (SG/2014/111) (16 June 2014)
Creative Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/270) (5 December 2014)
Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/16) (26 June 2014)
Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2013 to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/286) (18 December 2014)
Dundee and Angus College Report and Financial Statements For the period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/287) (18 December 2014)
Education Scotland Annual Review 2013/2014 (SG/2014/78) (29 September 2014)
Fife Health Board Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/188) (1 October 2014)
Firearms Authority Review for Armed Response Vehicle Crews within Police Scotland (HMICS/2014/06) (27 October 2014)
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2010–11 (For the year ended 31 March 2011) SG/2014/12 (5 June 2014)
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2011–12 (For the year ended 31 March 2012) SG/2014/13 (5 June 2014)
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2012–13 (For the year ended 31 March 2013) SG/2014/14 (5 June 2014)
Food from Britain Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2015/6) (22 January 2015)
Food Standards Agency Annual Report and Consolidated Accounts 2013/14 (For the year ended 31 March 2014) SG/2014/31 (18 June 2014)
Food Standards Agency in Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (For the year ended 31 March 2014) SG/2014/32 (18 June 2014)
Food Standards Agency: Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) (SG/2014/126) (26 June 2014)
Food Standards Scotland: Feed Law Enforcement Code of Practice (Scotland) (SG/2015/41) (13 April 2015)
Food Standards Scotland: Food Law Code of Practice (Scotland) (SG/2015/42) (13 April 2015)
Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the eight months ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/288) (18 December 2014)
Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/189) (2 October 2014)
Giving Children and Young People a Sporting Chance (SG/2014/80) (17 June 2014)
Grampian Health Board Annual Accounts Year-End 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/190) (2 October 2014)
Highland Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/192) (24 October 2014)
HM Fire Service Inspectorate Risk-based operational decision-making in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SG/2014/182) (13 November 2014)
HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland: Thematic Review of CONTEST Prepare 2013 (HMICS/2014/01) (26 June 2014)
HMICS Audit and Assurance Review of Stop and Search: Phase 1 (HMICS/2015/02) (31 March 2015)
HMICS Local Policing + Inspection Programme – Inspection of Ayrshire Division (HMICS/2015/01) (25 February 2015)
HMICS Local Policing+ Inspection of the Investigative Approach to Rape in Fife Division (HMICS/2014/08) (22 December 2014)
HMICS Review of Legacy Inspection Recommendations (HMICS/2014/02) (21 July 2014)
HMICS Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland (HMICS/2014/04) (11 August 2014)
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 2014 (SG/2014/118) (17 July 2014)
Intelligence Services Commissioner for 2013 Report (SG/2014/103) (26 June 2014)
Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2014 (SG 2014 174) (4 September 2014)
Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/193) (3 October 2014)
Law Commission and The Scottish Law Commission - Insurance Contract Law: Business Disclosure; Warranties; Insurers’ Remedies for Fraudulent Claims; and Late Payment (SG/2014/131) (14 July 2014)
Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2014 (SG/2015/44) (17 April 2015)
Local Policing + Pilot Inspection of Fife Division October 2014 (HMICS/2014/05) (16 October 2014)
Local Policing+ Inspection Programme: Inspection of the management of Intelligence in Ayrshire Division and the National Intelligence Bureau (HMICS/2015/03) (27 March 2015)
Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/262) (12 December 2014)
Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/208) (1 October 2014)
National Galleries of Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/251) (5 December 2014)
National Waiting Times Centre Board Directors’ Report and Accounts for year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/203) (3 October 2014)
New College Lanarkshire Financial Statements Period ending 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/290) (18 December 2014)
