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Foreword

The Journal is the central, long-term, authoritative record of what the Parliament has done. The Minutes of Proceedings, which are produced for each meeting of the Parliament, do that in an immediate way, while the Journal presents essentially the same material but has the benefit of hindsight to allow any errors and infelicities of presentation to be corrected. Unlike the Official Report, which primarily records what is said, the Minutes of Proceedings, and in the longer term the Journal, provide the authoritative record of what was done.

The Journal is required under Rule 16.3 of Standing Orders and contains, in addition to the Minutes of Proceedings themselves, notice of any Bill introduced*, notice of any instrument or draft instrument or any other document laid before the Parliament; notice of any report of a committee, and any other matter that the Parliament, on a motion of the Parliamentary Bureau, considers should be included.

(* The requirement to include notice of Bills introduced was only added to Rule 16.3 in January 2003. However, such notices have in practice been recorded in the Annex to the Minutes of Proceedings from the outset.)

Note: (DT), which appears throughout the Journal, signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

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1. **Oaths and Affirmations**: The following members took the oath of allegiance or made their solemn affirmation before the Clerk—

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2. **Election of Presiding Officer**: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Presiding Officer—

Christine Grahame

Tricia Marwick

Hugh Henry

The result of the first round of voting was—

Christine Grahame 32
Tricia Marwick 45
Hugh Henry 49
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 1

Accordingly, Christine Grahame was eliminated at that round and a second round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Hugh Henry 55
Tricia Marwick 73
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 0

Tricia Marwick was duly elected as Presiding Officer

3. **Election of Deputy Presiding Officers**: The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment as Deputy Presiding Officer—

Patricia Ferguson
Duncan McNeil
John Scott
Elaine Smith

The result of the first round of voting was—

Patricia Ferguson 22
Duncan McNeil 14
John Scott 54
Elaine Smith 35
Abstentions 0
Spoilt Papers 0

Accordingly, Duncan McNeil was eliminated at that round and a second round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

Patricia Ferguson 32
Accordingly, Patricia Ferguson was eliminated at that round and a third round of voting was held. The result of that round of voting was—

John Scott 58
Elaine Smith 64
Abstentions 3
Spoilt Papers 0

Elaine Smith was duly elected as Deputy Presiding Officer.

The candidates in the election for the second Deputy Presiding Officer were—

Patricia Ferguson
John Scott

The result of the first round of voting in that election was—

Patricia Ferguson 40
John Scott 82
Abstentions 1
Spoilt Papers 0

John Scott was duly elected as a Deputy Presiding Officer.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.
The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Business Motion**—Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved S4M-00041—that the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 18 May 2011**

- 10.00 am Business Motion
- 10.30 am Selection of the Parliament’s Nominee for First Minister

**Wednesday 25 May 2011**

- 11.00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by First Minister’s Motion to Appoint Scottish Ministers
- followed by First Minister’s Motion to appoint Junior Scottish Ministers
- followed by First Minister’s Motion to Appoint Scottish Law Officers
- followed by Election of Members of the Parliamentary Corporation

**Thursday 26 May 2011**

- 10.30 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by First Minister’s Statement: Taking Scotland Forward
- followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward
- 2.30 pm Continuation of Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Business Motion
- 5.00 pm Decision Time

(b) that the period for lodging First Minister’s Questions for First Minister’s Question Time on Thursday 2 June 2011 should end at 4.00 pm on Thursday 26 May 2011;

(c) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for General Question Time on Thursday 2 June 2011 should end at 4.00 pm on Thursday 19 May 2011;

(d) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for General and Themed Question Time on Thursday 16 June 2011 should end at 4.00 pm on Thursday 2 June 2011.

The motion was agreed to.
2. **First Minister**: The following member was nominated as a candidate for appointment as First Minister—

Alex Salmond

The result of the voting was—

For: 68

Against: 0

Abstain: 57

Alex Salmond was duly selected as nominee for appointment as First Minister.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am.
The meeting opened at 11.00 am.

1. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00095—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 1 June 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  

Thursday 2 June 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Faster and Further to Secure Scotland’s Place as the Green Energy Powerhouse of Europe  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time  
2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Contribution of Sport to Scotland  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  

Wednesday 8 June 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Business  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members’ Business  

Thursday 9 June 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister's Question Time
2.30 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

2. **Appointment of Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved S4M-00089 – That the Parliament agrees that Alex Neil and Bruce Crawford be appointed as Scottish ministers.

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved S4M-00090 – That the Parliament agrees that Michael Matheson, Aileen Campbell, Dr Alasdair Allan, Brian Adam and Stewart Stevenson be appointed as junior Scottish ministers.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Appointment of Law Officers:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved S4M-00091– That the Parliament agrees that it be recommended to Her Majesty that Frank Mulholland QC be appointed as the Lord Advocate and that Lesley Thomson be appointed as Solicitor General for Scotland.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Election of Members to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body:** The following members were nominated as candidates for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body—

Linda Fabiani
Liam McArthur
Mary Scanlon
David Stewart

The Parliament voted to elect the four Members for appointment to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (For 120, Against 0, Abstentions 1).

The meeting closed at 11.34 am.
The meeting opened at 10.30 am.

1. **First Minister’s Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement on Taking Scotland Forward.

2. **Taking Scotland Forward:** The Parliament debated Taking Scotland Forward.

3. **Parliamentary Recess Dates:** Bruce Crawford on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00106—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 2 July – 4 September 2011 (inclusive), 8 – 23 October 2011 (inclusive), 23 December 2011 (pm) – 8 January 2012 (inclusive), 11 – 19 February 2012 (inclusive), 31 March – 15 April 2012 (inclusive) and 30 June – 2 September 2012 (inclusive).

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

4. **Office of the Clerk:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00107—That the Parliament agrees that, between 1 June 2011 and 31 January 2012, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 2, 23 (pm), 26 and 27 December 2011 and 2 and 3 January 2012.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

   The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Dr John Lennox, Guest Speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast Scotland led Time for Reflection.


3. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00164—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

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4. **Establishment of Committees:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00165—That the Parliament shall establish committees of the Parliament as follows:

**Name of Committee: Equal Opportunities**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.9

Number of members: 7

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

**Name of Committee: European and External Relations**

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.8

Number of members: 7

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

**Name of Committee: Finance**
Remit: Set out in Rule 6.6

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: Public Audit

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.7

Number of members: 9

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

Name of Committee: Public Petitions

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.10

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.4

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: Subordinate Legislation

Remit: Set out in Rule 6.11

Number of members: 7

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

Name of Committee: Economy, Energy and Tourism
Remit: To consider and report on the Scottish economy, enterprise, energy, tourism and renewables and all other matters within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth apart from those covered by the remit of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee and matters relating to the Cities Strategy falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy

Number of members: 9

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

Name of Committee: Education and Culture

Remit: To consider and report on further and higher education, lifelong learning, schools, pre-school care, skills and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning and matters relating to culture and the arts falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs

Number of members: 9

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

Name of Committee: Health and Sport

Remit: To consider and report on health policy, the NHS in Scotland, anti-poverty measures, equalities, sport and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy apart from those covered by the remit of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee

Number of members: 9

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

Name of Committee: Infrastructure and Capital Investment
Remit: To consider and report on infrastructure, capital investment, transport, housing, and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment apart from those covered by the remit of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Number of members: 7

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

Name of Committee: Justice

Remit: To consider and report on a) the administration of criminal and civil justice, community safety and other matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and b) the functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland

Number of members: 9

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

Name of Committee: Local Government and Regeneration

Remit: To consider and report on a) the financing and delivery of local government and local services, and b) planning, and c) matters relating to regeneration falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment

Number of members: 7

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

Name of Committee: Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment

Remit: 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 & the Environment
Number of members: 9

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

Duration: For the whole session of the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Committee Membership:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00178—That the Parliament agrees the membership of committees of the Parliament as follows:

**Equal Opportunities Committee**

Membership: Clare Adamson, Claudia Beamish, John Finnie, Siobhan McMahon, Stuart McMillan, Margaret Mitchell, Dennis Robertson

**European and External Relations Committee**

Membership: Helen Eadie, Annabelle Ewing, Bill Kidd, Hanzala Malik, Jamie McGrigor, Christina McKelvie, Aileen McLeod

**Finance Committee**

Membership: Kenneth Gibson, Alex Johnstone, Derek Mackay, John Mason, Margaret McCulloch, John Pentland, Paul Wheelhouse

**Public Audit Committee**

Membership: George Adam, Colin Beattie, Willie Coffey, Murdo Fraser, Hugh Henry, Mark McDonald, Tavish Scott, Drew Smith, Humza Yousaf

**Public Petitions Committee**

Membership: Neil Bibby, Richard Lyle, Nanette Milne, David Stewart, Bill Walker, Sandra White, John Wilson

**Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee**

Membership: Margaret Burgess, Bob Doris, Helen Eadie, Margaret McDougall, Nanette Milne, Dave Thompson, Paul Wheelhouse

**Subordinate Legislation Committee**

Membership: Chic Brodie, Nigel Don, James Dornan, Kezia Dugdale, Mike MacKenzie, John Scott, Drew Smith

**Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee**


Membership: Chic Brodie, Gavin Brown, Rhoda Grant, Patrick Harvie, Angus MacDonald, Mike MacKenzie, Stuart McMillan, Anne McTaggart, John Wilson

Education and Culture Committee

Membership: Clare Adamson, Claire Baker, Marco Biagi, Jenny Marra, Stewart Maxwell, Joan McAlpine, Liam McArthur, Liz Smith, Jean Urquhart

Health and Sport Committee

Membership: Bob Doris, Jim Eadie, Mary Fee, Richard Lyle, Fiona McLeod, Duncan McNeil, Gil Paterson, Mary Scanlon, Richard Simpson

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee

Membership: Jackson Carlaw, Malcolm Chisholm, Neil Findlay, Jamie Hepburn, Adam Ingram, Gordon MacDonald, Maureen Watt

Justice Committee

Membership: Roderick Campbell, John Finnie, Christine Grahame, Colin Keir, James Kelly, John Lamont, Alison McInnes, Graeme Pearson, Humza Yousaf

Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Membership: Ruth Davidson, Kezia Dugdale, Joe FitzPatrick, Mark Griffin, Kevin Stewart, David Torrance, Bill Walker

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

Membership: Graeme Dey, Annabelle Ewing, Alex Fergusson, Rob Gibson, Jim Hume, Jenny Marra, Mark McDonald, Aileen McLeod, Elaine Murray

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 9.15 am.

1. **Faster and Further to Secure Scotland’s Place as the Green Energy Powerhouse of Europe**: The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-00169—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government’s pledge to move faster and further to secure Scotland’s place as the green energy powerhouse of Europe; agrees that the investment and job opportunities presented by the low-carbon economy represent Scotland’s greatest economic opportunity; welcomes the target to generate the equivalent of 100% of Scotland’s electricity demand from renewable sources by 2020; supports the Scottish Government’s aim to maximise the benefits for communities from renewable energy and to transform the level of opportunity for local ownership; supports demands for the release of Scotland’s Fossil Fuel Levy surplus for investment in renewable energy in Scotland; supports the campaign to locate the Green Investment Bank in Edinburgh; supports the Scottish Government’s plans for Scottish Water to become a renewable energy generator; calls on the UK Government to accept the case for the Scottish Ministers to have a greater say in the design of the Electricity Market Reform mechanisms and to subsequently outline greater powers over energy policy in the UK Energy Bill for the Scottish Ministers and the Scottish Parliament, and supports the devolution of the Crown Estate to the Scottish Parliament to ensure that Scotland’s natural assets are managed in Scotland for the benefit of all of Scotland’s people.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-00169.1 to motion S4M-00169—

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

“believes that Scotland’s renewable energy resources present an important opportunity to develop a sustainable, low-carbon economy and considers that the social and community opportunities in terms of ownership and investment need to be maximised and calls on the Scottish Government to now deliver its renewable targets by setting out a plan that includes supporting policies and finance, planning issues, procurement, training, grid development and management, and measures to deliver community and cooperative ownership and management opportunities; believes that the promotion of green energy should go hand in hand with ambitious energy efficiency targets and calls on the Scottish Government to work with local authorities, social housing providers and Scottish companies to deliver a sustained programme of home energy efficiency and community and householder renewables installations, to work to deliver the best deal for Scottish consumers, communities and businesses, to set out its ambitions for delivering on housing efficiency in order to maximise the use of householder and community renewable heat and power schemes and to prepare a transition plan for transport to drive forward the infrastructure to enable the expansion of low-carbon and electric vehicles in use and calls on the Scottish Government to work with the UK Government to support the establishment of the Green Investment Bank in Edinburgh, to get the best deal for Scotland in relation to the release of Fuel Fossil Levy monies and the development of the UK energy market so that it meets Scotland’s needs in terms of both exports and imports, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward as a matter of urgency the results of its consultation on the Crown Estates Commission so that they may be considered by the Parliament.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 74, Abstentions 0).

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S4M-00169.2 to motion S4M-00169—

Leave out from "agrees" to end and insert—

“is concerned that the Scottish Government’s target of generating the equivalent of 100% of Scotland’s electricity demand from renewable sources within nine years is wholly unachievable; is further concerned that the Scottish Government's refusal to replace existing nuclear facilities will lead to an excessive reliance on onshore wind farms and thereby jeopardise the security of Scotland’s energy supply; believes that a viable, low-carbon and secure energy capacity for the future requires investment in the full range of renewable sources, the life extension of existing nuclear facilities and the development of world-leading carbon capture technology; further believes that the UK Government's Green Investment Bank should be located in Scotland, and calls on the Scottish Government to amend the national planning framework to designate the replacement of existing nuclear facilities as national developments and to introduce robust national strategic planning guidance to ensure that new wind farms are sited only in appropriate locations.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 11, Against 102, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 11, Abstentions 39).

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

3. First Minister’s Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

4. Contribution of Sport to Scotland: The Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-00168—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that sport makes to Scotland’s economy, culture and international standing; welcomes the government’s commitment to increase participation in sport and physical activity, thereby creating a lasting legacy for the 2014 Commonwealth Games; notes the benefits to the physical and mental wellbeing of the Scottish people through participation in sport; acknowledges the priority given to increasing physical education in primary and secondary schools, and notes the progress being made in improving community access to sporting facilities.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-00168.1 to motion S4M-00168—

Leave out from “acknowledges” to end and insert—

“notes that the commitment to deliver two hours of PE has been extended to 2014 and that Active Schools Coordinators can play an important part in delivery of this pledge, and notes the intention to make progress in community access to sports facilities.”
Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-00168.2 to motion S4M-00168—

Leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert—

“and recognises that far more priority must be given to increasing and improving physical education in primary and secondary schools, to delivering opportunities in outdoor education for all pupils and to improving grassroots support in clubs and schools and community access to sporting facilities across the country.”

After debate, amendment S4M-00168.1 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 12, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-00168.2 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament agreed—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that sport makes to Scotland’s economy, culture and international standing; welcomes the government’s commitment to increase participation in sport and physical activity, thereby creating a lasting legacy for the 2014 Commonwealth Games; notes the benefits to the physical and mental wellbeing of the Scottish people through participation in sport; notes that the commitment to deliver two hours of PE has been extended to 2014 and that Active Schools Coordinators can play an important part in delivery of this pledge, and notes the intention to make progress in community access to sports facilities.

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 4 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.07 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Kumanga Andrahennadi, Post-graduate student at the Centre for Natural Design, Dundee University led Time for Reflection.


3. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00233—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 June 2011—

   delete
   
   2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – Borrowing Powers and Growing the Scottish Economy
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business
   and insert
   2.00 pm Ministerial Statement: Rural Schools
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – Borrowing Powers and Growing the Scottish Economy
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00232—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   Wednesday 15 June 2011
   
   2.30 pm Time for Reflection
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward - Justice
   followed by Business Motion
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 16 June 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward - Education and Lifelong Learning

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – Scottish Broadcasting and the Scottish Digital Network
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 22 June 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 23 June 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business
The motion was agreed to.

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

6. **Green Investment in Edinburgh:** The Parliament debated S4M-00096 in the name of Marco Biagi—That the Parliament welcomes Vince Cable’s acknowledgement of Edinburgh’s position as a frontrunner for the location of the new green investment bank; would welcome a united campaign supporting Edinburgh as the location; considers that the city is supremely qualified to be a location for the bank as it has expertise in the sectors relevant to what are expected to be the proposed bank’s future activities, and hopes and looks forward to the 50 to 100 highly skilled jobs that it has been estimated that the bank would bring and the vote of confidence in Scotland’s future that an Edinburgh-based green bank would represent.

7. **Motion without Notice:** Sarah Boyack 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 5.48 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Caring for Scotland’s Older People:** Jackie Baille moved S4M-00234—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s new focus on the care for older people; further welcomes the commitment given by the First Minister that vulnerable residents in Southern Cross homes will not be compromised as a result of Southern Cross’s business model; notes with concern the report by the Mental Welfare Commission regarding the appalling treatment of Mrs V at Ninewells Hospital and the recent disturbing events at the Elsie Inglis Nursing Home in Edinburgh where standards of care were totally inadequate; further notes that one in 10 of the city’s care homes have been criticised and deemed weak or unsatisfactory in at least one area of assessment in the past year; believes that the 25% cut to the budget of Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS), charged with the inspection and improvement of care standards, should be reversed; agrees that radical reform of community health partnerships is urgently required following the serious failings identified in a recent Audit Scotland report; recognises that funding prevention work will delay services for older people requiring formal care; believes that the care and safety of Scotland’s older and vulnerable people must be a major priority for the Scottish Government, and therefore calls on it to come forward urgently with plans to integrate health and social care so that Scotland’s older people and their families can have full confidence that they will receive the best possible standard of care when they need it.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved amendment S4M-00234.3 to motion S4M-00234—

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

"considers that these cases demonstrate the need for a robust system of regulation and inspection that provides protection for older people irrespective of where they receive their care and treatment and that listens to the views of people who use services and their carers; believes that the care and safety of Scotland’s older and vulnerable people must be a major priority for the Scottish Government, and welcomes the fact that there is a consensus across the Parliament to improve the integration of health and social care so that Scotland’s older people and their families can have full confidence that they will receive the best possible standard of care when they need it."

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-00234.1 to motion S4M-00234—

Leave out from first "believes" to end and insert—

"notes the criticisms of the community health partnerships identified in the Audit Scotland report, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a comprehensive strategy to support older people that will include plans for the integration of health and social care and proposals for better utilisation of existing care home capacity in the independent sector."
After debate, amendment S4M-000234.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 56, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-00234.1 was pre-empted.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s new focus on the care for older people; further welcomes the commitment given by the First Minister that vulnerable residents in Southern Cross homes will not be compromised as a result of Southern Cross’s business model; notes with concern the report by the Mental Welfare Commission regarding the appalling treatment of Mrs V at Ninewells Hospital and the recent disturbing events at the Elsie Inglis Nursing Home in Edinburgh where standards of care were totally inadequate; considers that these cases demonstrate the need for a robust system of regulation and inspection that provides protection for older people irrespective of where they receive their care and treatment and that listens to the views of people who use services and their carers; believes that the care and safety of Scotland’s older and vulnerable people must be a major priority for the Scottish Government, and welcomes the fact that there is a consensus across the Parliament to improve the integration of health and social care so that Scotland’s older people and their families can have full confidence that they will receive the best possible standard of care when they need it.

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

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

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Rural Schools.

5. **Scotland Bill – Borrowing Powers and Growing the Scottish Economy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-00235—That the Parliament notes the Scotland Bill proposals on capital borrowing and the recommendations of the Scotland Bill Committee in that regard; calls on the UK Government and Scottish Government to undertake joint work to agree a clear, long-term and principles-based approach to capital borrowing and the sources of borrowing including the potential for bonds, and calls for the implementation of capital borrowing powers at an accelerated timescale to that proposed in the Scotland Bill to support economic recovery and enhance Scotland’s infrastructure.

Richard Baker moved amendment S4M-00235.1 to motion S4M-00235—

After “bonds” insert—
After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 116, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Scotland Bill proposals on capital borrowing and the recommendations of the Scotland Bill Committee in that regard; calls on the UK Government and Scottish Government to undertake joint work to agree a clear, long-term and principles-based approach to capital borrowing and the sources of borrowing including the potential for bonds; recommends that the total limit should be set by reference to the capacity of the Scottish Government to finance debt prudently from devolved tax revenue, and calls for the implementation of capital borrowing powers at an accelerated timescale to that proposed in the Scotland Bill to support economic recovery and enhance Scotland’s infrastructure.

6. **Scotland Bill Committee:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00256—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Scotland Bill Committee

Remit: To consider the Scotland Bill, proposed amendments to the Bill, responses to the report of the Session 3 Scotland Bill Committee and to report to the Parliament.

Duration: Until the Scotland Bill has received Royal Assent, falls or is withdrawn

Number of members: 11

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

Membership: Richard Baker, Nigel Don, Linda Fabiani, Adam Ingram, Alison Johnstone, James Kelly, John Mason, Stewart Maxwell, Joan McAlpine, David McLetchie, Willie Rennie

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. **Ban on Use of Wild Animals in circuses:** The Parliament debated S4M-00102 in the name of Elaine Murray—That the Parliament notes the decision by the UK Government not to introduce a ban on the use of wild animals in
travelling circuses; notes that in the recent past a travelling circus visiting locations including Dumfries included an elephant as one of its attractions; believes that there is sufficient evidence to support the view that life in a travelling circus does not allow for acceptable standards of welfare and quality of life for wild animals; notes the work done by animal rights activists and third sector organisations to argue for such a ban, and considers that action in this area is needed to prevent suffering to animals.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** President Cecil O. Samuelson, Brigham Young University led Time for Reflection.


3. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00306—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   **Wednesday 22 June 2011**

   2.30 pm Time for Reflection
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Rural Affairs and the Environment
   followed by Business Motion
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

   **Thursday 23 June 2011**

   9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Culture and External Affairs
   11.40 am General Question Time
   12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
   2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment
   2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Proposed Offensive Behaviour in Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

   **Wednesday 29 June 2011**

   2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 30 June 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister's Question Time

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health, Wellbeing and Cities

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business: Proposed Offensive Behaviour in Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Fighting Sectarianism and Anti-Irish Racism: The Parliament debated S4M-00007 in the name of Bob Doris—That the Parliament expresses its concern at reports of racist and sectarian intimidation and high-profile related incidents in Scottish football; believes that these incidents must be investigated thoroughly; would welcome a partnership approach to tackle racism and sectarianism, and pledges to develop a long-term consistent strategy for tackling sectarian-motivated behaviour that will endure long after the latest set of media headlines have faded from memory, both in football stadiums and across Glasgow and Scottish society.

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

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00305—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 16 June 2011—

   delete

   2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – Scottish Broadcasting and the Scottish Digital Network

   *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   *followed by* Members’ Business - S4M-00016 Mark McDonald: North Sea Taxation

   and insert

   2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – Scottish Broadcasting and the Scottish Digital Network

   *followed by* SPCB Motion on membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit

   *followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   5.00 pm Decision Time

   *followed by* Members’ Business - S4M-00016 Mark McDonald: North Sea Taxation

   The motion was agreed to.


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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Scotland Bill – Scottish Broadcasting and the Scottish Digital Network:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-00308—That the Parliament welcomes recent developments in digital infrastructure and broadcasting in Scotland, such as BBC ALBA becoming available on Freeview and cable, the introduction of the final stage of digital television switchover in Scotland and the success of the bid led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise for UK Government funding to
pilot the introduction of superfast broadband roll-out in rural areas; recognises that much more needs to be done, particularly to realise the vision for a Scottish Digital Network as set out by the Scottish Broadcasting Commission in 2008, which would make quality public service content available to all of Scotland on television and online; welcomes the work undertaken by the Scottish Digital Network Panel to explore options for the funding and establishment of a Scottish Digital Network, and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to explore opportunities with the UK Government to deliver a digital network and to investigate options for transferring further responsibilities for broadcasting to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-00308.2 to motion S4M-00308—

Leave out “, particularly” and insert—

“and the need to invest in skills and training to maximise opportunities for the industry and”.

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

Ruth Davidson moved amendment S4M-00308.1 to motion S4M-00308—

Delete from "and encourages" to end and insert—

“without compromising existing broadcasting capability.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 1, Abstentions 45).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes recent developments in digital infrastructure and broadcasting in Scotland, such as BBC ALBA becoming available on Freeview and cable, the introduction of the final stage of digital television switchover in Scotland and the success of the bid led by Highlands and Islands Enterprise for UK Government funding to pilot the introduction of superfast broadband roll-out in rural areas; recognises that much more needs to be done and the need to invest in skills and training to maximise opportunities for the industry and to realise the vision for a Scottish Digital Network as set out by the Scottish Broadcasting Commission in 2008, which would make quality public service content available to all of Scotland on television and online; welcomes the work undertaken by the Scottish Digital Network Panel to explore options for the funding and establishment of a Scottish Digital Network, and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to explore opportunities with the UK Government to deliver a digital network and to investigate options for transferring further responsibilities for broadcasting to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government.
7. **Membership of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit**: Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-00326—That the Parliament agrees to the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body’s proposal to appoint Colin Beattie, Alex Johnstone, Angus MacDonald and John Pentland to be members of the Scottish Commission for Public Audit.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. **North Sea Taxation**: The Parliament debated S4M-00016 in the name of Mark McDonald—That the Parliament notes the decision of the UK Government to increase supplementary tax on North Sea oil production from 20% to 32%; notes that this decision was made without consultation with the industry and has led to uncertainty in the oil and gas sector; notes the decision by Statoil, immediately after the budget, to put on hold a $10 billion plan to develop the Mariner and Bressay fields and that other companies also have said that they are likely to reduce investment; further notes the report from Professor Alex Kemp of the University of Aberdeen, which shows that the tax rise could reduce UK oil and gas expenditure by up to £50 billion, investment by up to £30 billion and production by up to a quarter over the next three decades and the report from Oil and Gas UK that there has been a dramatic drop in confidence throughout the UK upstream oil and gas industry in the first quarter of 2011 in marked contrast to the highly positive business outlook recorded in the fourth quarter of 2010; believes that if the tax rise is fully implemented it will have a severe impact for future jobs and the economic prosperity of Aberdeen and the north east of Scotland, and welcomes the clear commitment by the First Minister to raise this matter with the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Mark Drane, Dull and Weem Parish Church led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00370—that the Parliament agrees—

   a) the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 22 June 2011—

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   and insert

   | followed by                  | Ministerial Statement: Public Sector Pensions Reform                                     |
   | followed by                  | Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Rural Affairs and the Environment  |
   | followed by                  | Parliamentary Bureau Motions                                                             |
   | 5.00 pm                      | Decision Time                                                                           |
   | followed by                  | Members’ Business                                                                        |

   b) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 23 June 2011—

   delete

   | 9.15 am                      | Parliamentary Bureau Motions                                                             |
   | followed by                  | Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Culture and External Affairs      |
   | 11.40 am                     | General Question Time                                                                    |
   | 12.00 pm                     | First Minister’s Question Time                                                           |
   | 2.15 pm                      | Themed Question Time                                                                     |

   Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Proposed Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

and insert

9.15 am Debate on a Scottish Government Motion to treat the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill as an Emergency Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Culture and External Affairs

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Public Sector Pensions Reform.


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

6. **There is A Better Way:** The Parliament debated S4M-00003 in the name of Elaine Smith—that the Parliament supports the STUC There is a Better Way campaign; believes that cuts are neither unavoidable nor inevitable and
that they would actually threaten economic recovery across Scotland and impact on areas such as Coatbridge and Chryston; considers that a sensible and sustainable response to the current economic crisis is contained in the People’s Charter; understands that public sector cuts are likely to have a disproportionate effect on women, children and disabled people, and would welcome widespread support for the STUC campaign and local campaigns such as those in North Lanarkshire and West Lothian.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-00377—That the Parliament agrees that the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill be treated as an Emergency Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 78, Against 39, Abstentions 0).

2. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00371—That the Parliament agrees that stages 1, 2 and 3 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill be taken on the following days—

   Stage 1: 23 June 2011; and
   Stages 2 and 3: 29 June 2011.

   The motion was agreed to (by division: For 78, Against 7, Abstentions 32).

3. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill**: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-00357—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 103, Against 5, Abstentions 15).

4. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-00383—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b)(iii) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the act.

   The motion was agreed to.

5. **General Question Time**: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

6. **First Minister’s Question Time**: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).
7. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and Rural Affairs and the Environment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and Scottish Law Officers.


9. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, did not move S4M-00393 which would have set out a business programme for 29 and 30 June and 7 and 8 September 2011.

10. **Substitution on Committees:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00394—That the Parliament agrees the following nominated committee substitutes, as permitted under Rule 6.3A—

    Scottish National Party
    
    Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee: Jim Eadie
    
    Education and Culture Committee: George Adam
    
    Equal Opportunities Committee: David Torrance
    
    European and External Relations Committee: Colin Keir
    
    Finance Committee: James Dornan
    
    Health and Sport Committee: Dennis Robertson
    
    Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee: Sandra White
    
    Justice Committee: Gordon MacDonald
    
    Local Government and Regeneration Committee: Margaret Burgess
    
    Public Audit Committee: Gil Paterson
    
    Public Petitions Committee: Kevin Stewart
    
    Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee: Jean Urquhart
    
    Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Roderick Campbell
    
    Subordinate Legislation Committee: Marco Biagi
    
    Scotland Bill Committee: Derek Mackay
    
    Scottish Liberal Democrats
Education and Culture Committee Tavish Scott
Justice Committee Jim Hume
Public Audit Committee: Liam McArthur
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee: Alison McInnes
Scottish Green Party
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee: Alison Johnstone
Scotland Bill Committee: Patrick Harvie
Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party
Education and Culture Committee: Ruth Davidson
European and External Relations Committee: Alex Fergusson
Finance Committee: David McLetchie
Health and Sport Committee: Nanette Milne
Justice Committee: Margaret Mitchell
Public Audit Committee: Liz Smith
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee: Jamie McGrigor
Scotland Bill Committee: Murdo Fraser
Scottish Labour Party
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee: Claire Baker
Education and Culture Committee: Hanzala Malik
Equal Opportunities Committee: Anne McTaggart
European and External Relations Committee: Neil Findlay
Finance Committee: Mary Fee
Health and Sport Committee: Rhoda Grant
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee: Graeme Pearson
Justice Committee: Margaret McDougall
Local Government and Regeneration Committee: Richard Simpson

Public Audit Committee: Neil Bibby

Public Petitions Committee: Malcolm Chisholm

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee: Claudia Beamish

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee: Mark Griffin

Subordinate Legislation Committee: Margaret McCulloch

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 10 as noted above.

12. David MacBrayne Group Support Coastguards: The Parliament debated S4M-00117 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament notes the recent submission by the David MacBrayne Group to the UK Government’s consultation on the review of coastguard services across the United Kingdom; notes that the David MacBrayne Group is the principal operator of the Clyde and Hebrides and Northern Isles ferry services and is the UK’s largest ferry operator in terms of vessels operated and routes served and notes its view that any changes to coastguard services should be constructed on the premise of saving lives and not on saving money, and argues that it is vital that coastguard services remain based throughout the whole of Scotland in order to offer the greatest possible service to the public and that, with an ever-increasing level of seafaring traffic on the west coast of Scotland, it is ludicrous that the Clyde facility is earmarked for closure.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Canon George Bradburn, the Parish of St Gildas led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00442—That the Parliament agrees —

   (a) the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 29 June 2011—

   delete

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

   and insert

   followed by                Ministerial Statement: Higher Education  
   followed by                Ministerial Statement: Financial Outturn  
   followed by                Scottish Government Debate: Taking Scotland Forward – Infrastructure and Capital Investment  
   followed by                Business Motion  
   followed by                Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
   5.00 pm                    Decision Time  
   followed by                Members’ Business

   (b) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 30 June 2011—

   delete

   9.15 am                    Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
   followed by                Scottish Government Business  
   11.40 am                   General Question Time  
   12.00 pm                   First Minister’s Question Time  
   12.30 pm                   Members’ Business  
   2.15 pm                    Themed Question Time
Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

9.00 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: 2020 Route Map for Renewable Energy in Scotland

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – The Role of the Supreme Court in Scots Criminal Law

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

12.30 pm Members’ Business

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Rural Connectivity

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent Motion – Finance (No.3) Bill

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

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


6. Business Motion: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00443—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 September 2011

1.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 8 September 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Infrastructure and Capital Investment; Culture and External Affairs
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 14 September 2011
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 15 September 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Education and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00449—That the Parliament agrees that, for the purposes of Stages 2 and 3, the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill be no longer treated as an Emergency Bill, and that—

(a) for the purposes of Rule 9.7.1, the Justice Committee be designated as lead committee; and

(b) consideration at Stage 2 be completed by 11 November 2011.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. **Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-00173 in the name of Margaret Mitchell—That the Parliament notes the concern expressed by key stakeholders regarding the proposal to transfer the role of the Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland (PCCS), the office of which is currently based in Hamilton, to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman; understands that this would leave Scotland as the only part of the United Kingdom without a free-standing and independent police complaints authority; considers that the nature of police powers, such as the power of arrest, stop and search and use of force, means that police complaints are unique and complex in their nature compared to complaints involving other public services; would welcome a review of the functions and powers of the PCCS, and considers this to be particularly important in light of the ongoing discussion on the restructuring of the Police Service in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on 2020 Routemap for Renewable Energy in Scotland.

2. **Scotland Bill – The Role of the Supreme Court in Scots Criminal Law:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-00447—That the Parliament welcomes the interim report of the independent specialist group led by Lord McCluskey; believes that it provides a constructive and well-informed basis for further detailed consideration of the role of the UK Supreme Court in Scots criminal law, and looks forward to receiving the further advice and final report of the group in autumn 2011.

Johann Lamont moved amendment S4M-00447.2 to motion S4M-00447—Leave out from "believes" to end and insert—

"further welcomes the group’s reaffirmation of the continuing role of the UK Supreme Court in constitutional and human rights issues affecting Scotland; recognises that the interim report and the work of the expert group set up by Lord Wallace raise some important questions in relation to devolution issues; regrets the inappropriate language of the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Justice with regard to highly respected judges of the UK Supreme Court and the threat to withdraw funding from the court, and believes that wider consultation and discussion on proposals for change are vital in order to allow proper, well-informed, thorough and detailed consideration of all the relevant issues and implications of reform."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

John Lamont moved amendment S4M-00447.1 to motion S4M-00447—Insert at end—

"; notes the realistic conclusion of the interim report that “the Supreme Court would continue to make final and binding rulings on human rights issues including those arising in criminal cases from Scotland”; calls on the Scottish Government to accept this central conclusion, and further notes and expresses its appreciation of the outstanding contributions to Scottish public life and the Scottish legal system made by Lord Hope of Craighead and the late Lord Rodger of Earlsferry."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to.

3. **General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
4. **First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

5. **The Scheme:** The Parliament debated S4M-00193 in the name of Willie Coffey—That the Parliament notes the interest in, and issues raised by, BBC Scotland’s programme, *The Scheme*; considers that the programme, almost exclusively highlighting people with drug and alcohol addictions, gave an unfair impression of the wider community of Onthank; recognises the many challenges facing people with addictions and leading chaotic lives all over Scotland, and supports measures to assist those leading such lives who want to break the cycle of addiction and return to a normal life.

6. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Cities were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

7. **Rural Connectivity:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-00448—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s wish to see a rural Scotland that is outward looking and dynamic with a diverse economy and active communities and notes that key to that is the Scottish Government’s Digital Strategy, which wishes to see all businesses and people throughout Scotland, particularly in all rural areas, fully connected to the global economy through next generation broadband access and mobile phone coverage.

Elaine Murray moved amendment S4M-00448.2 to motion S4M-00448—

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

“; welcomes the aspiration expressed in *Scotland’s Digital Future: A Strategy for Scotland* that next generation broadband will be available to all by 2020; notes however that market forces alone will not deliver next generation broadband and mobile phone access to much of rural and suburban Scotland and that without public sector involvement the digital gap will widen, and therefore urges the Scottish Government to develop its strategy for investment in the necessary infrastructure throughout Scotland as a matter of priority.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-00448.1 to motion S4M-00448—

Insert at end—

“; further welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to implement superfast broadband across the whole of the United Kingdom, and calls on Scottish and UK ministers to work together to achieve the best possible coverage for rural Scotland”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s wish to see a rural Scotland that is outward looking
and dynamic with a diverse economy and active communities; welcomes the aspiration expressed in Scotland’s Digital Future: A Strategy for Scotland that next generation broadband will be available to all by 2020; notes however that market forces alone will not deliver next generation broadband and mobile phone access to much of rural and suburban Scotland and that without public sector involvement the digital gap will widen, and therefore urges the Scottish Government to develop its strategy for investment in the necessary infrastructure throughout Scotland as a matter of priority; further welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to implement superfast broadband across the whole of the United Kingdom, and calls on Scottish and UK ministers to work together to achieve the best possible coverage for rural Scotland.

8. **Legislative Consent Motion: Finance (No. 3) Bill** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-00444— That the Parliament agrees that provisions of the Finance (No.3) Bill 2011, introduced in the House of Commons on 31 March 2011, in relation to Scottish agricultural levies and local taxes and relating to the transposition of Directive 2010/24/EU on mutual assistance for the recovery of claims relating to taxes, duties and other measures, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.
The meeting opened at 1.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Dr Salah Beltagui, Muslim Council of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00795—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 September 2011

1.00 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  First Minister’s Statement: The Scottish Government’s Legislative Programme

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Government’s Legislative Programme

*followed by*  Business Motion

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

Thursday 8 September 2011

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: The Scottish Government’s Legislative Programme

11.40 am  General Question Time

12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm  Themed Question Time

Infrastructure and Capital Investment;
Culture and External Affairs

2.55 pm  Ministerial Statement: Police and Fire Reform

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – EU Involvement

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

Wednesday 14 September 2011

2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Ministerial Statement: Post-16 Reform
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Government’s Economic Strategy
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 15 September 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
    Education and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Care Homes
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Scotland Bill – Corporation Tax
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 21 September 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 22 September 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
3. **First Minister’s Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement on The Scottish Government’s Legislative Programme.

4. **Scottish Government’s Legislative Programme:** The Parliament debated the Scottish Government’s Legislative Programme.

5. **Suspension of Standing Orders – Scotland Bill Committee:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00762—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 12.3.3A of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Scotland Bill Committee to meet from 10.00 am until 11.50 am on Thursday 8 September 2011 to take evidence from UK Ministers.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Suspension of Standing Orders – Conveners Group:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00763—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 6A.3.3 of Standing Orders be suspended from 15 September to 31 October 2011 to allow the Conveners Group to meet.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

8. **Young Drivers:** The Parliament debated S4M-00620 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament notes with concern that research published by Dr Sarah Jones of Cardiff University suggests that there is epidemiological evidence available indicating that young drivers are more likely to crash at night or with similar-aged passengers in the vehicle; understands that between 2000 and 2007 there was no change in the number of collisions in Scotland involving young drivers while collisions involving older drivers fell by 19%; supports the view that, if a graduated licence scheme was introduced in Scotland, up to 22 lives per year could be saved and in excess of £80 million saved to the Scottish economy, and further notes and recognises the work of the Sensible Driving – Always Arriving campaign being undertaken in the Highlands.

The meeting closed at 5.29 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.


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

3. First Minister's Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

4. Themed Question Time: Questions on Infrastructure and Capital Investment, and on Culture and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) made a statement and answered questions on Police and Fire Reform.

6. Scotland Bill – EU Involvement—The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-00797—That the Parliament recognises that Scotland should have a strengthened role in European policy making; acknowledges the UK Government undertaking to respond positively to approaches from devolved administrations to attend and speak at meetings of the Council of the European Union; notes the present situation of Scottish ministers being required to write seeking permission to attend council meetings, and calls for Scottish ministers to be included in the delegation representing the UK at proceedings of EU institutions considering matters that are devolved to the Scottish Parliament or that are exercisable by Scottish ministers.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-00797.2 to motion S4M-00797—

Leave out from "notes" to end and insert—

"notes that the Scotland Bill Committee has been established in the Parliament to examine the case made by ministers for new powers in a number of areas including European policy making; believes that it is important that the views of the Scottish Government and the Parliament can be effectively represented in European policy making and that Scottish and UK ministers should work together to ensure that the correct approach is being taken to achieve this, and believes that the Parliament should come to a view on this matter once the Scotland Bill Committee has taken evidence on this issue and questioned ministers, as it will do in the course of its work."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 66, Abstentions 1).

Jamie McGrigor moved amendment S4M-00797.1 to motion S4M-00797—
Leave out from "should" to end and insert—

“has a strengthened role in European policy making through its membership of the United Kingdom; welcomes the decision of the Scottish Government to drop its unnecessary demand for Scottish ministers to have statutory rights to be included in UK delegations through an amendment to the Scotland Bill, and further welcomes the ongoing active cooperation and consultation between the Scottish and UK governments, which ensures that the interests of the Scottish people are fully represented in the European Union in both devolved and reserved matters.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 99, Abstentions 1).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 71, Against 0, Abstentions 47).

7. Committee Membership: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00813—That the Parliament agrees that—

Richard Lyle be appointed to replace Mark McDonald as a member of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

Mark McDonald be appointed to replace Richard Lyle as a member of the Public Petitions Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Flavour Fortnight 2011: The Parliament debated S4M-00600 in the name of Aileen McLeod—That the Parliament congratulates Dumfries and Galloway-based Flavour Fortnight 2011 for a packed programme of 92 events between 3 and 18 September; notes that the programme spans the entire food and drink experience from farming and food production to fine dining and that it includes a diverse range of events including a wild food forage around an art gallery, an opportunity to enjoy the first tilapia harvest from Scotland’s first aquaponics project, full-day butchery demonstrations, the opportunity to meet local producers and take advantage of plenty of tastings of local seafood, shellfish, Galloway beef, cheeses, smoked food etc; further notes that the events take place across Dumfries and Galloway with local businesses and producers working together to provide a vibrant and enthusiastic boost for Scotland’s food and drink industry; acknowledges that Flavour Fortnight is led by Savour the Flavours and receives funding from LEADER and Dumfries and Galloway Council; considers that Flavour Fortnight is in keeping with Scotland’s first food and drink policy as introduced by the Scottish Government and would welcome similar support for local producers across the rest of Scotland, and wishes Flavour Fortnight 2011 the best of success this year and for the future.

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Michel Syrett, Mental Health Champion, Action in Mind led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Post-16 Reform.

3. **Government's Economic Strategy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-00844—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of *The Government Economic Strategy* and its ambition to deliver faster, sustainable economic growth and create opportunities for all to flourish; supports the approach to accelerating economic recovery and tackling unemployment, particularly among young people; calls on the UK Government to do more to support the recovery through expanding capital investment, raising access to finance and boosting consumer confidence, and notes the increased emphasis in *The Government Economic Strategy* on export promotion, the transition to a low-carbon economy and on growth companies, growth markets and growth sectors.

Richard Baker moved amendment S4M-00844.4 to motion S4M-00844—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

“but while also welcoming a focus on accelerating economic recovery and tackling unemployment particularly among young people, believes that the Scottish Government needs to make full use of its existing powers to stimulate economic growth; endorses the goal of the Scottish Government to support the recovery through expanding capital investment, raising access to finance and boosting consumer confidence, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to consult on the establishment of an infrastructure bank and to bring forward a budget bill that explicitly and clearly supports economic recovery.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-00844.3 to motion S4M-00844—

Leave out from “calls” to end and insert—

“but considers that the Scottish Government’s target to increase Scottish exports is not backed up with sufficient action; calls on the Scottish Government to introduce an entrepreneurial action plan and a new business start-up fund; considers that the economic strategy does not pay enough attention to boosting innovation, and notes that there is only passing reference to tourism.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 69, Abstentions 36).
The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 16, Abstentions 39).

4. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00855—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 21 September 2011

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Ministerial Statement: Strategic Spending Review
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Strategic Spending Review
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 22 September 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Common Fisheries Policy
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Low Carbon Economy
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 28 September 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by SPCB Question Time
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
The motion was agreed to.

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

6. **Remembering the Russian Arctic Convoys:** The Parliament debated S4M-00710 in the name of Rob Gibson—That the Parliament adds its voice to those of many lands who took part in the 70th anniversary service at Cove, Loch Ewe on 20 August 2011 in remembrance of, and gratitude to, the merchant seamen, sailors and airmen who took part in Operation Dervish which assembled and delivered 41 convoys of essential materials and armaments to Archangel and Murmansk, the ice free ports of northern Russia from 1941 to 1944; notes that the merchant ships were assembled at Loch Ewe in Wester Ross and were protected on their voyages by the Royal Navy based at Scapa Flow, Orkney; recalls that 3,000 shipmates perished on the hazardous Arctic convoys through violent storms and freezing weather conditions, whilst under the constant threat of enemy attack, in order to keep open this vital wartime supply route that made possible the Russian resistance to Nazi invasion which it considers, in no small measure, contributed to the Allied victory over fascism; welcomes the fundraising appeal for a new Russian arctic convoy museum to be built at Aultbea, Wester Ross which will create an archive and display of artefacts as a lasting legacy to these brave men, and would welcome support for this worthy initiative.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Waste Management: Michael McMahon moved S4M-00853—That the Parliament supports the ambition of a Zero Waste Scotland and the waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle and recover; notes the need for an effective national framework to guide waste management strategy; further notes the Audit Scotland report, Protecting and improving Scotland’s environment, published in January 2010, which concluded that "collectively, councils’ plans are not sufficient to meet landfill and recycling targets beyond 2010"; notes the increasing number of waste incineration projects currently in the planning process across Scotland and that many of these projects are opposed by local communities and were opposed by a number of successful candidates during the recent election; believes that local authorities need more clarity on planning guidelines with regard to waste incineration developments, and further believes that no project involving biomass and waste-to-energy should be approved unless concerns such as environmental justice and the impact on wood supply have been thoroughly considered.

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved amendment S4M-00853.1 to motion S4M-00853—

Leave out from the first "notes" to end and insert—

"and notes the importance of an effective national framework to guide waste management, represented by Scotland’s Zero Waste Plan."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 70, Against 53, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the ambition of a Zero Waste Scotland and the waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle and recover, and notes the importance of an effective national framework to guide waste management, represented by Scotland's Zero Waste Plan.

2. Procurement of Social Care Services: Jackie Baillie moved S4M-00854—That the Parliament notes the 5% real-terms cut to the local authority settlement by the Scottish Government; further notes the demographic and financial challenges facing local government in the delivery of social care; recognises that these financial pressures have resulted in substantial reductions in service, with some care providers proposing changes to staff terms and conditions and pay cuts of up to 23%, leading to unprecedented industrial action; further notes the increasing postcode lottery of care, with differing criteria for eligibility and charges across Scotland; believes that the
procurement of social care is characterised by short-term decisions based on reducing the cost of existing services rather than having a focus on the improvement, development and redesign of services to provide long-term value for money; further believes that quality and continuity of care is of primary importance and cannot be achieved on the cheap, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a framework for social care to ensure consistency and raise standards for the benefit of some of the most vulnerable people in society.

The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S4M-00854.2 to motion S4M-00854—

Leave out from first "notes‖ to end and insert—

“notes that, despite cuts to the Scottish Budget by the UK Government and the previous Labour administration, local government funding in Scotland has been significantly protected compared to local government funding in England; welcomes the commitment of the Scottish Government to continue to improve care for older people by maintaining free personal care and improving the integration of health and social care to help ensure long-term sustainability of high quality care; believes that local authorities should have due regard to the Scottish Government's guidance on the procurement of care and support services, which was co-produced by a reference group involving all key stakeholders' interests and which sets out guiding principles for use by local authorities as a framework for evaluating local practice; further believes that, in accordance with the guidance, local authorities should promote the achievement of positive outcomes for service users and carers through the delivery of good quality, flexible and responsive services and ensure that continuity of care and the importance of a skilled and competent workforce are fully taken into account, and further notes COSLA's intention to tackle variation on charging via its fundamental review of the cost of care‖.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 69, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-00854.1 to motion S4M-00854—

Insert at end—

"and calls on the Scottish Government to review the system of charges for care home places whereby, at present, self-funders pay considerably more than those placed and funded by a local authority.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 65, Abstentions 3).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 39, Abstentions 15).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that, despite cuts to the Scottish Budget by the UK Government and the previous Labour administration, local government funding in Scotland has been significantly protected compared to local government funding in England; welcomes the commitment of the Scottish Government to continue to improve care for older
people by maintaining free personal care and improving the integration of health and social care to help ensure long-term sustainability of high quality care; believes that local authorities should have due regard to the Scottish Government's guidance on the procurement of care and support services, which was co-produced by a reference group involving all key stakeholders' interests and which sets out guiding principles for use by local authorities as a framework for evaluating local practice; further believes that, in accordance with the guidance, local authorities should promote the achievement of positive outcomes for service users and carers through the delivery of good quality, flexible and responsive services and ensure that continuity of care and the importance of a skilled and competent workforce are fully taken into account, and further notes COSLA’s intention to tackle variation on charging via its fundamental review of the cost of care.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Care Homes.

7. **Scotland Bill – Corporation Tax:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-00856—That the Parliament recognises the important role that corporation tax can play in an economy’s growth strategy; notes the importance and implications for Scotland of devolution of corporation tax to Northern Ireland; supports the devolution of corporation tax to Scotland, and agrees that this economic lever, if used wisely, could support thousands of new jobs in the Scottish economy.

Richard Baker moved amendment S4M-00856.4 to motion S4M-00856—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"believes that proposals by the Scottish Government for new powers to be included in the Scotland Bill must be backed by evidence that their devolution will benefit the Scottish economy; believes that, in its case for corporation tax, the Scottish Government has failed to provide the required evidence that such a move will be affordable or beneficial to the economy; notes that neither CBI Scotland nor the STUC support this proposal, and recognises that the broader issues of tax competition within the UK are complex and challenging and that no decision has yet been made on the devolution of corporation tax to Northern Ireland."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 43, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

David McLetchie moved amendment S4M-00856.2 to motion S4M-00856—
Leave out from "the important role" to end and insert—

"that there is no simple relationship between rates of corporation tax and economic growth, which is dependent on a multitude of factors, and calls on the Scottish Government to model the economic impact of an equivalent cut in business rates as a comparator to its corporation tax model and a policy option that is currently available to it."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-00856.3 to motion S4M-00856—

Leave out from "strategy" to end and insert—

“and in providing resources to pay for public services; notes that the Scottish Government’s own discussion paper on options for reform states that cutting corporation tax could “lead to an immediate reduction in revenues collected in Scotland” and that, if such a position was adopted, “decisions regarding budgetary priorities would be needed”, and calls on the Scottish Government to identify now which budget lines would be reduced as a result of implementing a policy to substantially reduce corporation tax levels in Scotland.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 58, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 7 as noted above.