NHS Education for Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/201) (3 October 2014)
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Consolidated Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/191) (2 October 2014)
NHS in Scotland 2013/14: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2014/6) (29 October 2014)
NHS National Services Scotland Directors’ Report & Accounts for the year to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/199) (3 October 2014)
NHS Orkney Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/195) (24 October 2014)
NHS Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/254) (27 November 2014)
NHS Western Isles Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/198) (3 October 2014)
North East Scotland College Financial Statements for the eight month period to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/291) (18 December 2014)
Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/263) (12 December 2014)
Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts For the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/134) (3 July 2014)
Police Scotland Annual Force Plan 2015/16 (PSOS/2015/01) (30 March 2015) (subject to procedure)
Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2014: (SG/2014/142) (25 July 2014)
Queen’s Printer for Scotland Report covering the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/275) (17 December 2014)
Revenue Scotland Charter of Standards and Values (RS/2015/03) (31 March 2015)
Revenue Scotland schedule of delegation to Registers of Scotland (RS/2015/01) (31 March 2015)
Revenue Scotland schedule of delegation to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (RS/2015/02) (31 March 2015)
Scotland’s Budget Documents 2015-16: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document for the year ending 31 March 2016 (SG/2015/3) (15 January 2015)
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2014-15 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/18) (5 February 2015)
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2014-2015 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2015 (SG/2014/221) (30 October 2014)
Scotland’s Colleges 2015: a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/5) (1 April 2015)
Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/229) (24 October 2014)
Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report (CCYP/2014/01) (6 August 2014)
Scotland’s Public Finances – a follow-up audit: progress in meeting the challenges. A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2014/4) (4 June 2014)
Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards 2014 Annual Report: (SG/2015/5) (7 January 2015)
Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Accounts and Notes for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/200) (3 October 2014)
Scottish Canals: Fees of Chair and Board Members: Statement SG/2015/11 (13 January 2015)
Scottish Civil Estate: Efficiency and Sustainability 2013/14 The Fourth Report on the performance and environmental sustainability of the Scottish Civil Estate (SG/2014/172) (31 October 2014)
Scottish Civil Justice Council Annual Report 2013/14 (SCJC/2014/01) (30 May 2014)
Scottish Civil Justice Council Programme 2014/15 (SCJC/2014/02) (30 May 2014)
Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People: How Young People’s Participation in School Supports Achievement and Attainment (CCYP/2015/01) (6 February 2015)
Scottish Consolidated Fund Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/222) (6 November 2014)
Scottish Court Service Annual Report and Accounts 2013-14 (SCS/2014/02) (3 December 2014)
Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service – Framework Document (SCTS/2015/01) (2 April 2015)
Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/177) (30 September 2014)
Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/179) (2 October 2014)
Scottish Government Scotland’s Third National Planning Framework (SG/2014/100) (23 June 2014)
Scottish Government’s purchase of Glasgow Prestwick Airport – a report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2015/1) (23 February 2015)
Scottish Independence Referendum Report on the referendum held on 18 September 2014 (ELC/2014/2) (16 December 2014)
Scottish Information Commissioner - FOI 10 years on: Are the right organisations covered? (SG/2015/02) (16 January 2015)
Scottish Information Commissioner 2013/14 Annual Report (SG/2014/162) (29 September 2014)
Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/207) (1 October 2014)