9. Upper Clyde Shipbuilders: The Parliament debated S4M-00279 in the name of Hugh Henry—That the Parliament acknowledges the 40th anniversary of the Upper Clyde Shipbuilders’ (UCS) work-in in 1971-72; notes that the UCS was formed in 1968 with the amalgamation of five major upper Clyde shipbuilders, Fairfields, Stephens, Connells, Yarrows and John Browns; recalls that the general election in June 1970 returned a Conservative government that cut back financial support for industry and allowed unemployment to rise above one million for the first time since 1945; notes that, after the government refused to save UCS from bankruptcy, Bob Fleming, Provost of Clydebank, protested that "the Government were trying to do to Clydebank what the Germans had failed to do in the Second World War"; pays tribute to the UCS shop stewards, led by Jimmy Reid, Jimmy Airlie and Sammy Barr assisted by Bob Dickie, Bob Cook, Sammy Gilmore, Willie McInnes and the entire work force at all levels, who instituted a work-in to take control of the yards and continue work on existing orders; considers that in doing so they asserted the right to work as a principle to be defended by workers across Britain; recognises the solidarity shown by 1,200 shop stewards who came from all over the United Kingdom to pledge support; acknowledges the role of the 80,000, including many from Renfrewshire, who marched on 18 August 1971 and the 200,000 who stopped work; honours the
memory of the first Scottish Assembly on Unemployment of February 1972, convened to support the demands of the UCS workers and which called for the devolution of powers to defend jobs and employment; reaffirms the contemporary relevance of Jimmy Reid’s words in his 1972 rectorial address at the University of Glasgow, "A rat race is for rats. We’re not rats. We’re human beings. ... Profit is the sole criterion used by the establishment to evaluate economic activity. ... The power structures that have inevitably emerged from this approach threaten and undermine our hard-won democratic rights. ... Government by the people for the people becomes meaningless unless it includes major economic decision making by the people for the people.", and commends the Glow intranet for making this speech available to all schools in Scotland.

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

The meeting closed at 6.14 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Jennifer Macrae, St Mary’s Church, Haddington led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement on the Strategic Spending Review.

3. **Strategic Spending Review:** The Parliament debated the Strategic Spending Review.

4. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00896—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 28 September 2011**

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.35 pm  SPCB Question Time

2.50 pm  Scottish Government Debate: Mental Health

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

**Thursday 29 September 2011**

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

11.40 am  General Question Time

12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm  Themed Question Time

Rural Affairs and the Environment;
Justice and the Law Officers

2.55 pm  Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Studies

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business
Wednesday 5 October 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 6 October 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. UN International Day of Peace 21 September 2011: The Parliament debated S4M-00836 in the name of Bill Kidd—That the Parliament welcomes the UN International Day of Peace 2011; notes that the International Day of Peace was first celebrated in 1982 and that, since 2002, it has had a fixed date of 21 September; further notes that the UN has stated that the day is “devoted to the aim of achieving worldwide peace and commemorating and strengthening the ideas of peace both within and among all nations and peoples”; understands that it is expected that millions of people around the world will celebrate the day; hopes that it will have widespread support across Scotland, and notes the peace day commemoration event in the Parliament on 21 September.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.
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The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Common Fisheries Policy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-00904—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland during negotiations on the future of the failed Common Fisheries Policy in order to protect Scotland’s historic fishing rights, protect fish stocks, tackle discards, support Scotland’s aquaculture industry without burdening it with unnecessary regulation, promote Scottish seafood and give greater power to fishing nations to manage their fisheries and protect the marine environment.

Elaine Murray moved amendment S4M-00904.1 to motion S4M-00904—

Insert at end—

“: however recognises that these discussions will be undertaken by the UK as a member state, and therefore urges the Scottish Government to work closely with the UK Government to ensure that the long-term interests of the Scottish fishing and aquaculture industries and Scotland's marine environment are at the centre of the forthcoming discussions on reform.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 114, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government in its efforts to achieve the best possible outcome for Scotland during negotiations on the future of the failed Common Fisheries Policy in order to protect Scotland’s historic fishing rights, protect fish stocks, tackle discards, support Scotland’s aquaculture industry without burdening it with unnecessary regulation, promote Scottish seafood and give greater power to fishing nations to manage their fisheries and protect the marine environment; however recognises that these discussions will be undertaken by the UK as a member state, and therefore urges the Scottish Government to work closely with the UK Government to ensure that the long-term interests of the Scottish fishing and aquaculture industries and Scotland's marine environment are at the centre of the forthcoming discussions on reform.

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

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

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.
5. **Low-carbon Economy:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-00902—That the Parliament recognises the Scottish Government’s determination to achieve and deliver sustainable economic growth by promoting the transition to a low-carbon and resource-efficient economy across all sectors; acknowledges the potential for up to 10 GW of electricity from offshore wind in Scotland and that the potential for still more large-scale development of offshore wind, wave and tidal energy over the coming decades represents the biggest opportunity for sustainable economic growth in Scotland for a generation; notes the vision and purpose underlying the 2020 Routemap for Renewable Energy in Scotland, the enterprise agencies’ National Renewables Infrastructure Plan and associated National Renewables Infrastructure Fund and the Energy Skills Investment Plan; supports the Scottish Government in setting the right policy and funding framework to reinforce Scotland’s position as a destination for global low-carbon investment; agrees that its ambitious approach to climate change is critical in providing long-term certainty for business and investors, and recognises the Scottish Government’s commitment to resource efficiency through the Energy Efficiency Action Plan for Scotland and the Zero Waste Plan, which is already expanding waste reprocessing capacity and cutting carbon emissions.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-00902.3 to motion S4M-00902—

Leave out from "acknowledges" to end and insert—

"recognises also that delivery of that objective will require effective implementation of a range of policies by government at every level, and believes that these should include retrofitting of domestic energy efficiency measures, more resources to tackle fuel poverty and limit price impacts on consumers, as well as action on grid infrastructure, support for a diverse energy mix and measures to give local communities a stake in the future low-carbon economy."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-00902.1 to motion S4M-00902—

Insert at end—

";recognises the Scottish Government’s responsibility in the positioning of offshore wind turbines and wave and tidal machinery with respect to the safety and sustainability of marine species, both migratory and non-migratory, and the marine environment, and the potential impact on cetaceans; further notes that, by accepting the importance of lifetime extension, the Scottish Government has now acknowledged the vital role that nuclear power stations play in achieving Scotland’s carbon emission targets, but believes that, for this to carried through to 2050, the Scottish Government must now bring forward a plan for the inclusion of new nuclear generating capacity to replace Hunterston B and Torness at the end of their working lives."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 70, Abstentions 34).
The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 2, Abstentions 33).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.

7. **Save the Children Report, Making Work Pay – The Childcare Trap:**
The Parliament debated S4M-00808 in the name of Jamie Hepburn—That the Parliament notes the many families in Cumbernauld and Kilsyth and across Scotland who struggle to meet childcare costs; further notes with grave concern the findings of a survey carried out by Save the Children and the Daycare Trust that parents on low incomes are being forced out of work by a combination of high childcare costs and a lack of support to meet those costs; understands that the survey shows that a majority of families struggle to cover childcare costs regardless of income but that the burden is especially heavy for families in poverty; notes in particular the findings that a quarter of parents in severe poverty have given up work and a third have turned down a job mainly because of high childcare costs; believes that affordable childcare is an essential part of making work pay and that supporting the poorest parents into work is the best way to tackle child poverty, and believes that the conclusions of Save the Children’s report, *Making Work Pay – The Childcare Trap*, should be given the utmost consideration.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Allan Loudon, Methodist Church, Wishaw led Time for Reflection.

2. **SPCB Question Time:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

3. **Mental Health:** The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-00949—That the Parliament recognises the significant progress that has been made in mental health services, mental health improvement and mental health law in Scotland, but notes that there is still work to be done and in that regard welcomes the publication by the Scottish Government of a consultation document on a new mental health strategy for Scotland that builds on previous and continuing work and establishes the priorities and actions for the next four years in support of a healthier and fairer Scotland.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-00949.2 to motion S4M-00949—

*Insert at end—*

“and recognises that the strategy should embrace action to support positive mental health in the community and in employment and seek to invest in preventative spending and protect local mental health services from cuts that impact adversely on the local community.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

Alison McInnes moved amendment S4M-00949.1 to motion S4M-00949—

*Insert at end—*

“and believes that, in moving forward, greater personalisation, better joint working and a focus on prevention and mental wellbeing are key to achieving better, more efficient services.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to.

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the significant progress that has been made in mental health services, mental health improvement and mental health law in Scotland, but notes that there is still work to be done and in that regard welcomes the publication by the Scottish Government of a consultation document on a new mental health strategy for Scotland that builds on previous and continuing work and
establishes the priorities and actions for the next four years in support of a healthier and fairer Scotland, and believes that, in moving forward, greater personalisation, better joint working and a focus on prevention and mental wellbeing are key to achieving better, more efficient services.

4. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-00957—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 5 October 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Fuel Poverty

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Welfare Reform

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 6 October 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Housing

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

  Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Digital Future of Scotland’s Heritage

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Wednesday 26 October 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 27 October 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Culture and External Affairs;
   Infrastructure and Capital Investment
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. Battling Scotland’s Drinking Culture: The Parliament debated S4M-00181 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the British Medical Association’s survey on the impact of alcohol on patients who had visited GP practices in Glasgow and across Scotland on one day in April 2011; is alarmed that GPs and practice nurses reported that there were more than 5,500 consultations in which it was considered that alcohol was a contributing factor to the visit; understands that this equates to an estimated more than two million consultations per year, costing the NHS in excess of £42 million; believes that further action must be taken to curb Scotland’s drinking culture and raise awareness of the long-term damage to health that might arise from regular heavy alcohol consumption, and would welcome the urgent development of a package of measures to address this problem.

The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Cancer Drugs and their Availability in Scotland:** Murdo Fraser moved S4M-00956—That the Parliament notes with concern the findings of the Rarer Cancers Foundation (RCF) report, *Nations divided? An assessment of variations in access to cancer treatments for patients in England, Scotland and Wales*, which states that there are now 23 cancer medicines not routinely available in Scotland that may be available in England through the Cancer Drugs Fund; recognises that patients in Scotland are now three times less likely than patients in England to gain access to a cancer medicine that is not routinely available; further notes the comments of the RCF that the Scottish Government has displayed a concerning degree of complacency over access to cancer treatments, and calls on the Scottish Government to set up a Scottish cancer drugs fund to be reviewed once the current pharmaceutical price regulation scheme expires.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved amendment S4M-00956.2 to motion S4M-800956—

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

“notes the Scottish Government’s significant and proactive developments in policy for the introduction and uptake of new medicines and the positive endorsement of these by the Public Petitions Committee; agrees that Scotland has robust arrangements for the introduction of newly licensed clinically and cost effective medicines, including cancer drugs, through the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland, which operate independently from the Scottish Government; notes that, in certain circumstances, there are opportunities for local clinically led consideration of SMC “not recommended” medicines for individual patients; notes that Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Myeloma UK and Macmillan Cancer Support do not agree that the Cancer Drugs Fund is a necessary policy measure in Scotland; notes that the Scottish Government is working with the UK Department of Health with regard to the introduction of value-based pricing, and welcomes the intention to improve cancer survival rates through the detect cancer early implementation plan, backed up by the investment of £30 million.”

Alison McInnes moved amendment S4M-00956.1 to motion S4M-800956—

Leave out from "through" to end and insert—

“and that patients in Scotland are now three times less likely than patients in England to gain access to a cancer medicine that is not routinely available; notes that the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy made a statement to the Parliament on 25 March 2009, outlining three steps being taken to improve access to new medicines, during which she said “All the developments that I have announced today will, individually and collectively, improve patients' access to medicines on the NHS”; recognises that an earlier RCF report, *The Scottish Exception? An audit of the progress made in improving access to treatment for people with rarer cancers*, published in March 2011, found that increasing numbers of Scots are having to rely on exceptional case applications, that nearly a third of NHS boards have no written policy governing exceptional case applications in place and that NHS boards use
variable criteria to assess exceptional case applications; believes that more work is needed to ensure that there is a system in place that is, from end to end, robust, fair and well understood, and calls on the Scottish Government to outline its response to the findings in the RCF reports, work with the Scottish Medicines Consortium and NHS boards to increase transparency around decision making and work constructively with the UK Government to ensure that the new value-based pricing scheme meets the needs of patients in Scotland."

After debate, amendment S4M-00956.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 12, Abstentions 4). As a result, amendment S4M-00956.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 106, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Scottish Government’s significant and proactive developments in policy for the introduction and uptake of new medicines and the positive endorsement of these by the Public Petitions Committee; agrees that Scotland has robust arrangements for the introduction of newly licensed clinically and cost effective medicines, including cancer drugs, through the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland, which operate independently from the Scottish Government; notes that, in certain circumstances, there are opportunities for local clinically led consideration of SMC "not recommended" medicines for individual patients; notes that Breakthrough Breast Cancer, Myeloma UK and Macmillan Cancer Support do not agree that the Cancer Drugs Fund is a necessary policy measure in Scotland; notes that the Scottish Government is working with the UK Department of Health with regard to the introduction of value-based pricing, and welcomes the intention to improve cancer survival rates through the detect cancer early implementation plan, backed up by the investment of £30 million.

2. Scotland’s Colleges: Liz Smith moved S4M-00955—That the Parliament notes the profound concern expressed by Scotland’s Colleges that last week’s Spending Review has severely damaged the ability of colleges to maintain student places and staffing levels, and their ability to deliver quality education across all areas of the further education sector; notes that the core funding cuts to colleges of 13.5% could result in a real-terms cut of over 20% if student support is maintained at a flat-cash level; believes that this is a direct consequence of the Scottish Government’s refusal to allow additional private sources of finance in the higher education sector thereby putting additional financial strain on every other area of education spending, and calls on the Scottish Government to explain why, in light of the findings of the post-16 review, it has severely cut back on the highly successful school/college partnerships that provide enhanced vocational opportunities for young people.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved amendment S4M-00955.2 to motion S4M-800955—

Leave out from first "notes" to end and insert—
“commends the valuable work of the nation’s colleges; welcomes the commitment from Scotland’s Colleges to work constructively with the Scottish Government to deliver learner-centred reform of post-16 education; supports the Opportunities for All programme that will provide a suitable place in learning or training for all 16 to 19-year-olds not already in work or education; notes the value to the people of Scotland of maintaining free access to higher education, and completely rejects the introduction of tuition fees for Scotland-domiciled students.”

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-00955.3 to motion S4M-800955—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—

“is concerned that these cuts are being implemented at a time when Scotland is once more experiencing unacceptable levels of unemployment, with youth unemployment in particular having risen by 89% over the last four years, and calls on the Scottish Government to explain how cuts to colleges will improve the life chances for this and succeeding generations.”

After debate, amendment 955.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 52, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-00955.3 was preempted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 50, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament commends the valuable work of the nation’s colleges; welcomes the commitment from Scotland’s Colleges to work constructively with the Scottish Government to deliver learner-centred reform of post-16 education; supports the Opportunities for All programme that will provide a suitable place in learning or training for all 16 to 19-year-olds not already in work or education; notes the value to the people of Scotland of maintaining free access to higher education, and completely rejects the introduction of tuition fees for Scotland-domiciled students.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and Scottish Law Officers.

6. **Scottish Studies:** The Minister for Learning and Skills (Dr Alasdair Allan) moved S4M-00959—That the Parliament welcomes the 90% level of support for Scottish Studies in a recent survey; agrees that it is essential that all young people should have the opportunity to learn and be better informed about their country and its place in the world, including its historical, literary, linguistic and cultural inheritance as well as its landscape and natural heritage, and that such learning provides a more relevant and connected learning experience
that raises ambition and attainment for all, and supports the Scottish Government's desire to develop a distinct strand of learning around Scottish Studies for all pupils in the context of the Curriculum for Excellence, providing greater coherence without marginalisation.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-00959.2 to motion S4M-800959—

Leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert—

“notes the establishment of the Scottish Studies working group and its exploration of Scottish studies as a new subject; acknowledges the excellent practice that is already in place in Scottish schools which is delivering a wide range of Scottish-focused teaching across the curriculum; calls on the working group to audit current practice in primary and secondary schools, including the skills and knowledge of teachers in this area and to determine the way in which a new subject will add to the work that is already being undertaken and to guard against marginalisation of Scottish studies, and looks forward to scrutinising the working group’s recommendations.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-00959.1 to motion S4M-800951—

Leave out from "welcomes" to end and insert—

“agrees that it is essential that all young people should have the opportunity to learn and be better informed about their country and its place in the world, including its historical, literary, linguistic and cultural inheritance as well as its landscape and natural heritage, and that such learning provides a more relevant and connected learning experience that raises ambition and attainment for all, but believes that these educational opportunities are already extensively and successfully embedded in the curriculum without the need for the addition of discrete Scottish Studies.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 101, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 12, Abstentions 38).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. Stop the Closure of Lightburn Hospital: The Parliament debated S4M-00681 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament notes with deep concern the decision by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde to close Lightburn Hospital in the east end of Glasgow and to relocate its services to Glasgow Royal Infirmary and Stobhill Hospital; considers that this proposal will have a devastating effect for many people in the wider east end of Glasgow who rely on this local healthcare facility and believes that this will
result in lengthy journeys by often unsuitable public transport; believes that local rehabilitation healthcare facilities are important in ensuring a more effective recovery; recognises the health challenges that face the communities in the east end of Glasgow and considers that the closure will have a devastating effect in their battle to improve health and wellbeing; welcomes the Scottish Government’s policy on the presumption against centralisation, and would welcome such a presumption being taken into account when the future of local facilities are being considered.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Helen Cook, Kingussie Parish Church led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01018—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 5 October 2011—

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Welfare Reform

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion – London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Amendment) Bill – UK Legislation

(b) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 6 October 2011—

delete

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Digital Future of Scotland’s Heritage

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: S4M-00630 Christine Grahame: Jeremy Hunt Doesn’t Get the Picture so Neither Does the Borders

and insert

2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Scottish Ambulance Service Rest Breaks

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Digital Future of Scotland’s Heritage

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business: S4M-00630 Christine Grahame: Jeremy Hunt Doesn’t Get the Picture so Neither Does the Borders

The motion was agreed to.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment (Alex Neil) made a statement and answered questions on Fuel Poverty.
3. Welfare Reform: The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-01008—That the Parliament notes the Welfare Reform Bill that is currently being considered by the UK Parliament; regrets that the far-reaching proposals contained in the bill are being pursued against the backdrop of substantial cuts to welfare benefits announced in the June and October 2010 UK budgets; further regrets the impact that these cuts will have on some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in society and on the local authority and third-sector organisations committed to supporting vulnerable people, and calls on the UK Government to pursue a welfare system that is properly financed, simple to understand, lifts people out of poverty and makes work pay.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-01008.1 to motion S4M-01008—

Insert at end—

“and is otherwise minded, subject to consideration by the appropriate committees, to oppose the forthcoming legislative consent motion pertaining to the Welfare Reform Bill.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-01008.2 to motion S4M-01008—

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

“recognises the requirement to reform the welfare system to meet the demand for a fairer society and to bring to an end a system that penalises hard-working families and rewards those who refuse to take on paid employment despite being able to do so; commends the UK Government’s aims to simplify the entire benefits system through the introduction of the universal credit system; commends the UK Government for placing work at the heart of the reforms and for providing ongoing support for those in paid employment, and supports the UK Government in its pursuit of a fairer welfare system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 108, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-01008.3 to motion S4M-01008—

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

“recognises that these fundamental reforms will deliver a system that incentivises work, is simplified and streamlined and maintains a safety net for those vulnerable individuals who cannot work; further recognises that there are almost half a million people on out-of-work benefits in Scotland and that approximately 15% of Scottish children live in workless households, and believes that this radical reform of the current welfare system is required in order to support people back into work and ensure that work always pays.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 104, Abstentions 0).
The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the Welfare Reform Bill that is currently being considered by the UK Parliament; regrets that the far-reaching proposals contained in the bill are being pursued against the backdrop of substantial cuts to welfare benefits announced in the June and October 2010 UK budgets; further regrets the impact that these cuts will have on some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in society and on the local authority and third-sector organisations committed to supporting vulnerable people, and calls on the UK Government to pursue a welfare system that is properly financed, simple to understand, lifts people out of poverty and makes work pay, and is otherwise minded, subject to consideration by the appropriate committees, to oppose the forthcoming legislative consent motion pertaining to the Welfare Reform Bill.

4. London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Amendment) Bill - UK Legislation: The Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-01017—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Amendment) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 March 2011, relating to the advertising, street trading and ticket touting provisions, 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).

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01019—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 26 October 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Winter Resilience

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 27 October 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Raising Attainment and Ambition for all Scotland’s Young People
11.40 am  General Question Time
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time
          Culture and External Affairs; Infrastructure and Capital Investment
2.55 pm  Scottish Government Debate: Ensuring the Integrity of Scots Criminal Law

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 2 November 2011

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motion
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 3 November 2011

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
11.40 am  General Question Time
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time
          Education and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. The Climate Change (Annual Targets) (Scotland) Order 2011 [draft]: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01020—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Annual Targets) (Scotland) Order 2011 be approved.
The meeting closed at 5.51 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Housing:** The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved S4M-01022—That the Parliament recognises the difficulties that the current economic climate presents for those in need of affordable housing; believes, in light of the severe constraints on public expenditure, that this challenge can be addressed only through the development of innovative and creative measures to provide a range of high-quality sustainable homes that people can afford and that meet their needs; notes with approval initiatives such as the National Housing Trust and the Investment and Innovation Fund; welcomes the willingness of local authorities, registered social landlords and developers to participate in these initiatives, and congratulates them on working together innovatively to deliver the maximum number of affordable homes in these testing circumstances.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-01022.3 to motion S4M-01022—

Leave out from ", in light" to end and insert—

"that strengthened investment in social rented housing will benefit those in greatest need and will also stimulate economic activity and create jobs; notes the SNP’s manifesto commitment in the 2011 election campaign ―to build over 6000 new socially-rented houses each year‖ and its failure to endorse that target while in government; regrets the lack of clarity about the Scottish Government’s future funding plans for new low-cost and mid-market housing in the Spending Review, and calls on the Scottish Government to address urgently the question of how it will enable sufficient new social rented houses to be built."

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

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-01022.2 to motion S4M-01022—

Leave out from "recognises" to end and insert—

"is concerned that housebuilding in Scotland has slumped to its lowest level in almost 30 years while the number of house sales is 10% lower than last year; is further concerned that, against this background, the Scottish Government has chosen to cut spending in housing and regeneration by 30%, with a 40% cut in the Supporting Economic Growth/Housing Supply budget line, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to take action to free up the planning system to boost the construction industry and to scrap home reports to boost house sales."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 106, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 22, Abstentions 0).
2. **General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategies (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Ambulance Service Rest Breaks.

6. **Digital Future of Scotland’s Heritage:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-01023—That the Parliament celebrates Scotland’s rich and varied heritage and the contribution that it makes to the lives of Scotland’s people and to its economy; recognises the growing interest in exploring personal and family histories; welcomes steps to embrace the most modern technologies through initiatives such as the Scottish Ten, a project that uses 3D digital scanning to present and record Scotland’s five iconic world heritage sites alongside five outstanding international heritage sites, and applauds the use of those technologies to engage young people, and people around the world, in their cultural heritage.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-1023.1 to motion S4M-0123—

Leave out from "growing interest" to end and insert—

"work being carried out by Historic Scotland and its partners on the Scottish Ten project to scan digitally and record both Scottish and international heritage sites; acknowledges that encouraging and investing in the digital future of Scotland’s heritage should go hand in hand with encouraging more visitors to internationally renowned heritage sites; recognises that the use of modern technologies should complement and interact with any tourism strategy, including genealogical tourism; applauds the ongoing work of Scran in digitising and increasing access to images and media from museums, galleries and archives, and the work of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland in digitising and increasing access to the built environment such as archaeological, industrial and maritime sites, ancient monuments and a wide range of architecture; understands that Scran works in partnership with over 300 cultural institutions in Scotland and the rest of the UK, and with this example in mind, calls on the Scottish Government to encourage a UK-wide approach to the digitisation of family and birth records, linking the Scottish national records with other UK records to further raise interest in the exploration of personal and family histories, and commends the work of Historic Scotland and the National Records of Scotland, estimated by SPICe to be facing a cut of approximately 30% and 35% respectively in the Spending Review period."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).
7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 6 as noted above.

8. **Jeremy Hunt Doesn’t Get the Picture so Neither Does the Borders:**
The Parliament debated S4M-00630 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament expresses its disappointment that the Scottish Borders has been omitted from a list of locations eligible to bid for a local broadcasting licence; notes that Jeremy Hunt, the UK minister responsible for broadcasting has stated “I want people to be able to watch television that’s truly relevant to them, about what’s happening where they live and featuring people they know”; therefore is astonished that he seems to have failed to consider the Scottish Borders and towns such as Galashiels as a location in spite of the fact that the Scottish Borders is served not by STV but by Border TV, broadcasting from Gateshead and covering also the north of England and the Isle of Man, thus depriving Borderers of both national and local coverage; considers that this is further evidence supporting devolution of broadcasting, and, in the meantime and until such time as Scotland establishes its own digital network, would welcome the Scottish Borders being included on the list of possible sites.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Dr Ravindra Mehta, Glasgow University Hindu Society and Foundation Doctor at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee led Time for Reflection.

2. **Winter Resilience:** The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved S4M-01123—That the Parliament welcomes the major winter preparedness campaign launched on 24 October 2011; commends the Red Cross, responder agencies and the broad range of partners involved for working together to stress the importance of planning ahead for winter; supports the activities that are taking place during Ready for Winter? week, which highlight the simple steps that people can take to be more prepared; acknowledges that, although Scotland’s weather is unpredictable, government, responders and a range of public, private and voluntary sector partners have taken significant steps to be more prepared for severe weather this winter, including holding a major winter planning exercise, Polar Storm, last month and that improved winter planning is captured in the report of the Winter Weather Review Group, and acknowledges that preparedness will be an ongoing process and that everyone must be resilient in preparing for winter.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-01123.1 to motion S4M-01123—

Insert at end—

“, and believes that the Scottish Government has a role to play in co-ordinating local efforts to cope with winter weather, including support for community councils, and in identifying vulnerable people and ensuring that they receive adequate support.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament agreed—That the Parliament welcomes the major winter preparedness campaign launched on 24 October 2011; commends the Red Cross, responder agencies and the broad range of partners involved for working together to stress the importance of planning ahead for winter; supports the activities that are taking place during Ready for Winter? week, which highlight the simple steps that people can take to be more prepared; acknowledges that, although Scotland’s weather is unpredictable, government, responders and a range of public, private and voluntary sector partners have taken significant steps to be more prepared for severe weather this winter, including holding a major winter planning exercise, Polar Storm, last month and that improved winter planning is captured in the report of the Winter Weather Review Group, and acknowledges that preparedness will be an ongoing process and that everyone must be resilient in preparing for winter, and believes that the Scottish Government has a role to play in co-
ordinating local efforts to cope with winter weather, including support for community councils, and in identifying vulnerable people and ensuring that they receive adequate support.

3. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01128—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 2 November 2011**

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: Reducing the Time Needed to Find a Permanent Home for Looked-after Children

*followed by*  Business Motion

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

**Thursday 3 November 2011**

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: Veterans

11.40 am  General Question Time

12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time

2.00 pm  Themed Question Time

   Education and Lifelong Learning

2.40 pm  Justice Committee Debate: Report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

**Wednesday 9 November 2011**

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Scottish Government Business

*followed by*  Business Motion

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business
Thursday 10 November 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Construction Contracts (Scotland) Exclusion Order 2011 [draft]:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01129—That the Parliament agrees that the Construction Contracts (Scotland) Exclusion Order 2011 [draft] be approved.

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

5. **Scheme for Construction Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 [draft]:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01130—That the Parliament agrees that the Scheme for Construction Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 [draft] be approved.

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

6. **Suspension of Standing Orders:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01131—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 12.3.3A of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Scotland Bill Committee to meet on Thursday 17 November 2011 to take evidence from Scottish and UK ministers.

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

7. **Office of the Clerk:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01132—That the Parliament agrees that the Office of the Clerk be closed on 28, 29 and 30 December 2011.

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

8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 as noted above.
9. Fuel Poverty in Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-00760 in the name of Jenny Marra—That the Parliament notes with concern the rising number of fuel poor in Scotland; understands that there are now 900,000 such households; considers that fuel poverty will rise further this winter in light of what it considers to be drastically increased domestic fuel prices; further considers that, if this winter is as harsh as that of 2010-11, there will be a risk of people being unable to heat their homes; notes the Scottish Government’s target to eradicate fuel poverty by 2016, and would welcome action this winter to prevent fatalities and households across Scotland having to decide between heating or eating.

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

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Raising Attainment and Ambition for all Scotland’s Young People:**
The Minister for Children and Young People (Angela Constance) moved S4M-01134—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government placing rich attainment at the heart of its approach to enable all Scotland’s young people to improve their life chances and fulfil their ambitions; agrees that for a young child this means giving them the best start so that their cognitive, social and emotional skills enable them to successfully enter and progress in school, and agrees that for a young person this means recognising and affirming successful learning and giving them a passport to future opportunities and that for Scotland it will deliver improved competitiveness and increased opportunity for all.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-01134.3 to motion S4M-01134—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

“believes that more needs to be done to raise attainment and achievement levels among young people in Scotland; remains acutely concerned that even Scotland’s equitable school system fails to overcome socioeconomic deprivation for too many Scots; recognises the success of various initiatives, such as Glasgow’s approach in supporting nurture groups; believes that the Parliament can reach agreement on the importance of early intervention and tackling illiteracy, but, given the abandonment of the SNP government’s flagship policy on class sizes, calls for clarity on which Scottish Government policies will now be the key drivers in raising attainment and opening up opportunity for all.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 42, Against 63, Abstentions 14).

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-01134.1 to motion S4M-01134—

Insert at end—

“, and believes that there are important recommendations contained in the recent Donaldson, McCormac and Cameron reports, which, when implemented, will raise standards in Scotland’s schools, deliver a school system that is much more responsive to the demands of pupils, parents and teachers and will provide greater incentives to turn around failing schools.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 33, Abstentions 2).

2. **General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
3. **First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Culture and External Affairs and Infrastructure and Capital Investment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. **Ensuring the Integrity of Scots Criminal Law:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-01133—That the Parliament welcomes the conclusions of the review group chaired by Lord McCluskey on the examination of the relationship between the High Court of the Justiciary and the Supreme Court in criminal cases; welcomes the review group’s comments about the historical independence of the Scottish legal system and its conclusion that this position should be maintained by restoring the High Court to its rightful place at the apex of that system; further welcomes the review group’s suggestion of a certification procedure granted by the High Court of Justiciary for criminal cases; notes the review group’s view that the UK Supreme Court should have a limited jurisdiction, ruling solely on the point of law relating to convention rights arising in criminal cases, and calls on the UK Government to work with the Scottish Government to deliver a solution through the Scotland Bill that reflects the recommendations of the review and preserves the integrity of Scots criminal law.

James Kelly moved amendment S4M-01133.3 to motion S4M-01133—

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

“regrets the inappropriate language of the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Justice with regard to highly respected judges of the UK Supreme Court and the threat to withdraw funding from the court; notes the conclusions of the review group chaired by Lord McCluskey on the examination of the relationship between the High Court of the Justiciary and the Supreme Court in criminal cases; welcomes the group’s reaffirmation of the continuing role of the UK Supreme Court in constitutional and human rights issues affecting Scotland; recognises that the McCluskey report and the work of the expert group set up by Lord Wallace raise some important questions in relation to devolution issues, the requirement for a general public interest certificate to be issued by the High Court of the Justiciary prior to appeal to the Supreme Court and widening the scope for appeals to the Supreme Court on European Convention on Human Rights grounds to include potential violations by any public authority, and believes that detailed consideration of all the relevant issues and implications of the range of reforms identified is essential and that this must involve discussion with all interested groups to ensure that any reforms deliver a fair and effective judicial system.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 63, Abstentions 5).

John Lamont moved amendment S4M-01133.1 to motion S4M-01133—

Leave out from “this position” to second “criminal cases” and insert—

"the position of the High Court of Justiciary should be maintained in its rightful place at the apex of that system".
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 70, Abstentions 35).

Alison McInnes moved amendment S4M-01133.2 to motion S4M-01133—

Leave out from “conclusions” to end and insert—

“constructive work of the review group chaired by Lord McCluskey on the examination of the relationship between the High Court of the Justiciary and the Supreme Court in criminal cases and notes that this follows the work of the Advocate General’s expert group that examined this issue last year; in particular welcomes the review group’s view that the Supreme Court should continue to have jurisdiction in relation to issues of convention rights arising in Scottish criminal cases; recognises that the High Court of the Justiciary is currently the final criminal court of appeal in Scotland; agrees that, in disposing of an appeal, the power of the Supreme Court should be limited to declaring whether or not there has been a breach of a convention right and, if there has been, to saying why this is so, and calls on the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government to take forward a thorough and detailed consideration of the recommendations of both expert groups.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 7, Against 63, Abstentions 49).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 40, Abstentions 16).

6. Decision Time: Under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3 decisions on items 1 and 5 above were taken at the meeting of the Parliament on Wednesday 2 November 2011.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Monsignor John McIntyre, St Bridget’s Parish, Baillieston led Time for Reflection.

2. **Reducing the Time Needed to Find a Permanent Home for Looked-after Children:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Angela Constance) moved S4M-01197—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government placing the importance of permanence and stability at the heart of its approach to improving the life chances of looked-after children; acknowledges that there is still some delay in the processes as indicated in the Scottish Children’s Reporter’s Administration report, *Care and Permanence Planning for Looked After Children in Scotland*; welcomes the Scottish Government’s response to the report, which builds on the work of the Looked After Children Strategic Implementation Group, and agrees that a collaborative multi-agency approach to improving the quality of decisions affecting looked-after children finding permanent placements is required.

Claire Baker moved amendment S4M-01197.2 to motion S4M-01197—

Insert at end—

“; calls on the Scottish Government to set out the timescales to achieve the actions set out in its response to the report and state how it will measure improvements for those children with the most complex needs and challenging problems; asks whether additional resources will be available to ensure that the report’s recommendations are achieved, and draws attention to a new study by Citizens Advice Scotland that shows that two thirds of the 19 local authorities that it surveyed are still not paying kinship carers the same as foster carers.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01211—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 9 November 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Rehabilitation and Enablement in Scotland

*followed by* Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 10 November 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: The Importance of Architecture and Placemaking to the Economy of Scotland
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 16 November 2011
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 17 November 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
(b) that the deadline for lodging questions for First Minister’s Question Time on Thursday 12 January 2012 shall be 2.00 pm on Monday 9 January 2012;

(c) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on Thursday 12 January 2012 ends at 12 noon on Wednesday 14 December 2011;

(d) that the deadline for lodging questions for Question Times on Thursday 12 January 2012 shall be 12 noon on Wednesday 21 December 2011;

(e) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on Thursday 19 January 2012 ends at 12 noon on Wednesday 21 December 2011.

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01212—that the Parliament agrees that the deadline for consideration of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be extended to 2 December 2011.

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Decision Time**: The Parliament, under Standing Orders Rule 11.3.3 took decisions on items debated on 27 October 2011 and then took decisions on item 2 as noted above.

6. **Mordechai Vanunu, Israel’s Nuclear Whistleblower**: The Parliament debated S4M-00789 in the name of Sandra White—that the Parliament notes the 25th anniversary of the revelations by Mordechai Vanunu regarding Israel’s secret nuclear weapons programme, which is estimated to number over a hundred warheads with the potential to annihilate the entire Middle East; praises what it considers to be Vanunu’s courage and dedication to the cause of the elimination of nuclear weapons; considers that this saw him returned to Israel under suspicious circumstances; further notes that he had been tried for treason and sentenced to 18 years in prison, 11 of which were spent in solitary confinement; understands that, since his release, despite being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize 17 times and holding prestigious positions such as rector of the University of Glasgow, he has experienced continued persecution by the Israeli authorities; notes that this has been described by Amnesty International as cruel, inhuman and degrading and has also been condemned by the European Parliament; believes that, rather than be vilified, Vanunu should be allowed to live peacefully in one of the numerous countries to have offered him residence, and is of the view that Israel’s arsenal of nuclear weapons is an obvious barrier in the way of nuclear non-proliferation in the Middle East.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Veterans:** The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved S4M-01218—That the Parliament notes that, as the annual Remembrance Day commemorations take place across Scotland and as the ultimate sacrifice of those who fought and died in times of war in defence of the country’s freedoms and way of life is remembered with respect and honour, it is also fitting and appropriate to reflect on the needs and aspirations of Scotland’s veterans community, many of whom are injured mentally and physically; notes the initiatives and programmes developed and introduced by the Scottish Government to plan, coordinate and deliver support and advice services from the private, public and voluntary sectors for ex-service personnel, including a number of initiatives to strengthen the provision of and access to health, transport and housing services, and welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to the Military Covenant, a commitment that the Scottish Government fully endorses and the principles of which it will continue to build on for the veterans community in Scotland.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-01218.1 to motion S4M-01218—

After “physically” insert—

“; notes that veterans of the regular and territorial services are affected and recognises the importance of supporting the families and children of all of those veterans; further recognises the historic and continuing value of supported employment for some disabled veterans”.

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, as the annual Remembrance Day commemorations take place across Scotland and as the ultimate sacrifice of those who fought and died in times of war in defence of the country’s freedoms and way of life is remembered with respect and honour, it is also fitting and appropriate to reflect on the needs and aspirations of Scotland’s veterans community, many of whom are injured mentally and physically; notes that veterans of the regular and territorial services are affected and recognises the importance of supporting the families and children of all of those veterans; further recognises the historic and continuing value of supported employment for some disabled veterans; notes the initiatives and programmes developed and introduced by the Scottish Government to plan, coordinate and deliver support and advice services from the private, public and voluntary sectors for ex-service personnel, including a number of initiatives to strengthen the provision of and access to health, transport and housing services, and welcomes the UK Government’s commitment to the Military Covenant, a commitment that the Scottish
Government fully endorses and the principles of which it will continue to build on for the veterans community in Scotland

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

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

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. **Report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2:** Christine Grahame, on behalf of the Justice Committee, moved S4M-01170—That the Parliament notes the Justice Committee’s 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): *Report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 (SP Paper 21).*

James Kelly moved amendment S4M-01170.1 to motion S4M-01170—

Insert at end—

“; further notes the number of verbal and written submissions that raised concerns about the bill; believes that the Scottish Government has failed to make the case for the requirement for new offences contained in the bill, that it lacks clarity, would lead to confusion, be difficult to enforce if implemented and cannot be supported, and believes that a more proportionate response to dealing with the problems in relation to Scottish football would be to give greater consideration to the use of existing laws, to work with football authorities and promote positive interventions in communities and the education system.”

**Motion without Notice:** Alison McInnes moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended for 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. **Designation of Lead Committee:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01235—That the Parliament agrees that the Health and Sport Committee be designated as the lead committee, and that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee and the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee be designated as secondary committees, in consideration of the legislative consent memorandum on the Welfare Reform Bill 2010-11.

The motion was agreed to (DT).
7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. **Nail the Rogues Campaign:** The Parliament debated S4M-00695 in the name of James Kelly—That the Parliament believes that rogue traders have a significant impact on consumer rights and the informal economy in Rutherglen, Cambuslang and Blantyre and the rest of Scotland; notes, with concern, the recent figures released by the Office of Fair Trading showing that issues regarding home improvement work continue to be at the top of the list of complaints about rogue traders; further notes that, last year, Consumer Direct received more than 13,000 complaints concerning uninvited traders, almost half of which related to home maintenance work; is concerned that rogue traders have frequently been reported to offer services at what appear to be attractive rates and use persuasive sales techniques to pressure people into making hasty decisions; believes that older people and vulnerable groups are particularly exposed to the dangers of rogue traders, and commends the Federation of Master Builders Scotland, in conjunction with Trading Standards, for running the campaign, Nail the Rogues, in order to raise awareness of the dangers of rogue and dishonest traders, to offer advice for avoiding them and to provide information on how to find reputable traders.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Suselle Boffey, Scottish Churches’ Disability Agenda Group led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01341—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 16 November 2011—

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Regeneration Strategy

insert

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Minor Standing Orders Rule Changes

(b) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 17 November 2011—

after 2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Oil and Gas Framework

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

3. **Regeneration Strategy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment (Alex Neil) moved S4M-01336—That the Parliament acknowledges that in the current challenging financial climate it is imperative that there is a strategic vision for the regeneration of the most disadvantaged communities across Scotland; acknowledges the importance of regeneration to *The Government Economic Strategy* and the Scottish Government’s ambition to create a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, and recognises that successful regeneration relies on a wide variety of organisations and agencies working together and an increased role for communities themselves to help them improve their circumstances.

Michael McMahon moved amendment S4M-01336.1 to motion S4M-01336—

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

“considers that central to this will be the creation of jobs, particularly for young people, as persistent youth unemployment will have an impact on communities for
generations to come, the important role that colleges play in local areas to provide people with the skills needed to get them the qualifications that they need to work and the provision of quality social housing, which is increasingly important as more people in disadvantaged communities are classified as fuel poor; notes with disappointment that the Scottish Government has chosen to cut the funding to urban regeneration companies and the impact that this will have on areas such as Inverclyde, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward details of its Cities Strategy and proposed enterprise areas.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 40, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-01336.2 to motion S4M-01336—

Insert at end—

“, and further acknowledges that, where difficult choices must be made, regeneration spending should be targeted where it will bring most benefit to the wider community.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 85, Against 33, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges that in the current challenging financial climate it is imperative that there is a strategic vision for the regeneration of the most disadvantaged communities across Scotland; acknowledges the importance of regeneration to The Government Economic Strategy and the Scottish Government’s ambition to create a more successful country, with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish, and recognises that successful regeneration relies on a wide variety of organisations and agencies working together and an increased role for communities themselves to help them improve their circumstances, and further acknowledges that, where difficult choices must be made, regeneration spending should be targeted where it will bring most benefit to the wider community.

4. Minor Standing Orders Rule Changes: Dave Thompson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-01347—That the Parliament notes the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee’s 1st Report 2011 (Session 4), Minor Standing Orders Rule Changes (SP Paper 25), and agrees that the changes to Standing Orders set out in Annexe A to the report that relate to committee substitutes and the Conveners Group quorum be made with effect from 17 November 2011.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01342—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—
Wednesday 23 November 2011
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Carers Strategy
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 24 November 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Maritime Safety and Coastguards
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Contribution to UN Climate Summit
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 30 November 2011
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 1 December 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Infrastructure and Capital Investment;
Culture and External Affairs

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

After debate, the motion was agreed to (by division: For 83, Against 36, Abstentions 1).

6. Suspension of Standing Orders: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01343—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 9B.2.3 of Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of allowing the Parliament to consider the legislative consent motion on the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Bill on Thursday 17 November 2011.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01344—That the Parliament agrees that the Planning (Listed Buildings) (Amount of Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Committee Membership: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01345—That the Parliament agrees that—

Alex Fergusson be appointed to replace Nanette Milne as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee;

Gavin Brown be appointed to replace Alex Johnstone as a member of the Finance Committee;

Mary Scanlon be appointed to replace Murdo Fraser as a member of the Public Audit Committee;

Annabel Goldie be appointed to replace Margaret Mitchell as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;

David McLetchie be appointed to replace John Lamont as a member of the Justice Committee;

Murdo Fraser be appointed to replace Gavin Brown as a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;
Alex Johnstone be appointed to replace Jackson Carlaw as a member of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee;

Jackson Carlaw be appointed to replace Mary Scanlon as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Margaret Mitchell be appointed to replace Ruth Davidson as a member of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee; and

John Lamont be appointed to replace Alex Fergusson as a member of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and the Environment 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 People’s Bible:** The Parliament debated S4M-01030 in the name of Dave Thompson—That the Parliament applauds the accomplishment of the People’s Bible in travelling over 5,500 miles since June 2011 and recording 18,320 verses in over 60 towns and cities in Scotland, including Fort William and Portree; considers that the People’s Bible has prompted Scots throughout society and across the country to discover and rediscover the Bible; looks forward to the Scottish finale at Stirling Castle in November; hopes that the People’s Bible will be a catalyst for renewed interest in reading the Bible, and believes that the transformative and lasting impact of the King James’ Bible on Scottish language, culture and education can be mirrored in the influence of the People’s Bible on the people of Scotland today.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Housing:** Alex Johnstone moved S4M-01346—that the Parliament recognises the pivotal role of the housing market to the Scottish economy; is concerned that housebuilding in Scotland has fallen to a 30-year low; further recognises the need to ensure that there is an adequate supply of good quality housing to buy and rent in the private and social sectors; notes the success of the right to buy policy in that it empowered people to choose their preferred form of housing tenure, allowed over half a million households to own their own home and strengthened local communities; encourages the Scottish Government to remove the limitations on the right to buy contained in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 and to provide higher discounts under the modernised right to buy as a means of increasing capital receipts to invest in building affordable homes for those on low incomes and to boost jobs in the construction industry; further encourages the Scottish Government to consider legislative reform to ensure fairness and equity in public housing and also to allow social houses to be allocated to people with local connections so as to protect the long-term sustainability of Scotland’s communities, and further calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that landlords make greater use of the enforcement of tenancy agreements to tackle antisocial behaviour.

The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved amendment S4M-01346.2 to motion S4M-01346—

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

“notes the Scottish Government’s recent announcement that £460 million will be invested to build 4,300 homes as part of its commitment to build 30,000 affordable homes during this parliamentary session, including 5,000 council houses in spite of significant cuts to Scotland’s capital budget by the UK Government; recognises the Scottish Government’s progress in modernising the legislative framework for housing, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue with an innovative approach to housing policy and invest in all types of houses to meet the demands and needs of the population.”

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-01346.3 to motion S4M-01346—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“welcomes the SNP’s manifesto commitment “to build over 6,000 new socially-rented houses each year”, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward plans to implement this promise and to make a statement to the Parliament at the earliest opportunity.”

After debate, amendment S4M-01346.2 was agreed to (DT) by division: For 64, Against 50, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-01346.3 was pre-empted.
The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 23, Abstentions 28).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the pivotal role of the housing market to the Scottish economy; notes the Scottish Government’s recent announcement that £460 million will be invested to build 4,300 homes as part of its commitment to build 30,000 affordable homes during this parliamentary session, including 5,000 council houses in spite of significant cuts to Scotland’s capital budget by the UK Government; recognises the Scottish Government’s progress in modernising the legislative framework for housing, and calls on the Scottish Government to continue with an innovative approach to housing policy and invest in all types of houses to meet the demands and needs of the population.

2. The Role of the Public Sector: Mary Scanlon moved S4M-01348—That the Parliament recognises the very valuable contribution that the public sector makes to the economy and society; accepts that, while government has an obligation to ensure that public sector employees are well rewarded with good quality pension schemes, there is an urgent need for reform, believing that the proposed reforms will ease the burden on taxpayers and still leave public sector employees in a far better position than their counterparts in many private sector schemes, and further believes that the planned strikes by the unions on 30 November 2011 are a deeply irresponsible action at this time and will do nothing to help Scotland’s recovery from the recession.

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved amendment S4M-01348.2 to motion S4M-01348—

Leave out from “accepts” to end and insert—

“believes that pensions must be fair, sustainable and affordable; considers that the 3.2% increase in contributions proposed by the UK Government is a cash grab that has more to do with deficit reduction than fair pensions; acknowledges that these increases come at a time when households are under financial pressure due to rising costs, and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to engage in full and extensive dialogue with trades unions and employers’ representatives on the future of pension provisions.”

Richard Baker moved amendment S4M-01348.3 to motion S4M-01348—

Leave out from “an urgent” to end and insert—

“a need for the UK Government to work with trades unions toward sensible pension reforms that are both sustainable and fair to public sector workers; believes that the UK Government has failed to enter into constructive dialogue with trades unions and that the proposals as they stand are unfair for many low-paid workers; further believes that aspects of the proposals are counter-productive, will deter public sector workers from contributing to pension schemes and are part of the failed economic strategy of the UK Government, which has contributed to reducing economic growth; notes that arrangements for a number of pension schemes for Scottish public sector workers are the responsibility of the Scottish Government, and supports the trades unions in Scotland and the UK as they campaign for fair pensions for their members.”
After debate, amendment S4M-01348.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 22, Abstentions 28). As a result, amendment S4M-01348.3 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 92, Against 20, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the very valuable contribution that the public sector makes to the economy and society; believes that pensions must be fair, sustainable and affordable; considers that the 3.2% increase in contributions proposed by the UK Government is a cash grab that has more to do with deficit reduction than fair pensions; acknowledges that these increases come at a time when households are under financial pressure due to rising costs, and encourages the Scottish Government to continue to engage in full and extensive dialogue with trades unions and employers’ representatives on the future of pension provisions.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and Scottish Law Officers.

6. **Oil and Gas Framework:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-01349—That the Parliament recognises the continued importance of Scotland’s oil and gas sector to the Scottish and UK economies, its support for 196,000 jobs across Scotland and its contribution of £300 billion to the UK Exchequer over the past 30 years in real terms; recognises the long-term future of the industry, with up to 40% of the remaining total UK Continental Shelf oil and gas reserves worth £1 trillion; welcomes the strong confidence shown by recent industry investment plans announcing four new oil and gas projects valued at £10 billion over the next five years; supports the Scottish Government and its agencies in working to maintain and develop the long-term future of the oil and gas sector by improving the position of Aberdeen as a global supply chain hub, developing energy skills in the workforce and supporting collaboration between the oil and gas and low-carbon energy sectors; calls for a progressive approach to oil and gas taxation to encourage further deployment and extraction, and supports the findings of the PricewaterhouseCoopers report published on 3 November 2011 arguing that fiscal certainty and targeted incentives in the North Sea are required from the UK Government.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-01349.3 to motion S4M-01349—

Insert at end—
“; recognises that health, safety and environmental standards must continue to have the highest priority in the next phase of North Sea exploration and production and in the development of a wider energy mix, including carbon capture and storage and offshore renewables; believes that trades unions as well as employers and regulators have key roles to play in maintaining these standards; acknowledges that the demand for skilled labour from both the oil and gas sector and offshore renewables will increase as the technical challenges become greater; believes that the Scottish Government should support the efforts of the offshore energy industries and of the oil and gas skills academy, OPITO, to recruit, train and retain skilled workers, and, in particular, calls for further education funding to be maintained in order to allow Scottish colleges to meet future demand for skilled labour both onshore and offshore.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 33, Against 79, Abstentions 2).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-01349.2 to motion S4M-01349—

Leave out from “calls” to end.