Scottish Information Commissioner Special Report: Failure to Respond to FOI requests: extent, impact and remedy (SG/2014/145) (7 August 2014)


Scottish Law Commission Report on Adults with Incapacity (SG/2014/180) (1 October 2014)


Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2013-2014 (SG/2014/218) (31 October 2014)

Scottish Legal Aid Board Statement of Accounts For the year ending 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/219) (31 October 2014)

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts Year ended 30 June 2014 (SG/2014/239) (12 December 2014)


Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 (SG/2015/40) (30 April 2015)


Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts Aithisg Bhliadhnull agus Cunntasain 2013/14 (SG/2014/248) (21 November 2014)

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Accounts 2013-14 (SG/2014/156) (1 October 2014)

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme – Valuation Report @ 31 March 2014 (SPCPF/2015/01) (25 March 2015)

Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SPCPF/2014/01) (28 October 2014)

Scottish Police Authority Annual Report and Accounts for the Scottish Police Authority for the year to 31 March 2014 SG/2014/243 (18 December 2014)


Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Accounts Accounts Year ended 31 March 2014: (SG/2014/170) (27 August 2014)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman—

Compendium of Case Reports for April 2015 (SPSO/2015/04) (22 April 2015)

Compendium of Case Reports for June 2014 (SPSO/2014/06) (25 June 2014)

Compendium of Case Reports for July 2014 (SPSO/2014/07) (23 July 2014)

Compendium of Case Reports for November 2014 (SPSO/2014/11) (19 November 2014)

Compendium of Case Reports for January 2015 (SPSO/2015/01) (21 January 2015)

Compendium of Case Reports for February 2015 (SPSO/2015/02) (18 February 2015)

Compendium of Case Reports for March 2015 (SPSO/2015/03) (18 March 2015)

Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations for May 2014 (SPSO/2014/05) (21 May 2014)


Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations (SPSO/2014/10) (22 October 2014)

Compendium of Investigation Reports and Report of Discontinued Investigations (SPSO/2014/12) (18 December 2014)


Scottish Regulators’ Strategic Code of Practice (SG/2014/236) (10 November 2014) (affirmative procedure)

Scottish Regulators’ Strategic Code of Practice (SG/2015/10) (12 January 2015)

Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Accounts for 2013/14 (SG/2014/280) (16 December 2014)

Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual report on the 2013/14 audit (SG/2014/281) (16 December 2014)


Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/123) (26 June 2014)

Scottish Water Interim Accounts for the six months to 30 September 2014 (SG/2014/279) (16 December 2014)


Shetland NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/196) (2 October 2014)
South Lanarkshire College Report and Financial Statements for the 8 month period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/292) (18 December 2014)
South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/265) (12 December 2014)
sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 (SG/2014/216) (23 October 2014)
State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/204) (3 October 2014)
Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2013/14 (SG/2014/266) (12 December 2014)
Tayside Health Board Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/197) (3 October 2014)
Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2013-14: Section 70 Grant Payments (SG/2014/119) (25 June 2014)
Transport Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/213) (6 October 2014)
UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2013/14 (UKSA/2014/01) (11 July 2014)
University of the Highlands and Islands: Inverness College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2014 (SG/2015/43) (17 April 2015)
Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry Report & Executive Summary (SG/2014/211) (24 November 2014)
West College Scotland Report and Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2014 (SG/2014/293) (18 December 2014)
Young Start Annual Report 2013/14 (SG/2014/183) (2 October 2014)

7. Committee Reports

The following reports were published on the dates shown—

City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee, 1st Report 2014 (Session 4): Consideration Stage Report (SP Paper 529) (22 May 2014)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 34th report 2014 (Session 4): Food (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 523) (13 May 2014)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 36th report 2014 (Session 4): Public Bodies Act Consent Memorandum on the Public Bodies (Abolition of Food from Britain) Order 2014 [draft] (SP Paper 528) (20 May 2014)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th report 2014 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 561)
Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 41st report 2014 (Session 4): Housing (Scotland) Bill as amended at stage 2 (SP Paper 565) (17 June 2014) (17 June 2014)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 46th report 2014 (Session 4): Delegated Powers in the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 575) (6 August 2014)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 55th report 2014 (Session 4): Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 597) (2 October 2014)


Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 58th report 2014 (Session 4): Historic Environment Scotland Bill as amended at stage 2 (SP Paper 603) (29 October 2014)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 59th report 2014 (Session 4): Mental Health (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 604) (29 October 2014)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 63rd report 2014 (Session 4):
Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 (SP Paper 607) (5 November 2014)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 64th report 2014 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 611) (12 November 2014)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 65th report 2014 (Session 4):
Report on the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill
at stage 1 (SP Paper 612) (14 November 2014)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 66th report 2014 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 615) (19 November 2014)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 67th report 2014 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 619) (26 November 2014)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 68th report 2014 (Session 4):
Food (Scotland) Bill as amended at stage 2 (SP Paper 624) (2 December 2014)

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