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 97, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

7. **Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Bill - UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-01361—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 23 May 2011, as amended, relating to powers of seizure of evidence and the use of forensic data and the order making powers that would enable the imposition of enhanced measures in exceptional circumstances, 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 1, 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. **British Heart Foundation’s Heart Start Event in the Parliament:** The Parliament debated S4M-01067 in the name of Siobhan McMahon—That the Parliament acknowledges the Heart Start event that recently took place in the Parliament; considers this event to have been of significant value in raising awareness of the importance of emergency life support training; thanks the pupils from St Ambrose High School in Coatbridge and Portree High School on Skye who helped to demonstrate the procedures; understands that, for every minute that passes after a cardiac arrest without defibrillation, the chances of survival are reduced by around 10%, but that immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can triple the chances of survival; supports the campaign, led by the British Heart Foundation Scotland, Chest
Heart & Stroke Scotland and Lucky 2B Here, for every child to receive emergency life support and CPR training in school as part of the Curriculum for Excellence, and believes that such training would be of great benefit in the ongoing fight against heart disease in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.53 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Lord Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of Great Britain and the Commonwealth led Time for Reflection.

2. **Implementation of the Carers and Young Carers Strategy:** The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-01399—That the Parliament acknowledges the commitment and support provided by Scotland’s estimated 650,000 carers and 100,000 young carers; recognises the benefits to families, local communities, Scottish society and the economy that the important caring role brings; agrees that sustaining carers in their caring role results in positive outcomes for carers, the cared-for person and that it helps to shift the balance of care from institutional settings to the home; welcomes the progress that is being made with implementation of the Carers and Young Carers Strategy for Scotland 2010 - 2015, *Caring Together* and *Getting it Right for Young Carers*, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to ensure that from 2012-13 onwards, at least 20% of the Change Fund spend for older people’s services will be dedicated to supporting carers to continue to care for older people.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-01399.3 to motion S4M-01399—

Leave out from “agrees” to end and insert—

“further acknowledges promises in successive carers strategies for increased respite hours, emergency carers plans, mutual and sustainable support, good quality information and for carers to be treated as equal partners in care and care planning, but notes with concern that respite care hours have decreased in around a third of local authority areas in the last three years and that figures are obscured by different counting methodologies such as counting overnight stays as more than two days’ respite in some areas; further acknowledges the particular roles and needs of young and kinship carers and also welcomes the aspiration that, from 2012-13 onwards, at least 20% of spend from the Change Fund for Older People’s Services will be dedicated to supporting carers to continue to care for older people, but notes concerns expressed by carers groups that this money must not be used to replace funding lost through local cuts.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 64, Abstentions 14).

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-01399.1 to motion S4M-01399—

Insert at end—

“; however acknowledges that this is a work in progress, and calls on the Scottish Government to put carers ahead of targets by clarifying how it will achieve the vision and outcomes contained in the strategy.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

Alison McInnes moved amendment S4M-01399.2 to motion S4M-01399—

Insert at end—

"; recognises that access to short breaks is a vital part of the Scottish Government’s preventative approach, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the development of a carers rights charter, in partnership with the voluntary sector, is not subject to further delay."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

3. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01403—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 30 November 2011**

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Public Sector Pensions

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

**Thursday 1 December 2011**

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Labour Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Infrastructure and Capital Investment; Culture and External Affairs

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Lord Carloway’s Review of Criminal Procedure

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time

followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 7 December 2011

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by  Scottish Government Business

followed by  Business Motion

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 8 December 2011

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by  Scottish Government Business

11.40 am  General Question Time

12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm  Themed Question Time

   Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm  Scottish Government Business

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

followed by  Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 81, Against 36, Abstentions 0).

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

4.  Act of Settlement: The Parliament debated S4M-01191 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament welcomes the proposed reforms to the laws on succession for the monarchy announced at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth, Australia, which will remove discrimination on the grounds of gender and also ensure that in future the monarch will be free to marry a person of the Catholic religion; views with deep disappointment and incredulity the fact that these reforms stop short of ending the bar on a Catholic becoming monarch; believes that the discrimination contained in the Act of Settlement 1701 has no place in modern society; welcomes the work of all groups and organisations tackling discrimination in Edinburgh and across Scotland, and affirms its view that
participation in any aspect of national life should not be disbarred on the grounds of religion.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. Maritime Safety and Coastguards: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-01408—That the Parliament notes with concern the potential impact of a number of UK Government cuts affecting maritime safety in Scotland’s seas, including the review of Coastguard Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres and the withdrawal of funding from the Scottish Emergency Towing Vessels, alongside other reductions in maritime safety provision, and agrees that this piecemeal approach driven by a cost-cutting agenda cannot deliver a proper strategy for maritime safety in Scotland.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-01408.3 to motion S4M-01408—

Insert at end—

"and the rest of the UK coastline; regrets that the modernisation plan for the coastguards has prioritised cost over other considerations, including the decision to have both the national Maritime Operations Centre and the standby Maritime Operations Centre on the south coast of England rather than to have one of these in Scotland; calls for urgent action to improve helicopter safety at sea following the crash of the Super Puma helicopter on 1 April 2009; recognises the importance of coastguard co-ordination in responding to emergencies in the offshore energy industries, and calls on the UK Government to carry out an individual assessment of the impact of the closure of individual coastguard stations, such as Forth and Clyde, and to reconsider how best to ensure maritime safety for the whole UK coastline."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 16, Abstentions 0).

Alex Fergusson moved amendment S4M-01408.1 to motion S4M-01408—

Leave out from "with concern" to end and insert—

"the UK Government’s announcement on coastguard modernisation; recognises that concerns remain over some local aspects of the announcement but that a significant number of the 1,800 responses to the December 2010 consultation acknowledged the need for change and modernisation; welcomes the UK Government’s decision to undertake a second consultation in light of those responses; further welcomes the commitment to increase the number of regular officers in the Coastguard Rescue Service by 50% and the number of Coastguard Rescue Service locations by 80%, including locations in the Moray Firth, Strathclyde and Oban, and believes that the outcome is a genuine attempt to provide a coastguard service that is fit for the 21st century."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 100, Abstentions 4).

Tavish Scott moved amendment S4M-01408.2 to motion S4M-01408—

Leave out from “with concern” to end and insert—
“that the coastguard modernisation proposals announced on 22 November 2011 are fundamentally different from the original proposals; welcomes the retention of the coastguard stations in Shetland and the Western Isles, one of which would have been closed under the previous plans, and that coastguard staff will now benefit from enhanced terms and conditions of employment; regrets the proposed closure of the Fife Ness and Clyde stations; recognises the importance of retaining the Emergency Towing Vessels in order to provide ocean-going salvage capability off the west coast and Northern Isles, and calls on the Scottish Government to play a constructive role in that provision.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes with concern the potential impact of a number of UK Government cuts affecting maritime safety in Scotland’s seas, including the review of Coastguard Maritime Rescue Coordination Centres and the withdrawal of funding from the Scottish Emergency Towing Vessels, alongside other reductions in maritime safety provision, and agrees that this piecemeal approach driven by a cost-cutting agenda cannot deliver a proper strategy for maritime safety in Scotland and the rest of the UK coastline; regrets that the modernisation plan for the coastguards has prioritised cost over other considerations, including the decision to have both the national Maritime Operations Centre and the standby Maritime Operations Centre on the south coast of England rather than to have one of these in Scotland; calls for urgent action to improve helicopter safety at sea following the crash of the Super Puma helicopter on 1 April 2009; recognises the importance of coastguard co-ordination in responding to emergencies in the offshore energy industries, and calls on the UK Government to carry out an individual assessment of the impact of the closure of individual coastguard stations, such as Forth and Clyde, and to reconsider how best to ensure maritime safety for the whole UK coastline.

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

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

4. **Provision of Orthopaedic Trauma Services at Ayr Hospital:** The Parliament debated S4M-00930 in the name of John Scott—That the Parliament notes the proposals by NHS Ayrshire and Arran to close the orthopaedic trauma unit at Ayr Hospital; believes that this would be to the detriment of patient care in southern Ayrshire and constitute a particular danger to patients admitted to Ayr Hospital suffering from life-threatening neck or head injuries; is concerned that the closure of the unit undermines the long-term future of accident and emergency services at the hospital, and, therefore, condemns NHS Ayrshire and Arran’s proposals to close the orthopaedic trauma unit at Ayr Hospital.
5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Scotland’s Contribution to the UN Climate Summit:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S4M-01406—That the Parliament notes that Scotland will be participating in the 17th Conference of the Parties on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as a member of the UK delegation; encourages active engagement with other delegations to deliver the message that action on climate change is both necessary and urgent, and recognises that Scotland’s experience demonstrates that action on climate change can create jobs, investment, trade and economic growth opportunities.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-01406.3 to motion S4M-01406—

Insert at end—

"but realises that meeting the targets set in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 will be increasingly challenging, will require the statutory Report on Policies and Proposals to be fully funded to meet the 2022 emissions targets and that therefore there is no room for complacency."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 0, Abstentions 11).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-01406.2 to motion S4M-01406—

Insert at end—

"and encourages collaboration with other UK delegates to agree a common policy in advance of the conference."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 114, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 0, Abstentions 14).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that Scotland will be participating in the 17th Conference of the Parties on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as a member of the UK delegation; encourages active engagement with other delegations to deliver the message that action on climate change is both necessary and urgent, and recognises that Scotland’s experience demonstrates that action on climate change can create jobs, investment, trade and economic growth opportunities but realises that meeting the targets set in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 will be increasingly challenging, will require the statutory Report on Policies and Proposals to be fully funded to meet the 2022 emissions targets and that therefore there is no room for complacency and encourages collaboration with other UK delegates to agree a common policy in advance of the conference.
7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 6 as noted above.

8. **Nuclear Test Veterans:** The Parliament debated S4M-01242 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament notes that over 20,000 servicemen were involved when the United Kingdom carried out nuclear weapons tests in the Pacific Ocean and at Maralinga, Australia, between 1952 and 1967; further notes that there are now only around 1,000 surviving British nuclear veterans and 70 in Scotland, including in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse constituency, and believes that society owes a debt to nuclear veterans and that their unique service and contribution should be recognised in the UK.

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend John A H Murdoch, Moderator of the St Andrew’s Presbytery and Minister of Largo and Newburn Parish Church led Time for Reflection.

2. **Public Sector Pensions:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-01440—That the Parliament recognises and appreciates the valuable work done by Scotland’s public sector workers; notes the importance of pensions that are affordable, sustainable and fair and believes that long-term pension reforms must be taken forward with consent and in partnership; registers its strong opposition to the UK Government’s decision to impose a general levy on pension contributions and considers this to be a cash grab for the purposes of deficit reduction rather than a move to secure the long-term sustainability of public sector pensions; regrets the fact that UK ministers appear to be relishing the prospect of strike action, which will cause major disruption and inconvenience to ordinary members of the public across Scotland; condemns the UK Government’s threat to cut Scotland’s budget by £100 million next year alone, on top of drastic cuts to Scotland’s budget, if the Scottish Government does not implement the UK Government’s immediate levy on pensions contributions, and calls on the UK Government to reverse its short-term pensions cash grab.

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-01440.1 to motion S4M-01440

Leave out from "and believes" to end and insert—

“; notes that the UK Government’s pension reform proposals are based on the independent review conducted by Labour’s former Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, Lord Hutton, which concluded that there was a clear case for change; believes that reform is inevitable because people are living longer and that these proposals will mean that most public sector employees will see no reduction in the pension that they receive at retirement, that any employee within 10 years of retirement will see their pension protected with no change in the age that they can retire and no change in the amount of pension that they will receive when they retire; believes that these reforms strike a fairer balance between what employees pay and what other taxpayers have to pay; regrets that the strikes are going ahead today while negotiations are still ongoing and in light of the new offer put forward by the UK Government; further notes the Scottish Government’s submission to the Hutton inquiry via the Scottish Public Pensions Agency, which proposes a number of options, all of which would have had the same or worse results for employees and is astonished that it proposes as one of its options a change to a defined contribution scheme, and criticises the Scottish Government for producing far-reaching proposals that would penalise employees while at the same time grandstanding against the UK Government’s proposals for reform.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 64, Abstentions 0).
Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-01440.2 to motion S4M-01440—

Leave out from “notes” to end and insert—

“further recognises that the cost of public sector pensions has increased by a third in the last 10 years; believes that long-term pension reform is needed to put in place pension schemes that are sustainable and fair to both public servants and taxpayers; acknowledges that the UK Government’s reforms will protect low-paid workers and accrued pension rights and that UK ministers have put forward an amended proposal for reform that will provide more generous accrual rates and protect those within 10 years or less of retirement, and recognises that Scottish Government ministers have informed Scottish public sector workers that they have chosen to make these changes and increase pension contributions in line with changes being made across the rest of the UK.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises and appreciates the valuable work done by Scotland’s public sector workers; notes the importance of pensions that are affordable, sustainable and fair and believes that long-term pension reforms must be taken forward with consent and in partnership; registers its strong opposition to the UK Government’s decision to impose a general levy on pension contributions and considers this to be a cash grab for the purposes of deficit reduction rather than a move to secure the long-term sustainability of public sector pensions; regrets the fact that UK ministers appear to be relishing the prospect of strike action, which will cause major disruption and inconvenience to ordinary members of the public across Scotland; condemns the UK Government’s threat to cut Scotland’s budget by £100 million next year alone, on top of drastic cuts to Scotland’s budget, if the Scottish Government does not implement the UK Government’s immediate levy on pensions contributions, and calls on the UK Government to reverse its short-term pensions cash grab.

3. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01445—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 December 2011

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cod Recovery Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The UK Government’s Autumn Budget Statement and the Scottish Economy

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 8 December 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Regulatory Framework
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Education and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm Ministerial Statement: Local Government Finance Settlement 2012-13
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Violence against Women, Focusing on Prevention as a Means to an End
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 14 December 2011
2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Offensive Behaviour and Threatening Communications at Football (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 15 December 2011
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. **Approval of SSI**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01446—That the Parliament agrees that the Aquatic Animal Health (Miscellaneous Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Approval of SSI**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-1447—That the Parliament that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2011 Amendment Order 2011 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

7. **St Andrew’s Day**: The Parliament debated S4M-01089 in the name of Kevin Stewart—That the Parliament notes that it is now over four years since the St Andrew’s Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill was unanimously approved by the Parliament; pays tribute to Dennis Canavan for his efforts in this regard; welcomes what it sees as the increasing interest in celebrating this national holiday but feels that more still needs to be done, and believes that everyone in Scotland should have the opportunity of celebrating their national identity, their cultural diversity and their membership of the international community on St Andrew’s Day.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.
1. **Scotland’s Future**: Iain Gray moved S4M-01449—That the Parliament believes that over 100,000 young people unemployed in the country is a crisis for Scotland’s future and that an unemployment rate for 18 to 24-year-olds of 21.5%, higher in Scotland than the UK rate of 20.2%, threatens a lost generation in Scotland; therefore calls on the Scottish Government to produce an emergency response to the youth jobs crisis to include appointing a dedicated minister for youth jobs to get young people into jobs as recommended by The Smith Group, to immediately bring forward a procurement bill including provisions to create employment and training for young people, to expand the Community Jobs Fund into the private sector to take on the long-term young unemployed and to put in place a capital investment plan that supports employment and results in major projects proceeding without further delays; further believes that the Scottish Government should not proceed with cuts in college funding of 20%, which will only make tackling youth unemployment harder, and calls on all political parties in Scotland to make tackling youth unemployment a national priority using the significant powers that the Parliament has to secure a better future for Scotland and its young people.

The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved amendment S4M-01449.3 to motion S4M-01449—

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

“welcomes the Scottish Government’s efforts to tackle the scourge of youth unemployment, which is a consequence of the UK Government’s failed economic policies; commends the Scottish Government for the wide range of measures in place to provide improved life chances for Scotland’s young people, including providing a record 125,000 modern apprenticeships over the lifetime of this Parliament, support for 14,500 training places each year to help transitions into the labour market, the ‘Opportunities for All’ scheme that will provide a guaranteed suitable place in learning or training for all 16-19 year old school-leavers, and by providing support to both institutions and students which maintains university and college numbers; further welcomes that, as a result of Scottish Government policy, youth employment in Scotland is significantly higher than in the UK; recognises that there must be a constant focus on identifying additional measures and welcomes all positive proposals from any quarter that can improve youth employment, and affirms that this Parliament should have the necessary job creating powers at its disposal to maximise opportunities for Scotland’s young people.”

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-01449.1 to motion S4M-01449—

Leave out after “produce” to end and insert—

“a swift and considered response which will provide long term sustainability for youth employment in Scotland by combining the recommendations of the highly regarded Smith Group with job creation incentives in the private sector and a capital investment strategy designed to boost economic growth; and further calls on the Scottish
Government to reduce the excessive college cuts planned for the first financial year of the 2012-15 Spending Review which appear to be in direct conflict with the claims of the Scottish Government that the new 16-19 programme is its top priority."

After debate, amendment S4M-01449.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 47, Abstentions 0). As a result, amendment S4M-01449.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 47, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government’s efforts to tackle the scourge of youth unemployment, which is a consequence of the UK Government’s failed economic policies; commends the Scottish Government for the wide range of measures in place to provide improved life chances for Scotland’s young people, including providing a record 125,000 modern apprenticeships over the lifetime of this Parliament, support for 14,500 training places each year to help transitions into the labour market, the ‘Opportunities for All’ scheme that will provide a guaranteed suitable place in learning or training for all 16-19 year old school-leavers, and by providing support to both institutions and students which maintains university and college numbers; further welcomes that, as a result of Scottish Government policy, youth employment in Scotland is significantly higher than in the UK; recognises that there must be a constant focus on identifying additional measures and welcomes all positive proposals from any quarter that can improve youth employment, and affirms that this Parliament should have the necessary job creating powers at its disposal to maximise opportunities for Scotland’s young people.

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

3. First Minister’s Question Time: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

4. Themed Question Time: Questions on Infrastructure and Capital Investment, and on Culture and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. Lord Carloway’s Review of Criminal Procedure: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-01450—That the Parliament welcomes Lord Carloway’s detailed and authoritative report on aspects of criminal procedure in Scotland; believes that his recommendations provide a historic basis on which to remodel the Scots criminal justice system; welcomes the report’s focus on delivering a system that will ensure the effective, efficient and fair investigation and prosecution of crime, and supports the Scottish Government’s intention to seek an early opportunity to legislate following an appropriate period of time for reflection, analysis and debate, which should involve detailed consideration of links to wider aspects of criminal procedure.
The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.

7. **Community Benefit and the Cumulative Impact of Windfarm Developments in Communities:** The Parliament debated S4M-01284 in the name of Neil Findlay—That the Parliament notes the contribution that renewable energy plays and will play in providing for Scotland and the UK’s energy needs; recognises that the Scottish Government’s route map for renewable energy sets a target of 100% of electricity demand equivalent from renewables by 2020; notes concerns about the ability of communities, such as Harburn in West Lothian and other communities across the southern border of West Lothian, to resist overconcentration and raise the issue of cumulative development in specific locations; expresses concern at the lack of genuine community and cooperative ownership and the increasing role of multinationals and venture capital firms in securing the profits from onshore wind projects, and would welcome a wider community benefit and lower cumulative impact of windfarm developments in communities.

8. **Motion without Notice:** Neil Findlay moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 mins. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend David Walton, Minister, Greenock East and Port Glasgow United Reformed Church led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01517—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 7 December 2011—

delete

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cod Recovery Plan

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The UK Government’s Autumn Budget Statement and the Scottish Economy

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Beauly Denny Decision on Stirling Visualisation Impact Mitigation Scheme

followed by Ministerial Statement: Cod Recovery Plan and Fishing Opportunities for 2012

followed by Scottish Government Debate: The UK Government’s Autumn Budget Statement and the Scottish Economy

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill – UK Legislation

followed by Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Motions: Nomination of Pension Fund Trustees for the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund

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

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.45 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on the Beauly Denny Decision on Stirling Visualisation Impact Mitigation Scheme.

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on the Cod Recovery Plan and Fishing Opportunities for 2012.

5. **The UK Government’s Autumn Budget Statement and the Scottish Economy:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-01501—That the Parliament notes the Chancellor’s Autumn Statement and that the Office for Budget Responsibility has demonstrated that the UK Government’s economic and fiscal plan has failed, with a cut of over two thirds in the growth forecast for 2012; agrees that the UK Government’s response falls far short of the urgent action that Scotland needs to boost growth; notes that the Chancellor has proposed only a limited increase in capital budgets and that two thirds of the new capital investment will not be available until 2013, despite the urgent need for a stimulus this year and next; supports the Scottish Government’s call to the UK Government for a targeted, expanded programme of some £2 billion for capital infrastructure investment in Scotland to help offset the 32% real-terms cut to Scotland’s capital budget inflicted by the UK Government; notes that the Scottish Government will support around £9 billion of capital spending over the next three years to deliver new schools, hospitals, houses, roads, water infrastructure, community facilities and improved availability of high speed broadband across Scotland; welcomes the Scottish Government’s infrastructure investment plan, which will provide crucial support for employment, with every additional £100 million of capital invested per year estimated to generate £160 million worth of economic activity and support 1,400 jobs in the wider economy for that year; notes that, as a result of the Scottish Government’s £2.5 billion non-profit distributing capital programme and switching of resources from revenue to capital, infrastructure investment in Scotland will now rise year on year throughout the spending review period; supports the Scottish Government’s actions to boost economic growth through initiatives such as maintaining Scotland as the most competitive environment for business in the UK; supports the Scottish Government’s efforts to boost economic security and household budgets by freezing the council tax, abolishing prescription charges and protecting concessionary travel, and welcomes the success of Scotland’s enterprise agencies in securing major new investments in recent months from international companies.

Richard Baker moved amendment S4M-01501.3 to motion S4M-01501—

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

“calls on the UK Government to confer borrowing powers on the Scottish Government from April 2012 to allow for an expanded capital infrastructure programme; notes the publication of the Scottish Government’s *Infrastructure Investment Plan 2011*; urges the Scottish Government to provide milestones for each infrastructure project to ensure that the list of delayed infrastructure projects does not grow longer; notes that
Scotland’s economic growth over the last 12 months has been disappointing despite economic growth being the stated purpose of the Scottish Government; calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the measures in the Scottish budget support economic recovery to improve Scotland’s growth rate; to this end, urges the Scottish Government to reconsider the significant cuts that it has made to the affordable housing and further education budgets; notes that disposable household income has fallen by 2.3% this year, a post-war record, and is forecast to fall again next year, which coincides with public sector workers in Scotland and the rest of the UK having to pay more in pension contributions; notes that the Chancellor has outlined a further two years of spending cuts and that the proposed six years of cuts in spending are unprecedented, and regrets that the actions of the UK Government will lead to an increase in child poverty.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 83, Abstentions 1).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-01501.1 to motion S4M-01501—

Leave out from “that the Office” to end and insert—

“and welcomes the numerous measures in it that will help people and businesses across Scotland, including the Chancellor’s commitments to fund an ambitious programme of infrastructure investment that will result in an additional £433 million for Scotland, to implement a package of credit easing measures to protect the flow of credit to smaller and medium-sized businesses, freeze fuel duty, make £50 million available to enable the replacement of the Caledonian Sleeper fleet, introduce the Youth Contract, which it is estimated will create opportunities for tens of thousands of young people in Scotland, including apprenticeships and work experience placements, increase the basic state pension, which will benefit one million older people in Scotland and invest in broadband through an urban broadband fund, which will create 10 super-connected cities in the UK including Edinburgh, and therefore calls on the Scottish Government to amend its draft budget to reconsider cuts in areas that help the economy, scrap the anti-competitive retail levy and demonstrate exactly where it is moving revenue spending to capital spending.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 14, Against 100, Abstentions 5).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-01501.2 to motion S4M-01501—

Leave out from “that the Office” to end and insert—

“; notes that the UK Government is investing £68 million in super-fast broadband in Scotland alongside £50 million from the Scottish Government, has won a fuel derogation for the islands from the European Commission, has deferred the 3p fuel duty increase scheduled for January in addition to the cuts in income tax worth £200 to low and middle earners, has increased the bank levy and provided the highest cash increase in the state pension ever announced; notes that the Scottish Government’s response is characterised by an absence of answers on its own plans, including for separation from the rest of the UK and publishing no opinion on the crisis in the Eurozone; is further concerned that the Scottish Government has published no analysis of the credit rating and interest rates likely in an independent Scotland, apart from an unsubstantiated assumption that the UK’s hard-won credit status and record low interest rates would continue in an independent Scotland, even though the evidence from across Europe is that governments that continue to increase borrowing without serious plans to tackle their deficit find that their borrowing rates rocket; understands that such a rise in Scottish borrowing rates on a £60 billion capital
 programme will result in billions of pounds of extra interest payments and lead to the delay and cancellation of capital projects the length and breadth of the country; finds it absurd that Scottish Government ministers have promised faster delivery of their published investment plans by incorporating additional borrowing made possible through the Scotland Bill while simultaneously threatening to veto the Scotland Bill; is concerned that the Scottish Government is still not using all of the current resources and powers at its disposal, not least on Scottish Water, which continues to have substantial resources locked in it when the Scottish Government's independent budget review and the Scottish Futures Trust both offered alternative, public sector structures that could free substantial resources for investment in the economy; welcomes the UK Government's £1 billion Youth Contract programme, which will see around £100 million of benefit to Scotland, a small part allocated to the Scottish Government but the vast majority provided direct to Scottish businesses to improve the prospects of a generation of young people through employment support; regrets that those prospects for young people are harmed by the Scottish Government's continued plans to cut the budget for colleges despite the unexpected receipt of additional consequentials from the UK Government; notes that success in attracting investment by global companies in Scotland is best achieved by joint working with the UK Government, as evidenced by the recent result at Michelin in Dundee, and calls on the Scottish Government to set out the positive impact on its plans of the addition of £430 million capital consequentials, set out the projects funded by projected Scottish Government borrowing that would be lost if the Scotland Bill was vetoed and allocate its revenue consequentials, including a sum to prevent cuts to college budgets."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 19, Against 101, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

6. Legislative Consent Motion: Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill: UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-01510—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 21 June 2011, relating to Council Framework Decision 2008/909/JHA on prisoner transfer, 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).

7. Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund: Mary Scanlon, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved—

S4M-01417—That the Parliament appoints Alex Johnstone MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

S4M-01418—That the Parliament appoints Gil Paterson MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.

S4M-01419—That the Parliament appoints Tavish Scott MSP as a Fund trustee of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, further to his nomination for such appointment by the Parliamentary corporation.
The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. **Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme**: Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-01500—That the Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 83(5) of the Scotland Act 1998 determines to amend the Reimbursement of Members’ Expenses Scheme annexed as Annex 1 to the resolution of the Parliament on 12 June 2008 (and as amended by resolution of the Parliament on 24 March 2010) by inserting “West Scotland” after “South of Scotland,” in paragraph 4.2.6.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01518—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 14 December 2011**

2.00 pm Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Ministerial Appointment  
*followed by* Stage 3 Proceedings: Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
6.00 pm Decision Time  
*followed by* Members’ Business

**Thursday 15 December 2011**

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Integration of Health and Social Care  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time  
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth  
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Infrastructure and Investment Plan  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 21 December 2011

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 22 December 2011

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

12.30 pm Members’ Business

2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Rural Affairs and the Environment;
Justice and the Law Officers

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

10. **Designation of Lead Committee**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01519—That the Parliament agrees that the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. **Approval of SSI**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01520—That the Parliament agrees that the Climate Change (Limits on Carbon Units) (Scotland) Order 2011 [draft] be approved.

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

12. **Decision Time**: The Parliament took decisions on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 as noted above.
13. **Truth About Youth Project:** The Parliament debated S4M-00851 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament acknowledges Young Scot, the national youth information and citizenship charity for Scotland that provides people aged 11 to 26 with information and incentives supporting them to become informed and active citizens; supports the project, Truth About Youth, run by Young Scot and funded by The Co-operative Foundation, which aims to challenge and change negative perceptions of teenagers and young adults in the wider public; commends Glasgow as being the only Scottish city to take part in the project; supports the aim of showing how young people contribute positively to society with the help of various workshops, a blogging website and a media partnership, and wishes everyone involved success with the project.

The meeting closed at 6.22 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Regulatory Framework**: The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-01526—That the Parliament agrees that better regulation is an important driver of sustainable economic growth and endorses the Scottish Government’s commitment to better regulation rather than deregulation; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to delivering regulation that is proportionate, consistent, transparent, accountable and targeted only where needed, and supports a regulatory framework in which government, regulators and business work together to identify regulatory barriers to growth and deliver an outcomes-based approach, thereby providing a favourable environment for business to grow and flourish, creating jobs and improving lives.

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S4M-01526.2 to motion S4M-01526—

Insert at end—

"," supports regulation that encourages equal opportunities, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward its proposed sustainable procurement bill."

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

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-01526.1 to motion S4M-01526—

Insert at end—

"; further notes that the Regulatory Review Group’s Annual Report 2011 found that Business and Regulatory Impact Assessments (BRIA) have been used in respect of 80% of primary legislation and 57% of secondary legislation since April 2010, and calls on the Scottish Government to increase the use of BRIAs for legislation and regulation and to explain why it has not carried out a BRIA on either the proposed retail levy or the reform of empty property relief on business rates."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 110, Against 1, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament agrees that better regulation is an important driver of sustainable economic growth and endorses the Scottish Government’s commitment to better regulation rather than deregulation; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to delivering regulation that is proportionate, consistent, transparent, accountable and targeted only where needed, and supports a regulatory framework in which government, regulators and business work together to identify regulatory barriers to growth and deliver an outcomes-based
approach, thereby providing a favourable environment for business to grow and flourish, creating jobs and improving lives; supports regulation that encourages equal opportunities; calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward its proposed sustainable procurement bill; further notes that the Regulatory Review Group’s Annual Report 2011 found that Business and Regulatory Impact Assessments (BRIA) have been used in respect of 80% of primary legislation and 57% of secondary legislation since April 2010, and further calls on the Scottish Government to increase the use of BRIs for legislation and regulation and to explain why it has not carried out a BRIA on either the proposed retail levy or the reform of empty property relief on business rates.

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

3. **First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the Deputy First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on Local Government Finance Settlement 2012-13.

6. **Violence Against Women – Focussing on Prevention as a Means to an End:** The Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-01523—That the Parliament reaffirms its continuing commitment to eradicating all forms of violence against women; notes the Scottish Government’s increased emphasis on prevention and early intervention to tackle this issue; celebrates Scottish Women’s Aid’s tireless campaigning for effective responses to domestic abuse and congratulates the organisation on its 35th anniversary; welcomes the Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 and the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2011 and the increased protection that these pieces of legislation provide for victims, and acknowledges the dedication, effort and creativity demonstrated by all the agencies working to address violence against women in Scotland.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-01523.1 to motion S4M-01523—

After "victims" insert—

"building on the work taken forward under the previous Labour/Liberal Democrat administration that was informed and shaped by the views and experiences of a wide range of women’s organisations including enacting the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001 and the Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005, the establishment of a National Group to Address Domestic Abuse in Scotland and a comprehensive national strategy, including substantially increased funding and a groundbreaking advertising campaign aimed at changing wider public attitudes as well as encouraging reporting of abuse”.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT).
The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms its continuing commitment to eradicating all forms of violence against women; notes the Scottish Government’s increased emphasis on prevention and early intervention to tackle this issue; celebrates Scottish Women’s Aid’s tireless campaigning for effective responses to domestic abuse and congratulates the organisation on its 35th anniversary; welcomes the Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 and the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2011 and the increased protection that these pieces of legislation provide for victims, building on the work taken forward under the previous Labour/Liberal Democrat administration that was informed and shaped by the views and experiences of a wide range of women’s organisations including enacting the Protection from Abuse (Scotland) Act 2001 and the Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005, the establishment of a National Group to Address Domestic Abuse in Scotland and a comprehensive national strategy, including substantially increased funding and a groundbreaking advertising campaign aimed at changing wider public attitudes as well as encouraging reporting of abuse, and acknowledges the dedication, effort and creativity demonstrated by all the agencies working to address violence against women in Scotland.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 6 as noted above.

8. MS, Better Care: The Parliament debated S4M-01107 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament welcomes the campaign for better health care across Scotland by the MS Society which highlights the need for effective implementation of the Clinical Standards for Neurological Health Services; considers that the standards for neurological conditions published in 2009 mark an important step forward for patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) by setting out key standards for all NHS boards, including access to specialist multidisciplinary teams; recognises that these standards are vital to ensuring that MS patients have access to high quality care wherever they live; welcomes the appointment of a dedicated MS nurse in the Western Isles which it understands follows significant work by the MS Society; recognises the role of individuals and communities in the Western Isles who campaigned successfully for the appointment; notes that Scotland has one of the highest incidences of MS per head of population in the world, and believes that greater investment and government support is needed to further research and provide services.

The meeting closed at 5.47 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Peter Ross, volunteer, Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Forum and Scottish Parliament Community Partnership Project, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01578—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 14 December 2011—

   delete
   
   6.00 pm Decision Time
   
   followed by Members’ Business

   and insert
   
   5.00 pm Decision Time

   followed by Members’ Business

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01571—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (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 10 minutes.

   The motion was agreed to.

4. **Appointment of Junior Scottish Minister:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved S4M-01575—That the Parliament agrees that Derek Mackay be appointed as a junior Scottish Minister.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to.

5. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

   The following amendments were agreed to without division: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10
Amendment 3 was agreed to (by division: For 64, Against 17, Abstentions 36)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1  (For 15, Against 103, Abstentions 0)
2  (For 14, Against 101, Abstentions 0)
8  (For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
9  (For 53, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

6. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-01524—That the Parliament agrees that the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill be passed

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

7. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01579—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 21 December 2011**

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Delivery and Legacy of the Commonwealth Games  
*followed by* Education and Culture Committee Debate: National Gaelic Language Plan  
*followed by* Business Motion  
*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm  Decision Time  
*followed by* Members’ Business

**Thursday 22 December 2011**

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Welfare Reform Bill  
11.40 am  General Question Time  
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time  
12.30 pm  Members’ Business  
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time  
Rural Affairs and the Environment; Justice and the Law Officers  
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Wednesday 11 January 2012

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 12 January 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01580—that the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 29 February 2012.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01582—that the Parliament agrees that the Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 6 and 9 as noted above.
11. **Commending Petrol and Diesel Watch**: The Parliament debated S4M-01340 in the name of Stuart McMillan—That the Parliament commends the *Greenock Telegraph*’s Petrol and Diesel Watch feature, which advises motorists on a daily basis of the fuel prices at filling stations throughout Inverclyde and the west of Scotland; acknowledges that this was established in response to public outcry at rising fuel prices and also reported disparities of as much as 7p per litre between filling stations in nearby towns, and is concerned that dramatically rising fuel prices threaten to exacerbate an already challenging economic situation for households and business operations in Inverclyde, the west of Scotland and across the country as a whole.

The meeting closed at 5.34 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Integration of Health and Social Care:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-01585—That the Parliament recognises the improvements achieved in terms of adult health and social care services since it was established; further recognises, particularly with regard to the needs of Scotland’s older people, that the integration of services needs to be improved to deliver better health and social care services; notes that the cornerstone of reform should be nationally agreed outcomes and that these reforms will be judged by the delivery of specific goals, such as reducing the number of delayed discharges, which directly impact on the health and care experience of older citizens; notes that services should be characterised by strong and committed clinical and care professional leadership; notes that NHS boards and local authorities will work together to produce integrated budgets that will bring to an end the cost-shunting between the NHS and local authorities that currently occurs, and notes that the Scottish Government will continue to work with partners in the NHS, local government, the third and independent sectors and professional bodies to take these reforms forward.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-01585.1 to motion S4M-01585—

Insert at end—

“, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s acceptance of the need for legislative underpinning following the conclusions of the Expert Group on Future Options for Social Care established by Scottish Labour.”

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 improvements achieved in terms of adult health and social care services since it was established; further recognises, particularly with regard to the needs of Scotland’s older people, that the integration of services needs to be improved to deliver better health and social care services; notes that the cornerstone of reform should be nationally agreed outcomes and that these reforms will be judged by the delivery of specific goals, such as reducing the number of delayed discharges, which directly impact on the health and care experience of older citizens; notes that services should be characterised by strong and committed clinical and care professional leadership; notes that NHS boards and local authorities will work together to produce integrated budgets that will bring to an end the cost-shunting between the NHS and local authorities that currently occurs; notes that the Scottish Government will continue to work with partners in the NHS, local government, the third and independent sectors and professional bodies to take these reforms forward, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s acceptance of the need for legislative underpinning following
the conclusions of the Expert Group on Future Options for Social Care established by Scottish Labour.

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

3. **First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. **Infrastructure and Investment Plan:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment (Alex Neil) moved S4M-01584—That the Parliament notes the importance of infrastructure investment to delivering sustainable economic growth, managing the transition to a low-carbon economy, supporting delivery of efficient and high quality public services and supporting employment and opportunity across Scotland; notes the significant investment underway in a wide range of projects to deliver new schools, hospitals, houses, roads, water infrastructure, community facilities and improved availability of high-speed broadband across Scotland; supports the long-term commitment to continue and build on these investments; supports the Scottish Government’s use of a broad range of funding methods for investment to help offset the 32% real-terms cut to Scotland’s capital budget inflicted by the UK Government, and welcomes the publication of the Scottish Government’s *Infrastructure Investment Plan 2011*, setting out the Scottish Government’s intentions through to 2030.

Lewis Macdonald moved amendment S4M-01584.3 to motion S4M-01584—Leave out from second "notes" to end and insert—

"welcomes the publication of an updated infrastructure investment plan (IIP), but regrets the hiatus in commissioning new schools and hospitals in the last parliamentary session, the delay or abandonment of major infrastructure projects included in the previous IIP and the Scottish Government’s decision to cut the funding of new social housing in half in the next two years, all of which will lead to further loss of jobs, skills and capacity in the construction sector; believes that the aspiration to lay out long-term strategic objectives is undermined by the lack of prioritisation of projects, the absence of clear links to other proposed long-term plans and the failure to provide a credible funding plan, and calls on the Scottish Government to publish details of anticipated investment and maintenance costs on an annual basis and to make a statement early in 2012."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 64, Abstentions 17).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-01584.2 to motion S4M-01584—Leave out from "to help" to end and insert—
"and, while welcoming the publication of the Scottish Government’s *Infrastructure Investment Plan 2011*, notes with interest that most of the projects have been deferred till after 2016, and further calls on ministers to set out a detailed timetable of projects with allocated budgets, along with their preferred funding option for each."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53, Against 66, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 51, Abstentions 3).

6. **Committee Membership:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01581—That the Parliament agrees that—

   Mark McDonald be appointed to replace Derek Mackay as a member of the Finance Committee; and

   Colin Keir be appointed to replace Mark McDonald as a member of the Public Audit Committee.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 5 and 6 as noted above.

8. **University of Glasgow Ranked First in the UK:** The Parliament debated S4M-01223 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament warmly congratulates the University of Glasgow on ranking first in the United Kingdom for international student satisfaction in a recent survey of international students in which it considers there are a number of stand-out points for the university, which, once again, has performed very well against other UK institutions; notes that this survey is the largest of its kind, with over 65 international universities, 44 UK institutions and six Scottish institutions, canvassing international students’ views on the teaching, services and overall experience of their chosen university; welcomes the fact that Glasgow has ranked first in the whole survey for social activities, as well as having both the best online library and the best sports facilities in the UK; notes that international students also report an impressive 94% satisfaction with the university’s expert lecturers and 91% of final year students are satisfied with their learning experience, and considers that international students have a vital and beneficial role in Scottish educational institutions and society.

   The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Reverend David Denniston, Parish Minister, St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01626—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 21 December 2011—

   after

   *followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Delivery and Legacy of the Commonwealth Games

   *insert*

   *followed by* Ministerial Statement: Outcome of End of Year Fishing Negotiations

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **Delivery and Legacy of the Commonwealth Games**: The Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-01620—That the Parliament notes the good progress being made by the Games partners to deliver the 2014 Commonwealth Games on time and on budget; welcomes the view of the Commonwealth Games Federation’s first Evaluation Commission that Games planning is on course and that the Games partnership is a strong one; recognises the tangible benefits already realised through collaborative working between the Scottish Government and its many partners, and recognises that the current and planned activity will maximise legacy for the whole of Scotland from both the London 2012 Olympic Games and the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

   Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-01620.1 to motion S4M-01620—

   Leave out from "will maximise" to end and insert—

   "has the potential to maximise the legacy for the whole of Scotland from both the London 2012 Olympic Games and the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and calls on the Scottish Government to report more regularly to the Parliament on the implementation of the Games legacy plan for 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 good progress being made by the Games partners to deliver the 2014 Commonwealth Games on time and on budget; welcomes the view of the
Commonwealth Games Federation’s first Evaluation Commission that Games planning is on course and that the Games partnership is a strong one; recognises the tangible benefits already realised through collaborative working between the Scottish Government and its many partners, and recognises that the current and planned activity has the potential to maximise the legacy for the whole of Scotland from both the London 2012 Olympic Games and the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and calls on the Scottish Government to report more regularly to the Parliament on the implementation of the Games legacy plan for Scotland.

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) made a statement and answered questions on the Outcome of End of Year Fishing Negotiations.

5. Education and Culture Committee, 3rd Report 2011 (Session 4), The draft National Gaelic Language Plan 2012-17: Stewart Maxwell, on behalf of the Education and Culture Committee, moved S4M-01610—That the Parliament agrees that the Education and Culture Committee’s 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4), The draft National Gaelic Language Plan 2012-17 (SP Paper 52) should form the Parliament’s response to Bòrd na Gàidhlig’s consultation on the draft plan.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01627—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 11 January 2012

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Education and Culture Committee Debate: Inquiry into the educational attainment looked after children
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 12 January 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Improving Learning Outcomes for All Young People in 2012
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 18 January 2012
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 19 January 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Culture and External Affairs; Infrastructure and Capital Investment
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01628—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 30 March 2012.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SSIs : Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—
S4M-01629—That the Parliament agrees that the Crofting Commission (Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] be approved.

S4M-01630—That the Parliament agrees that the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Advertising and Trading) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] be approved.

S4M-01631—That the Parliament agrees that the Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

9. **Approval of Guidance:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01632—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Natural Heritage Code of Practice on Deer Management be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. **Disability History Month:** The Parliament debated S4M-01265 in the name of Siobhan McMahon—That the Parliament welcomes the UK’s second Disability History Month; notes that “Celebrating our struggle for equality” will be the theme for 2011 and that its purpose is to raise the profile of disabled people’s rights and to advocate disability equality by celebrating the historical and contemporary struggles and the achievements of disabled people globally; further notes that, by taking place between the 22 November and 22 December, the event will cover International HIV/AIDS Day, International Day of People with Disabilities and International Human Rights Day; considers that the UK Government’s latest spending cuts will have a disproportionate and unfair impact on disabled people across Scotland, and particularly those in Central Scotland, and would welcome recognition and a celebration of the second UK Disability History Month.

The meeting closed at 5.28 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Legislative Consent Motion: Welfare Reform Bill - UK Legislation:**

   The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-01638—That the Parliament supports the principle of a welfare system that is simpler, makes work pay and lifts people out of poverty but regrets that this principle, insofar as it is reflected by the introduction of universal credit and personal independence payments, is being undermined by the UK Government's deep and damaging cuts to benefits and services that will impact on some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland; on the matter of legislative consent, agrees that the relevant provisions of the Welfare Reform Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 February 2011, in respect of data sharing, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Parliament, or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament; further agrees that the provisions in the Bill that give the Scottish Ministers the power to make consequential, supplementary, incidental or transitional provisions, by regulations, in relation to the introduction of universal credit and personal independence payments, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Parliament, or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should not be considered by the UK Parliament but that the necessary provision should be made instead by an Act of the Scottish Parliament; also agrees that an ad-hoc welfare committee should be convened and that this committee should continue to meet for the duration of the current parliamentary session; while agreeing the above position, urges the UK Government to reconsider the Welfare Reform Bill and, more broadly, its welfare reform agenda, which the Parliament considers will adversely affect vulnerable people across Scotland.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-01638.3 to motion S4M-01638—

After "should be convened" insert—

"with a remit to consider the implementation of the Welfare Reform Bill insofar as it affects people in Scotland, in particular the impact on passported benefits and, where benefits are devolved, the principles and operation of these, complementing the work of other relevant committees in the Scottish Parliament, UK Parliament and devolved assemblies across the UK".

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

Jackson Carlaw moved amendment S4M-01638.1 to motion S4M-01638—

Leave out from “but regrets” to end and insert—

"and agrees that the relevant provisions of the Welfare Reform Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 February 2011 to make provision within the legislative
competence of the Parliament and to alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 99, Abstentions 0).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-01638.2 to motion S4M-01638—

Leave out from “but regrets” to end and insert—

“and believes that radical reform of the current welfare system is required; on the matter of legislative consent, agrees that the relevant provisions of the Welfare Reform Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 February 2011, in respect of data sharing, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament; further agrees that the provisions in the Bill that give the Scottish Ministers the power to make consequential, supplementary, incidental or transitional provisions, by regulations, in relation to the introduction of universal credit and personal independence payments, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Parliament or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament; considers that this consent is necessary in order to give security to those individuals in receipt of passported benefits in Scotland, and urges the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government on planning ahead for the implementation of the proposed changes.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 18, Against 100, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed then to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 18, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament supports the principle of a welfare system that is simpler, makes work pay and lifts people out of poverty but regrets that this principle, insofar as it is reflected by the introduction of universal credit and personal independence payments, is being undermined by the UK Government’s deep and damaging cuts to benefits and services that will impact on some of the most vulnerable people in Scotland; on the matter of legislative consent, agrees that the relevant provisions of the Welfare Reform Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 16 February 2011, in respect of data sharing, Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit and the Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Parliament, or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament; further agrees that the provisions in the Bill that give the Scottish Ministers the power to make consequential, supplementary, incidental or transitional provisions, by regulations, in relation to the introduction of universal credit and personal independence payments, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Parliament, or alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, should not be considered by the UK Parliament but that the necessary provision should be made instead by an Act of the Scottish Parliament; also agrees that an ad-hoc welfare
committee should be convened with a remit to consider the implementation of the Welfare Reform Bill insofar as it affects people in Scotland, in particular the impact on passported benefits and, where benefits are devolved, the principles and operation of these, complementing the work of other relevant committees in the Scottish Parliament, UK Parliament and devolved assemblies across the UK and that this committee should continue to meet for the duration of the current parliamentary session; while agreeing the above position, urges the UK Government to reconsider the Welfare Reform Bill and, more broadly, its welfare reform agenda, which the Parliament considers will adversely affect vulnerable people across Scotland.

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

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

4. **10 Years on from Harkin-Engel, Child Trafficking in the Chocolate Industry:** The Parliament debated S4M-01042 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament acknowledges the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Harkin-Engel Protocol on 19 September 2011, signifying the chocolate industry’s apparent commitment to abolishing the trafficking of workers in West Africa into deplorable conditions; condemns the industry’s apparent failure to take the appropriate action as pledged in the protocol, thereby perpetuating some of the worst forms of child labour in the cocoa sector of Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana; understands from a report on the protocol by Tulane University that none of the six articles calling for action has been fully implemented and that the required industry-wide reform in the cocoa sector has not taken place; commends the 10 Campaign run by civil society groups across the world, including the International Labor Rights Forum, World Vision and Stop the Traffik, and would welcome widespread support for the petition to end the trafficking of children in the cocoa industry.

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and Scottish Law Officers.


The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Committee Membership:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01646—That the Parliament agrees that—
John Park be appointed to replace Anne McTaggart as a member of the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

Neil Bibby be appointed to replace Claire Baker and Neil Findlay be appointed to replace Jenny Marra as members of the Education and Culture Committee;

Mary Fee be appointed to replace Claudia Beamish as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;

Elaine Murray be appointed to replace Margaret McCulloch and Michael McMahon be appointed to replace John Pentland as members of the Finance Committee;

Drew Smith be appointed to replace Mary Fee as a member of the Health and Sport Committee;

Margaret McCulloch be appointed to replace Neil Findlay as a member of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee;

Jenny Marra be appointed to replace James Kelly as a member of the Justice Committee;

Anne McTaggart be appointed to replace Kezia Dugdale and John Pentland be appointed to replace Mark Griffin as members of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

Iain Gray be appointed to replace Hugh Henry and Mark Griffin be appointed to replace Drew Smith as members of the Public Audit Committee;

Anne McTaggart be appointed to replace Neil Bibby as a member of the Public Petitions Committee;

Claudia Beamish be appointed to replace Jenny Marra and Margaret McDougall be appointed to replace Elaine Murray as members of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee;

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

Michael McMahon be appointed to replace Kezia Dugdale and John Pentland be appointed to replace Drew Smith as members of the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 6 and 7 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Paul O’Kane, Development Officer, Volunteer Centre East Dunbartonshire led Time for Reflection.

2. **Inquiry into the educational attainment of looked after children:** Stewart Maxwell, on behalf of the Education and Culture Committee, moved S4M-01667—That the Parliament notes that the Education and Culture Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the educational attainment of looked-after children and that, in order to inform its final report, the committee would welcome the views of all members on the key themes that have emerged in evidence.

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

3. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01676—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 18 January 2012**

2.30 pm Time for Reflection  
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
followed by Ministerial Statement: Scottish Ambulance Service Rest Breaks  
followed by Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee Debate: Common Agricultural Policy  
followed by Business Motion  
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm Decision Time  
followed by Members’ Business  

**Thursday 19 January 2012**

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Elections 2012  
11.40 am General Question Time  
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time  
2.15 pm Themed Question Time  
Culture and External Affairs; Infrastructure and Capital Investment  
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Cities Strategy  
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 25 January 2012

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motion
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 26 January 2012

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business

11.40 am  General Question Time

12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm  Themed Question Time
         Education and Lifelong Learning

2.55 pm  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

5. Volunteer Centre East Dunbartonshire: The Parliament debated S4M-01542 in the name of Annabel Goldie—That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkintilloch-based Volunteer Centre East Dunbartonshire; understands that the centre provides a central point for volunteering throughout East Dunbartonshire and that it aims to encourage and support local people who wish to offer their services to help others in their community; recognises the Volunteer Champions Project, a school-based initiative that promotes volunteering to teenagers; believes that, by volunteering, local young people are showing dedication and clearly have a social conscience; applauds the befriending service, which pairs a volunteer with an isolated adult, providing what it considers to be a vital source of friendship, assistance and company that reflects an admirable model of being a good neighbour, and commends what it sees as the excellent contribution that this organisation and the voluntary sector make to the community.
The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.
1. **Scotland’s Future:** Johann Lamont moved S4M-01678—That the Parliament recognises that the Scottish Government has a mandate to call a referendum on the constitutional future of Scotland and calls on the First Minister to hold immediate cross-party talks, including with leaders from all quarters of civic Scotland, to agree a timetable for the referendum, to ensure that the referendum provides a clear result on a single question and to ensure that the referendum is run in Scotland by the Electoral Commission so that the people of Scotland can have an early and rigorous debate on the future of Scotland.

The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved amendment S4M-01678.2 to motion S4M-01678—

Leave out from “that the Scottish Government” to end and insert—

“the mandate given to the Scottish Government by the people of Scotland in the May 2011 Scottish election to hold a referendum offering people the choice to decide their future and agrees that it is the responsibility of the Scottish Parliament to decide the timing and arrangements for the referendum; welcomes the announcement of Autumn 2014 as the date for Scotland’s referendum; believes that 16 and 17-year-olds on the electoral roll should have the opportunity to vote, as it is their future along with everyone else’s that will be determined by the result; encourages all Scots to take part in the Scottish Government’s consultation on the referendum to be launched in the week beginning 23 January 2012, and affirms that constitutional change is a process and that what ultimately matters is that the people who care most about Scotland, the people who live in Scotland, achieve a parliament with the powers and responsibilities of independence to grow the economy, create jobs, build a strong society and give all of Scotland’s people the life chances that they deserve.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to (DT) by division: For 67, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

The motion as amended was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 67, Against 56, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the mandate given to the Scottish Government by the people of Scotland in the May 2011 Scottish election to hold a referendum offering people the choice to decide their future and agrees that it is the responsibility of the Scottish Parliament to decide the timing and arrangements for the referendum; welcomes the announcement of Autumn 2014 as the date for Scotland’s referendum; believes that 16 and 17-year-olds on the electoral roll should have the opportunity to vote, as it is their future along with everyone else’s that will be determined by the result; encourages all Scots to take part in the Scottish Government’s consultation on the referendum to be launched in the week beginning 23 January 2012, and affirms that constitutional change is a process and that what ultimately matters is that the people who care most about Scotland, the people who live in Scotland, achieve a parliament with the powers and responsibilities of independence to grow the economy, create jobs, build a strong society and give all of Scotland’s people the life chances that they deserve.”
about Scotland, the people who live in Scotland, achieve a parliament with the powers and responsibilities of independence to grow the economy, create jobs, build a strong society and give all of Scotland’s people the life chances that they deserve.

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

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

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. **Improving Learning Outcomes for All Young People in 2012:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved S4M-01677—That the Parliament commends Scotland’s tens of thousands of professional and dedicated teachers and hundreds of thousands of hard-working pupils; recognises the importance of the Curriculum for Excellence as the principal vehicle for improving learning and teaching and raising ambition; believes that a high-performing early years and schools system is the single greatest tool in improving the employability and life chances of young people, and commits to support efforts that increase attainment for all young people from nursery through to post-16 education.

Hugh Henry moved amendment S4M-01677.3 to motion S4M-01677—

Leave out from “believes” to end and insert—


“notes the concerns being expressed by teachers about the implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence and believes that these concerns must be addressed; believes that urgent action is needed to address problems in the availability of supply teachers caused by the changes to pay and conditions; believes that a high-performing early years and schools system is the single greatest tool in improving the employability and life chances of young people; commits to support efforts that increase attainment for all young people from nursery through to post-16 education, and believes that budget cuts to Scotland’s colleges are hindering their ability to raise attainment in post-16 education.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 58, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-01677.1 to motion S4M-01677—

Insert at end—


“, and notes with interest the current deliberations of the Commission on School Reform under the chairmanship of Keir Bloomer, which, along with important recommendations contained in the recent Donaldson, McCormac and Cameron reports, confirm that raising attainment levels is also dependent on the delivery of a school system that is much more responsive to the demands of pupils, parents and teachers.”
After debate, the amendment disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 56, Against 65, Abstentions 2).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.

7. **High Interest Payday Loans:** The Parliament debated S4M-01558 in the name of Margaret Burgess—That the Parliament notes with concern the recent report from R3, the trade body for insolvency professionals, regarding high-interest payday loans; understands that the report suggests that there is a likelihood that many people have turned to such loans as a last resort in the run-up to the Christmas period; highlights that the report also claims that the interest rates on such loans can be up to 5,000% per year and that the payday loan sector is worth £2 billion; notes that the UK Government could introduce stronger crisis loan regulation to protect consumers, especially vulnerable people, and that it could tackle the issue of dishonest and irresponsible lending; further notes that that those in need of assistance can seek advice from National Debt Line Scotland or their local citizens advice bureau or money advice centre before taking out such loans, and welcomes the development of credit unions such as the Kilwinning-based 1st Alliance, which, it understands, offers affordable credit and encourages saving.

8. **Motion without Notice:** Kenneth Gibson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by 10 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Katie McKenna and Dominic Bradley, former pupils of St Ninian’s High School, East Dunbartonshire, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Scottish Ambulance Service Rest Breaks.

3. **Common Agricultural Policy:** Rob Gibson, on behalf of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, moved S4M-01679—That the Parliament notes the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee’s ongoing scrutiny of the European Commission’s proposed reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

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

4. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01730—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 25 January 2012**

1.30 pm  Time for Reflection  
*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*  Ministerial Statement: Referendum Consultation  
*followed by*  Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill  
*followed by*  Business Motion  
*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm  Decision Time  
*followed by*  Members’ Business  

**Thursday 26 January 2012**

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*  Scottish Labour Party Business  
11.40 am  General Question Time  
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time  
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time  
  Education and Lifelong Learning  
2.55 pm  Scottish Government Debate: Claim of Right
The motion was agreed to.

5. **Approval of SSI**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01731—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Approval of SSI**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01732—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. **Designation of Lead Committee**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01733—That the Parliament agrees that
the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. **Independence Referendum, Let Wallace Vote:** The Parliament debated S4M-01596 in the name of Elaine Murray—that the Parliament notes that for generations Scots have taken up opportunities to work in other parts of the UK and beyond and that many have subsequently returned to Scotland to use the skills and experiences that they have gained elsewhere; understands that Scots working outwith Scotland at the time of the independence referendum will not be eligible to vote on Scotland’s constitutional future whereas anyone eligible to be on the electoral register in Scotland will be entitled to vote; believes that Scots living outwith Scotland should be able to register to vote in the independence referendum on the same basis as expatriate UK citizens can vote in UK elections, and congratulates Dumfries-born James Wallace on his online campaign, letwallacevote, to bring this issue to the attention of the public.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Local Government Elections 2012:** The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-01741—That the Parliament notes the importance of local democracy and in particular this year’s local elections; welcomes the response of the Scottish Government, local authorities and others to the Gould report and the improvements that have been made in electoral administration as a result; further notes that preparations for the local government elections in Scotland in May 2012 have been taken forward in a collaborative manner with electoral professionals and local authorities including work to procure, develop and test a system of electronic counting to be used in the elections; calls on all of those with an interest in these elections to work to further increase and improve voter engagement and participation, and supports the recommendation of the Scotland Bill Committee that the UK Government should amend the Scotland Bill to devolve responsibility and powers for all elections that take place in Scotland, except those to the UK and EU Parliaments.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-01741.2 to motion S4M-01741—

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

"...registration and participation, and notes the valuable role of the Electoral Commission in helping to ensure fair, open and transparent elections and good practice in this regard."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 53 , Against 68, Abstentions 0).

Margaret Mitchell moved amendment S4M-01741.1 to motion S4M-01741—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—

"...notes that responsibility for the general administration and conduct of elections to local government is already devolved and that these powers are being further devolved for elections to the Scottish Parliament under the Scotland Bill while ensuring that issues of UK constitutional importance continue to be dealt with at UK level."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 104, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 68, Against 36, Abstentions 17).

2. **General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
3. **First Minister’s Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Culture and External Affairs, and on Infrastructure and Capital Investment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. **Agenda for Cities:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-01740—That the Parliament recognises the vital contributions that Scotland’s cities and their regions can make to delivering the aspirations of the Government Economic Strategy; welcomes the commitment shown by the cities to work collaboratively with each other, with the Scottish Government and with national agencies to optimise that growth for the benefit of Scotland as a whole; notes that the focus of the Scottish Cities Alliance is on creating collaborative opportunities for enhancing sustainable economic growth, attracting large-scale private sector investment and creating jobs; notes that the four themes of the collaborative work are connectivity, sustainability, knowledge and liveability, and welcomes the publication of *Scotland’s Cities: Delivering for Scotland* alongside the Cities Investment Fund, which is designed to support the Scottish Cities Alliance in developing collaborative programmes that promote growth, lever investment and protect and create jobs.

Drew Smith moved amendment S4M-01740.1 to motion S4M-01740—

Insert at end—

"; further recognises that this new fund builds on the success of the previous Cities Growth Fund, which provided substantial and targeted support for the development of Scotland’s cities amounting to £173 million between 2003 and 2008, and further welcomes the initiative as a renewed focus on the actual and potential contribution of Scotland’s cities to economic prosperity and job creation through better connectivity, sustainability, better use of knowledge and improved liveability for all those who live and work in Scotland's cities, their regions and in the country as a whole."

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 118, Against 3, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the vital contributions that Scotland’s cities and their regions can make to delivering the aspirations of the Government Economic Strategy; welcomes the commitment shown by the cities to work collaboratively with each other, with the Scottish Government and with national agencies to optimise that growth for the benefit of Scotland as a whole; notes that the focus of the Scottish Cities Alliance is on creating collaborative opportunities for enhancing sustainable economic growth, attracting large-scale private sector investment and creating jobs; notes that the four themes of the collaborative work are connectivity, sustainability, knowledge and liveability; welcomes the publication of *Scotland’s Cities: Delivering for Scotland* alongside the Cities Investment Fund, which is designed to support the Scottish Cities Alliance in developing collaborative programmes that promote growth, lever investment and protect and create jobs.
Investment Fund, which is designed to support the Scottish Cities Alliance in developing collaborative programmes that promote growth, lever investment and protect and create jobs; further recognises that this new fund builds on the success of the previous Cities Growth Fund, which provided substantial and targeted support for the development of Scotland’s cities amounting to £173 million between 2003 and 2008, and further welcomes the initiative as a renewed focus on the actual and potential contribution of Scotland’s cities to economic prosperity and job creation through better connectivity, sustainability, better use of knowledge and improved liveability for all those who live and work in Scotland’s cities, their regions and in the country as a whole.

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.

7. **Save Introducing in Scotland:** The Parliament debated S4M-01065 in the name of Joan McAlpine— That the Parliament expresses its concern that the BBC is considering scrapping *Introducing in Scotland*, a radio show based at Pacific Quay in Glasgow that aims to find the best new unsigned music talent in Scotland, as part of the BBC’s so-called Delivering Quality First plans; believes that giving new artists a platform for their music is a valuable public service; considers that the show’s producers and presenters, Ally McCrae and, previously, Vic Galloway, have done valuable work over the last 11 years in giving new talent exposure to the listening public; is further concerned that, if such programmes are centralised to London, unsigned musicians from Scotland will have less coverage; notes the support for *Introducing in Scotland*; notes that the petition to save it has received nearly 6,000 signatures in less than one week, and further notes that the petition is available for signing at: www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/introducingscotland.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr Stewart Gillan, Minister, St Michael’s Parish Church, Linlithgow led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on the Referendum Consultation.

3. **Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-01773—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill.

   The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 40, Abstentions 14).

4. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01810—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   Wednesday 1 February 2012

   2.30 pm    Time for Reflection
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by Ministerial Statement: Higher Education and Further Education Governance Reports
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: The Year of Creative Scotland 2012
   followed by Appointment of the Scottish Information Commissioner
   followed by Business Motion
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   5.00 pm    Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

   Thursday 2 February 2012

   9.15 am    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
   11.40 am    General Question Time
   12.00 pm    First Minister’s Question Time
   2.15 pm    Themed Question Time
               Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
   2.55 pm    Scottish Government Debate: Scotland’s Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 8 February 2012
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 9 February 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01811—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Social Services Inspections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01812—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Excepted Services) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).
7. **Establishment of Committee:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01813—that the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Welfare Reform Committee

Remit: To keep under review the passage of the UK Welfare Reform Bill and monitor its implementation as it affects welfare provision in Scotland and to consider relevant Scottish legislation and other consequential arrangements.

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

Number of members: 7

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

Membership: Jamie Hepburn, Margaret Burgess, Annabelle Ewing, Kevin Stewart, Michael McMahon, Drew Smith, Alex Johnstone.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Designation of Lead Committee:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01814—that the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee and that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as a secondary committee in consideration of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Office of the Clerk:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01815—that the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2012 and 31 January 2013, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 6 and 9 April, 7 May, 1, 4 and 5 June, 30 November, 24 (pm), 25 and 26 December, and 1 and 2 January.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 as noted above.

11. **Holocaust Memorial Day:** The Parliament debated S4M-01700 in the name of Stewart Maxwell—that the Parliament notes that 27 January 2012 marks Holocaust Memorial Day, the 67th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and an opportunity for schools, colleges, faith groups and communities across Scotland to remember the six million men, women and children murdered by the Nazi regime in occupied Europe; further notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 is Speak Up, Speak Out; 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 Katie McKenna and Dominic Bradley, two former students of St Ninian's High School in East Dunbartonshire, who took part in the project and who will deliver the Parliament's Time for Reflection message on 18 January 2012; celebrates the Holocaust survivors who have enriched Scotland as a nation, and re-commits to ensuring that racism, sectarianism and bigotry are never allowed to go unchallenged in Scotland.

12. **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 6.01 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Public Transport**: Elaine Murray moved S4M-01824—That the Parliament notes the importance of local bus services, particularly for people on low incomes and older people; is concerned at the withdrawal of bus services and sharp increases in fares in a number of communities across Scotland and believes that these will be exacerbated by the proposed cut in the Bus Service Operators Grant; notes concerns regarding the proposed cap on concessionary fares in 2013-14 and 2014-15; urges the Scottish Government to consider ways in which it can support demand-led transport solutions such as community transport in rural areas; notes the SNP’s 2003 manifesto promise to “bring forward legislation to allow the regulation of buses”, and believes that further legislative action is required to ensure effective regulation of the industry for the benefit of passengers.

The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved amendment S4M-01824.4 to motion S4M-01824—

Leave out “is concerned” to end and insert—

"welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to maintain funding for concessionary fares in 2013-14 and 2014-15, despite the public spending cuts imposed by the UK Government; approves the development of a more environmental focus for the Bus Service Operators Grant and the introduction of a new bus infrastructure; welcomes partnership working between the Scottish Government and industry to invest in hybrid buses; urges the bus sector to minimise the withdrawal of bus services and increases in fares, and urges the Scottish Government, the bus sector and local government to develop demand-led transport solutions such as community transport in rural areas and more effective use of legislation and partnership working through provisions such as statutory quality partnerships."

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-01824.1 to motion S4M-01824—

Leave out from "is concerned" to end and insert—

"encourages the Scottish Government to explore innovative solutions to the provision of cost-effective bus services such as demand-led transport in rural areas, and believes that the dogmatic demands to re-regulate bus services are inappropriate and potentially counter-productive."

After debate, amendment S4M-01824.4 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 40, Abstentions 14). As a result, amendment S4M-01824.1 was pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 38, Abstentions 16).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the importance of local bus services, particularly for people on low incomes and
older people; welcomes the Scottish Government's commitment to maintain funding for concessionary fares in 2013-14 and 2014-15, despite the public spending cuts imposed by the UK Government; approves the development of a more environmental focus for the Bus Service Operators Grant and the introduction of a new bus infrastructure; welcomes partnership working between the Scottish Government and industry to invest in hybrid buses; urges the bus sector to minimise the withdrawal of bus services and increases in fares, and urges the Scottish Government, the bus sector and local government to develop demand-led transport solutions such as community transport in rural areas and more effective use of legislation and partnership working through provisions such as statutory quality partnerships.

2. **Supporting Families:** Jackie Baillie moved S4M-01828—That the Parliament recognises the crucial role that kinship carers play in supporting the most vulnerable children and believes that they should be supported financially at an equivalent level to foster carers; notes the commitment given by the First Minister on 27 September 2007 to fast-track £10 million to fund this; further notes commitments made by successive ministers for Education and Lifelong Learning and Children and Early Years that this promise would be met via the concordat with local government by 2011 at the latest; regrets that these promises to kinship carers and the people they care for have been broken, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that local authorities are provided with the funds to ensure that kinship carers are properly supported and that this promise is finally met.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S4M-01828.1 to motion S4M-01828—

Leave out from first "notes" to end and insert—

"welcomes that substantial resources have been provided to local authorities to allow them to provide financial support to kinship carers; recognises that, unlike its predecessors, the 2007-11 Scottish administration acted to introduce regulations to allow financial support to be provided to kinship carers; supports wider efforts to empower families, including the development of a national parenting strategy, the Play, Talk, Read campaign and the roll-out of the Family Nurse Partnership; condemns the UK benefits system as not being fit for purpose as it penalises kinship carers and other vulnerable groups, and calls on the UK Government to fairly support kinship carers."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the crucial role that kinship carers play in supporting the most vulnerable children and believes that they should be supported financially at an equivalent level to foster carers; welcomes that substantial resources have been provided to local authorities to allow them to provide financial support to kinship carers; recognises that, unlike its predecessors, the 2007-11 Scottish administration
acted to introduce regulations to allow financial support to be provided to kinship carers; supports wider efforts to empower families, including the development of a national parenting strategy, the Play, Talk, Read campaign and the roll-out of the Family Nurse Partnership; condemns the UK benefits system as not being fit for purpose as it penalises kinship carers and other vulnerable groups, and calls on the UK Government to fairly support kinship carers.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Claim of Right:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-01822—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and declares and pledges that in all its actions and deliberations their interests shall be paramount.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-01822.2 to motion S4M-01822—

Insert at end—

"and asserts the right of the Scottish people to make a clear, unambiguous and decisive choice on the future of Scotland."

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament acknowledges the sovereign right of the Scottish people to determine the form of government best suited to their needs and declares and pledges that in all its actions and deliberations their interests shall be paramount, and asserts the right of the Scottish people to make a clear, unambiguous and decisive choice on the future of Scotland.

7. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, and 6 as noted above.

8. **Save Glasgow’s Local Train Services:** The Parliament debated S4M-01690 in the name of Patricia Ferguson—That the Parliament recognises the importance of local train services to commuters in Glasgow; notes Transport Scotland’s publication, *Rail 2014 - Public Consultation*, which calls into question the future of railway stations within one mile of another station;
expresses concern that nine of the 14 stations identified in this category, Ashfield, Barnhill, Duke Street, Gilshochill, Kelvindale, Kennishead, Maryhill, Mosspark and Nitshill, are in Glasgow and that five of these are on the Anniesland to Queen Street via Ashfield line; notes that each of the nine stations has seen an increase in passenger numbers over the last two years, with Ashfield seeing a 32% increase during this time; further notes that passenger numbers have increased by 189% and 145% at the threatened Gilshochill and Possilpark and Parkhouse stations since 2005; also notes the ongoing Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Plan consultation, which, it understands, threatens the future of a direct train service to Glasgow Queen Street on the Ashfield line, and believes that these changes would restrict access and deter the use of local rail services in Glasgow and will inevitably make it more difficult for local residents to travel to work and access health and leisure facilities.

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

The meeting closed at 6.11 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Shaykh Amer Jamil, co-director of the Solas Foundation and Family Support Consultant, Unity Family Services led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Higher Education and Further Education Governance Reports.

3. **The Year of Creative Scotland 2012:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-01870—That the Parliament notes that the Year of Creative Scotland is the third in a series of focus years leading to Homecoming 2014; recognises the role it will play in celebrating and promoting Scotland’s creativity, innovation and culture; welcomes the Year as the start of a three-year cultural plan of creative and cultural activity embracing the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 through to the Commonwealth Games in 2014, and acknowledges the economic and cultural benefits that can be realised by taking full advantage of the opportunities offered by the Year of Creative Scotland to raise the profile of Scotland both nationally and internationally as a world-class cultural tourism destination.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-01870.1 to motion S4M-01870—

Insert at end—

“but recognises that the Year of Creative Scotland must provide opportunities for people around Scotland to experience cultural events and activities in their 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 the Year of Creative Scotland is the third in a series of focus years leading to Homecoming 2014; recognises the role it will play in celebrating and promoting Scotland’s creativity, innovation and culture; welcomes the Year as the start of a three-year cultural plan of creative and cultural activity embracing the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 through to the Commonwealth Games in 2014, and acknowledges the economic and cultural benefits that can be realised by taking full advantage of the opportunities offered by the Year of Creative Scotland to raise the profile of Scotland both nationally and internationally as a world-class cultural tourism destination but recognises that the Year of Creative Scotland must provide opportunities for people around Scotland to experience cultural events and activities in their communities.
4. **Appointment of the Scottish Information Commissioner:** Christine Grahame, on behalf of the Selection Panel, moved S4M-01865—That the Parliament nominates Rosemary Agnew to Her Majesty The Queen, for appointment as the Scottish Information Commissioner.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01883—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 8 February 2012**

- 2.30 pm Time for Reflection
- **followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- **followed by** Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) Bill
- **followed by** Business Motion
- **followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- **followed by** Members’ Business

**Thursday 9 February 2012**

- 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- **followed by** Ministerial Statement: Review of Teacher Employment
- **followed by** Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]
- 11.40 am General Question Time
- 12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
- 2.15 pm Themed Question Time
  - Justice and the Law Officers;
  - Rural Affairs and the Environment
- 2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Youth Employment Strategy
- **followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- **followed by** Members’ Business

**Wednesday 22 February 2012**

- 2.30 pm Time for Reflection
- **followed by** Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 2.35 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time
- 2.50 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 23 February 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motions: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-01884—That the Parliament agrees that the deadline for consideration of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 17 March 2012.

S4M-01885—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 27 April 2012.

S4M-01886—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 4 May 2012.

The motions were agreed to.

7. Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01880—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Suspension of Standing Orders: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01882—That the Parliament agrees that,
for the purpose of allowing up to 1 hour and 40 minutes to debate motion S4M-01880, Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft], on Thursday 9 February 2012, the final sentence of Rule 10.7.1 of Standing Orders be suspended.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-01887—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-01888—That the Parliament agrees that the Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore and Offshore Regions) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-01889—That the Parliament agrees that the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committees: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01890—That the Parliament agrees that—

Mary Scanlon be appointed to replace Ruth Davidson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Education and Culture Committee;

Gavin Brown be appointed to replace Alex Fergusson as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the European and External Relations Committee;

Jackson Carlaw be appointed to replace David McLetchie as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Finance Committee;

Alex Fergusson be appointed to replace Jamie McGrigor as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee; and

John Lamont be appointed to replace Murdo Fraser as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Scotland Bill Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).
11. **Substitution on Committees**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01891:—That the Parliament agrees that—

Annabel Goldie be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee;

Alex Johnstone be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Equal Opportunities Committee;

John Scott be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee;

Jamie McGrigor be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

Alex Johnstone be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee;

David McLetchie be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee; and

John Lamont be appointed as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party substitute on the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

12. **Parliamentary Recess Dates**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01892—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 6 to 21 October 2012 (inclusive), 22 December 2012 to 6 January 2013 (inclusive).

The motion was agreed to (DT).

13. **Decision Time**: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as noted above.

14. **Drum Brae Library and Community Hub Project**: The Parliament debated S4M-01644 in the name of Colin Keir—That the Parliament welcomes the construction of the Drum Brae Library and Community Hub project, which was successfully completed on time in November 2011 and which will be open to the public in early 2012; notes that the three-storey community-purpose building, which will include a long-awaited new library, a day-care centre for older people and office facilities, is the first project to be developed as part of the hub South East Scotland programme; believes that the hub, which is planned to be easily accessible via regular bus services, will
be a real focal point for the Drum Brae, Clermiston, Clerwood, East Craigs and Parkgrove communities; further notes that the project aims to offer a wide range of services, including an adult learning facility, community information and access points and a health information point; commends the City of Edinburgh Council’s ambition to encourage community involvement, community-based activity and the building of social capital, and believes that the joint initiative of public and private sectors supported local economic growth and boosted construction industry employment.

The meeting closed at 5.44 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **College Funding:** Liz Smith moved S4M-01876—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Scotland’s colleges in terms of the outstanding contribution that they have made to improving educational opportunities for a wide range of learners, improving the alignment between available skills and local employment opportunities and in embracing the need for structural reform; condemns the Scottish Government for forcing on the sector deeply damaging financial cuts for the period 2012-15, which are disproportionately greater in 2012-13, and which will inevitably have a detrimental impact on staffing, student places and support for students from more disadvantaged backgrounds; fails to understand how these financial cuts can be reconciled with the Scottish Government’s flagship 16 to 19 policy and the need to address the very worrying youth unemployment statistics that have revealed that 88,000 young people aged 18 to 24 are now out of work, and calls on the Scottish Government to urgently reconsider the proposed budget settlement for the further education sector.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved amendment S4M-01876.1 to motion S4M-01876—

Leave out from “condemns” to end and insert—

“acknowledges the difficulties resulting from the UK Government’s cuts of over £3 billion to the Scottish block and the inescapable pressures that this creates for college budgets; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government is ensuring that £265 million of capital investment in colleges is made over the spending review period, including through the non-profit distributing programme; further recognises that the support is in place to maintain student numbers in the coming year; commends the hard work and commitment of college staff and students at all levels, both to improve learner outcomes and to take forward the progressive programme of reform set in train by the Scottish Government, including its plans for a regional structure in which learning provision is better matched to need, and reiterates its support for the creation of 125,000 modern apprenticeships over the current parliamentary session and for the introduction of the Opportunities for All programme, which will provide a suitable place in learning or training for all 16 to 19-year-olds who require it.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament warmly congratulates Scotland’s colleges in terms of the outstanding contribution that they have made to improving educational opportunities for a wide range of learners, improving the alignment between available skills and local employment opportunities and in embracing the need for structural reform; acknowledges the difficulties resulting from the UK Government’s cuts of over
£3 billion to the Scottish block and the inescapable pressures that this creates for college budgets; welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government is ensuring that £265 million of capital investment in colleges is made over the spending review period, including through the non-profit distributing programme; further recognises that the support is in place to maintain student numbers in the coming year; commends the hard work and commitment of college staff and students at all levels, both to improve learner outcomes and to take forward the progressive programme of reform set in train by the Scottish Government, including its plans for a regional structure in which learning provision is better matched to need, and reiterates its support for the creation of 125,000 modern apprenticeships over the current parliamentary session and for the introduction of the Opportunities for All programme, which will provide a suitable place in learning or training for all 16 to 19-year-olds who require it.

2. **Prison Visiting Committees**: Annabel Goldie moved S4M-01878—That the Parliament notes with concern the Scottish Government’s proposals to abolish prison visiting committees and replace them with a prisoner advocacy service; considers that the independent scrutiny of prison conditions through regular, unannounced inspections and the independent examination of prisoner complaints is an important check and balance for the prison system; believes that, as they provide regular external scrutiny, are appointed from the local community and are independent from the Scottish Prison Service, prison visiting committees provide a distinct but complementary role to Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Prisons; notes that the Scottish Government’s consultation on the independent monitoring of prisons, which was carried out in 2011, did not include proposals for an advocacy service to replace the committees and that 59 out of 60 respondents to the consultation wanted to retain the independent oversight role that it considers the committees fulfil; further notes that, in 2005, a review of the committees recommended that they be re-established as independent monitoring boards and that there should be changes to improve their impact and consistency; understands that, on 22 December 2011, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice said that the cost of running the committees was less than that anticipated for the proposed advocacy service, and believes that prison visiting committees offer excellent value for money, that they should be retained and that the proposed prisoner advocacy service should complement, but not replace, their role.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved amendment S4M-01878.1 to motion S4M-01878—

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

“recognises the dedication and commitment of volunteer members of prison visiting committees but considers that, since the role and remit of the committees were designed in the 19th century, it is necessary now to develop an appropriate service fit for the 21st century; further notes that complaints by prisoners are now dealt with by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) in line with best practice as set out by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman’s Complaints Standards Authority; notes that, on monitoring, the chief executive of the SPS is accountable to the Scottish Ministers for compliance with legislation on the management and treatment of prisoners and that inspection of prisons is being delivered efficiently and effectively by HM Inspectorate
of Prisons; further notes that research has identified that prisoners need a dedicated advocacy service that could provide them with independent advice and support; notes that the Scottish Government is considering how to build on the role performed presently by visiting committees by introducing a dedicated independent prisoner advocacy service to support prisoners in ways that match modern needs, and notes that the Scottish Government intends to carry out a further public consultation on these proposals in 2012 and will discuss the proposed timetable with stakeholders in developing the best way forward.

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 38, Abstentions 14).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the dedication and commitment of volunteer members of prison visiting committees but considers that, since the role and remit of the committees were designed in the 19th century, it is necessary now to develop an appropriate service fit for the 21st century; further notes that complaints by prisoners are now dealt with by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) in line with best practice as set out by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman’s Complaints Standards Authority; notes that, on monitoring, the chief executive of the SPS is accountable to the Scottish Ministers for compliance with legislation on the management and treatment of prisoners and that inspection of prisons is being delivered efficiently and effectively by HM Inspectorate of Prisons; further notes that research has identified that prisoners need a dedicated advocacy service that could provide them with independent advice and support; notes that the Scottish Government is considering how to build on the role performed presently by visiting committees by introducing a dedicated independent prisoner advocacy service to support prisoners in ways that match modern needs, and notes that the Scottish Government intends to carry out a further public consultation on these proposals in 2012 and will discuss the proposed timetable with stakeholders in developing the best way forward.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Scotland’s Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment (Alex Neil) moved S4M-01893—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Scotland’s Digital Future - Infrastructure Action Plan and the commitment to world class, future-proofed infrastructure that will deliver digital connectivity across the whole of Scotland by 2020; recognises that putting this infrastructure in place.
will make a real difference to the way people in Scotland live and work, including how they access public services; agrees that achieving the ambition will require the Scottish Government to work in partnership with local authorities to deliver committed and coordinated action across the whole of Scotland; calls on the private sector to work in partnership with the public sector to deliver open access future-proofed infrastructure and to support measures to increase take-up and participation in the digital economy, and calls on the UK Government to make available the right levels of funding to meet the challenges of delivering infrastructure in rural and remote areas of Scotland, to ensure that mobile 2G and 3G not spots are addressed in Scotland and that the roll-out of 4G in Scotland at least matches the UK average.

Richard Baker moved amendment S4M-01893.1 to motion S4M-01893—

Insert at end—

“, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that local and community projects receive an adequate share of the available funding and to develop strategies to improve broadband uptake among people over 55 and low-income groups who are currently excluded from the benefits of broadband access.”

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

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-01893.2 to motion S4M-01893—

Leave out from “local authorities” to “funding” and insert—

“the UK Government, local authorities and the public and private sectors to deliver open access future-proofed infrastructure and to support measures to increase take-up and participation in the digital economy and”. 

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 17, Against 96, Abstentions 2).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of Scotland’s Digital Future - Infrastructure Action Plan and the commitment to world class, future-proofed infrastructure that will deliver digital connectivity across the whole of Scotland by 2020; recognises that putting this infrastructure in place will make a real difference to the way people in Scotland live and work, including how they access public services; agrees that achieving the ambition will require the Scottish Government to work in partnership with local authorities to deliver committed and coordinated action across the whole of Scotland; calls on the private sector to work in partnership with the public sector to deliver open access future-proofed infrastructure and to support measures to increase take-up and participation in the digital economy, and calls on the UK Government to make available the right levels of funding to meet the challenges of delivering infrastructure in rural and
remote areas of Scotland, to ensure that mobile 2G and 3G not spots are addressed in Scotland and that the roll-out of 4G in Scotland at least matches the UK average, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that local and community projects receive an adequate share of the available funding and to develop strategies to improve broadband uptake among people over 55 and low-income groups who are currently excluded from the benefits of broadband access.

7. Suspension and Variation of Standing Orders: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01900—That the Parliament agrees that Rule 6.11(a)(i) be suspended for the purpose of consideration between 2 February 2012 and 29 June 2012 of any orders requiring the consent of the Parliament under section 9 of the Public Bodies Act 2011 and that the following alternative provision be substituted for that purpose—

"(i) subordinate legislation laid before the Parliament or requiring the consent of the Parliament under section 9 of the Public Bodies Act 2011;"

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Assistance Dogs are Working Dogs Too: The Parliament debated S4M-01655 in the name of Linda Fabiani—That the Parliament notes that, under current VAT legislation, food for assistance dogs is not VAT exempt but that food for other working dogs, such as sheepdogs and greyhounds, is; notes that working dogs’ food is exempt as they require a high-protein diet but that such a diet is not appropriate for assistance dogs as they work in a different manner; considers that, where a charitable organisation, such as Guide Dogs Scotland, which works with clients in East Kilbride and across Scotland, was to supply food for assistance dogs from donations, an exemption from VAT would result in significant savings, which could be used to assist its client group, and believes that this issue could be easily resolved to the benefit of relevant charitable organisations and individual owners who feed their own assistance dogs.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection**: Paul McKeown, Tibetan Buddhist, Inverness led Time for Reflection.

2. **Budget (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3**: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-01960—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 70, Against 52, Abstentions 0).

3. **Business Motion**: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01976—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 9 February 2012—

after

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Youth Employment Strategy

insert

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and Committee of the Regions

(b) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 22 February 2012

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.35 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Question Time

2.50 pm Scottish Government Debate: Green Investment Bank

followed by Business Motion

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 23 February 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Scottish Labour Party Business
11.40 am    General Question Time
12.00 pm    First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm     Themed Question Time
            Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
2.55 pm     Scottish Government Debate: Economy and Recovery
            followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm     Decision Time
            followed by    Members’ Business

Wednesday 29 February 2012
2.30 pm     Time for Reflection
            followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
            followed by    Scottish Government Business
            followed by    Business Motion
            followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm     Decision Time
            followed by    Members’ Business

Thursday 1 March 2012
9.15 am     Parliamentary Bureau Motions
            followed by    Scottish Government Business
11.40 am    General Question Time
12.00 pm    First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm     Themed Question Time
            Infrastructure and Capital Investment; Culture and External Affairs
2.55 pm     Scottish Government Business
            followed by    Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm     Decision Time
            followed by    Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

4. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 1 as noted above.

5. Designation of Special Areas of Conservation: The Parliament debated S4M-01532 in the name of Jamie McGrigor—That the Parliament notes with alarm concerns expressed by local communities in the Western Isles regarding procedures and scientific data used by Scottish Natural
Heritage (SNH) for designating special areas of conservation (SAC) in East Mingulay and the Sound of Barra; notes that the concerns were assessed by SNH, which, in the case of the East Mingulay consultation process, deemed them to be unfounded, and notes that the designation process is continuing for both sites, despite continuing local concerns and what it understands to be government-sponsored evidence of substantial economic damage and little quantifiable benefit as a result of SAC status.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on the Review of Teacher Employment.

2. **Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-01979—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-01979.1 to motion S4M-01979—

Insert at end—

"but, in so doing, regrets that the Scottish Government's real-terms budget cut to local authorities is more than twice the cut to the overall Scottish budget."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 67, Abstentions 14).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 0, Abstentions 14).

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Justice and Law Officers and on Rural Affairs and the Environment, were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

6. **Youth Employment Strategy:** The Minister for Youth Employment (Angela Constance) moved S4M-01978—That the Parliament believes that the all-government, all-Scotland approach at the centre of Scotland’s Youth Employment Strategy is vital to provide opportunities for Scotland’s young people to enter the workplace, and welcomes the allocation of £30 million of additional investment over and above the Scottish Government’s annual investment of over £1.5 billion in post-16 education and training.

Kezia Dugdale moved amendment S4M-01978.2 to motion S4M-01978—

Leave out from "to provide" to end and insert—

"recognises that Scotland is facing a national crisis of youth unemployment, a crisis that it cannot afford; believes that over 100,000 young people seeking employment
are looking to their government for action; further believes that all of the faculties of
government can and should be directed toward creating full employment; recognises
the role that government plays in creating sustainable employment and fulfilling
opportunities; calls on the Scottish Government to intervene directly, recognising the
important role of colleges and training providers in tackling youth unemployment, the
potential of procurement and the bureaucratic barriers that frustrate progress, and
recognises the scarring impact of unemployment on the life chances, aspirations and
wellbeing of the country and its young people."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 54, Against 62, Abstentions 0).

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-01978.3 to motion S4M-01978—

Insert at end—

“and notes that, following the debate on the Budget (Scotland) Bill on 8 February
2012, the total financial settlement for the Scottish Funding Council further education
programme is now £559.7 million for 2011-12, £526.4 million for 2012-13, £494.7
million for 2013-14 and £470.7 million for 2014-15, which is a cash-terms cut of £33.3
million in the first year.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

7. Membership of the Regional Chamber of the Congress of Local and
Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe and Committee of the
Regions: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Chief Whip (Brian
Adam) moved S4M-01980—That the Parliament endorses the Scottish
Government’s proposal to nominate, as representatives of the Parliament, Bill
Kidd MSP as a full member and Helen Eadie 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, and Stewart Maxwell MSP and
Patricia Ferguson MSP as full members and Jim Hume MSP and Jamie
McGrigor MSP as alternate members on the UK delegation to the Committee
of the Regions 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 2, 6 and 7 as
noted above.

debated S4M-01683 in the name of Helen Eadie—That the Parliament
congratulates the UN General Assembly on declaring 2012 as the
International Year of Cooperatives; welcomes the UN’s efforts to raise public
awareness of what it considers to be the invaluable contributions of these
enterprises to poverty reduction, employment generation and social
integration; understands that they have over one billion people members
around the world; acknowledges their role in Cowdenbeath and across
Scotland in a range of sectors including community retail, housing, agriculture and energy; understands that there are 473 in Scotland with a combined turnover of £3.4 billion, and applauds the role of Co-operative Development Scotland in supporting their development in Scotland.

10. **Motion without Notice**: Helen Eadie 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 6.02 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rt Rev David Arnott, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **SPCB Question Time:** Questions were answered by members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body.

3. **Green Investment Bank:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-02066—That the Parliament endorses the bid submitted to the UK Government to have the green investment bank (GIB) located in Edinburgh; believes that the Edinburgh bid fully satisfies the criteria set out by the UK Government and that Edinburgh is the ideal location for the new institution through its unique business ecosystem and highly advanced network of financiers, developers, investors, asset managers, researchers, academics, think tanks and government agencies; recognises the breadth of support for the Edinburgh bid across Scottish civic society, the academic sector and commerce, and acknowledges that Scotland’s ambitious low-carbon economic agenda will facilitate a GIB based in Edinburgh becoming an enduring financial institution with visibility and a distinct identity with which to mobilise significant investment into green projects across the UK.

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

4. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02077—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 29 February 2012

2.30 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Post-16 Reform

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Human Trafficking

*followed by* Business Motion

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members’ Business

Thursday 1 March 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Climate Justice
11.40 am  General Question Time
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time
Infrastructure and Capital Investment; Culture and External Affairs
2.55 pm  Local Government and Regeneration Committee Debate: Living Wage in Scotland

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 7 March 2012
2.30 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motion
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 8 March 2012
9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
11.40 am  General Question Time
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time
Education and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-02078—That the Parliament agrees that the Forestry Commissioners (Climate Change Functions) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.
S4M-02079—That the Parliament agrees that the Representation of the People (Post-Local Government Elections Supply and Inspection of Documents) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-02080—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-02081—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

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

7. Eating Disorders, Raising the Awareness: The Parliament debated S4M-02011 in the name of Dennis Robertson—That the Parliament notes that from 20 to 26 February 2012 Beat, considered the UK’s leading charity supporting people affected by eating disorders, is holding Eating Disorders Awareness Week and acknowledges the work that the Scottish Government has done in the provision of the Eden Unit at Cornhill Hospital in Grampian, which provides inpatient treatment for people with severe eating disorders, improving access to high-quality care for the people in the north of Scotland living with an eating disorder, and the newly opened West Lothian Eating Disorders Unit at St John’s Hospital, which will allow for care across south east Scotland regions.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Concerns about Rail Proposals:** Richard Baker moved S4M-02086—
That the Parliament recognises the concerns expressed in Glasgow that the *Rail 2014 - Public Consultation* calls into question the future of 11 railway stations in and around the city; calls on the Scottish Government to reject any proposals for the closure of these stations; also recognises that this is only one aspect of the *Rail 2014 - Public Consultation*, which has already given rise to questions regarding the quality of the provision of rail services across Scotland in the future, and believes that further debate and dialogue will be required beyond the conclusion of the consultation process, both in the Parliament and with all those for whom the future of rail services is of vital importance.

The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved amendment S4M-02086.1 to motion S4M-02086—

Leave out from “the concerns” to end and insert—

"that *Rail 2014 – Public Consultation* gave members of the public, communities, businesses and organisations an opportunity to set out their aspirations for Scotland’s railways; notes that the Scottish Government will give due consideration to all responses to the consultation; acknowledges the repeated assurances of the Scottish Government that there has never been any intention, nor are there any plans, to close railway stations in Glasgow or indeed elsewhere in Scotland, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s record of investment and improvement in Scotland’s railway by including, for example, the reopening of the Airdrie to Bathgate railway, major improvements to Dalmarnock station, improvements to the Paisley corridor, new class 380 electric trains for Ayrshire and Inverclyde, the ongoing improvements to Waverley steps, additional services on the Highland Main Line, increased accessibility at stations across Scotland, the forthcoming Borders Rail project, the Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvement Programme and the commitment to invest a minimum of £50 million in new sleeper trains."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 55, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that *Rail 2014 – Public Consultation* gave members of the public, communities, businesses and organisations an opportunity to set out their aspirations for Scotland’s railways; notes that the Scottish Government will give due consideration to all responses to the consultation; acknowledges the repeated assurances of the Scottish Government that there has never been any intention, nor are there any plans, to close railway stations in Glasgow or indeed elsewhere in Scotland, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s record of investment and improvement in Scotland’s railway by including, for
example, the reopening of the Airdrie to Bathgate railway, major improvements to Dalmarnock station, improvements to the Paisley corridor, new class 380 electric trains for Ayrshire and Inverclyde, the ongoing improvements to Waverley steps, additional services on the Highland Main Line, increased accessibility at stations across Scotland, the forthcoming Borders Rail project, the Edinburgh-Glasgow Improvement Programme and the commitment to invest a minimum of £50 million in new sleeper trains.

2. **Withdrawal of Road Equivalent Tariff from Commercial Vehicles:**
Elaine Murray moved S4M-02087—That the Parliament notes that the road equivalent tariff (RET) scheme has brought significant benefit to the Outer Hebrides, Coll and Tiree; is of the view that the current proposals to withdraw RET from larger commercial vehicles will be detrimental to the social and economic wellbeing of these islands and communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to enforce a moratorium on the fare increases until a full and proper socioeconomic study has been carried out to assess the impact that increased transportation costs will have on households, local employers and island hauliers.

The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved amendment S4M-02087.2 to motion S4M-02087—

Leave out from “is of the view” to end and insert—

“welcomes the decision to roll RET out to other Clyde and Hebrides routes, including the Sound of Harris and the Sound of Barra; welcomes the investment of £5.3 million next year on the routes to Western Isles, Coll and Tiree; welcomes the increase in journeys to those islands of 30% that has resulted from the RET pilot, particularly in tourist journeys, notes that RET for large commercial vehicles made up around 40% of the cost of RET and that evidence from the pilot study showed that only 7% of hauliers passed the full benefits on to consumers; notes that, following discussions between the Scottish Government and local companies, investment of £2.5 million in a transitional scheme will support all hauliers regardless of the size of their business; welcomes the inclusion of vans of up to six metres in the RET scheme and the Scottish Government’s commitment to a six month study of the costs faced by island hauliers, including fuel duty and insurance costs, and the impact on the local economies and households of the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree, and looks forward to the review of ferry services that will put RET at the heart of an equitable system of fare setting.”

Tavish Scott moved amendment S4M-02087.1 to motion S4M-02087—

Insert at end—

“and that such a moratorium should apply to all fares on all island routes under the responsibility of Scottish Government tenders to allow a full and independent assessment about how RET or an appropriate fare reduction mechanism can be rolled out on an equitable basis to the benefit of all Scotland’s islands.”

After debate, amendment S4M-02087.2 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0). As a result amendment S4M-02087.1 was pre-empted.
The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that the road equivalent tariff (RET) scheme has brought significant benefit to the Outer Hebrides, Coll and Tiree; welcomes the decision to roll RET out to other Clyde and Hebrides routes, including the Sound of Harris and the Sound of Barra; welcomes the investment of £5.3 million next year on the routes to Western Isles, Coll and Tiree; welcomes the increase in journeys to those islands of 30% that has resulted from the RET pilot, particularly in tourist journeys, notes that RET for large commercial vehicles made up around 40% of the cost of RET and that evidence from the pilot study showed that only 7% of hauliers passed the full benefits on to consumers; notes that, following discussions between the Scottish Government and local companies, investment of £2.5 million in a transitional scheme will support all hauliers regardless of the size of their business; welcomes the inclusion of vans of up to six metres in the RET scheme and the Scottish Government’s commitment to a six month study of the costs faced by island hauliers, including fuel duty and insurance costs, and the impact on the local economies and households of the Western Isles, Coll and Tiree, and looks forward to the review of ferry services that will put RET at the heart of an equitable system of fare setting.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Economy and Recovery:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-02084—That the Parliament calls on the UK Government to acknowledge that its pursuit of austerity in the absence of a credible plan for economic growth is threatening the UK recovery; supports the Scottish Government’s distinctive approach, as set out in the *Government Economic Strategy* and its budget, to accelerating recovery, supporting long-term sustainable economic growth and boosting employment; further calls on the UK Government to do more to support growth, particularly through expanding capital investment, and welcomes the actions taken by the Scottish Government to ensure that Scotland grasps the opportunities in international growth markets by growing its international presence, boosting exports and attracting international investment.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-02084.4 to motion S4M-02084—

Leave out from “supports” to end and insert—
“calls on the Scottish Government to acknowledge that its approach has resulted in very little difference to economic outcomes in Scotland compared with that of the UK; notes that despite claims that the Scottish Government’s budgets are designed to boost economic growth, the evidence suggests otherwise, with Scottish GDP growth stagnating at the same rate as the UK’s and with joblessness in Scotland now at an even higher rate than in the rest of the UK; believes that the Scottish Government must, as a matter of urgency, ensure that its public spending boosts the Scottish economy and put reducing unemployment and increasing employment at the heart of public policy, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward a sustainable procurement bill as soon as possible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 35, Against 83, Abstentions 0).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-02084.1 to motion S4M-02084—

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

“regrets that the Scottish Government did not prioritise the Scottish economy in its recent budget; notes the Scottish Government’s severe cuts to college funding and housing, its failure to take action to boost Scotland’s town centres or provide more help for small businesses and its intention to make Scotland less competitive than the rest of the UK through the introduction of a £95 million retail tax; further notes that the Scottish Government has more money to spend next year than this year in cash terms; notes that, due to Barnett consequentials from the UK Government, Scotland has £500 million more to spend on capital and £70 million more to spend on revenue in the current spending review period; acknowledges that the UK Government has lifted 90,000 people in Scotland out of income tax, cut corporation tax, frozen petrol duty, restored the earnings link to pensions, raised the minimum wage and increased child tax credits, and believes that the UK Government’s commitment to tackling the nation’s debt means that the UK remains a safe haven while much of Europe is engulfed in a debt crisis.”

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

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

7. Committee Membership: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02103—That the Parliament agrees that—

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

Jean Urquhart be appointed to replace Clare Adamson as a member of the Equal Opportunities Committee;

Aileen McLeod be appointed to replace Jamie Hepburn as a member of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee; and

Dennis Robertson be appointed to replace Aileen McLeod as a member of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee.
8. **Substitution on Committees:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02104—That the Parliament agrees that—

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

Jamie Hepburn be appointed to replace Margaret Burgess as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

Nigel Don be appointed to replace Jean Urquhart as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee;

Stewart Maxwell be appointed to replace Colin Keir as the Scottish National Party substitute on the European and External Relations Committee;

Joe FitzPatrick be appointed to replace Kevin Stewart as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Public Petitions Committee; and

Linda Fabiani be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Welfare Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. **Take a Step in 2012 for Fairtrade:** The Parliament debated S4M-01728 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament recognises the Fairtrade campaign, Take a Step in 2012, which launches Fairtrade Fortnight on 27 February 2012; welcomes the campaign, which encourages everyone to take a step toward using fairly traded products; understands that such products support millions of farmers and workers in developing countries; congratulates local authorities, such as Renfrewshire, in achieving fairtrade status, and looks forward to a time when Scotland becomes a fairtrade nation.

The meeting closed at 5.57 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Rev Dr Ian Wills, Senior Pastor, Church of the Nazarene, Glasgow led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02149—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 29 February 2012—

   delete

   2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

   followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   followed by  Ministerial Statement: Post-16 Reform

   followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Human Trafficking

   followed by  Business Motion

   followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   5.00 pm  Decision Time

   followed by  Members’ Business

   and insert

   2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

   followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   followed by  Ministerial Statement: Lockerbie

   followed by  Ministerial Statement: Post-16 Reform

   followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Human Trafficking

   followed by  Business Motion

   followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   5.30 pm  Decision Time

   followed by  Members’ Business

   The motion was agreed to.

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

4. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) made a statement and answered questions on Post-16 Reform.
5. **Human Trafficking:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-02133—That the Parliament welcomes the reports issued by the Equality and Human Rights Commission and Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People about trafficking in human beings; acknowledges the work undertaken to date by law enforcement agencies to tackle criminals engaged in human trafficking; commends the work of statutory and third sector bodies that have worked to raise awareness of human trafficking in Scotland and offer support to victims of this abhorrent crime, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s intention to host a summit with key delivery partners to refresh the strategic direction for policy and delivery in this important area.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-02133.1 to motion S4M-02133—

Insert at end—

“and believes that strategic leadership from government must be provided and urgent action must follow across the range of agencies to tackle human trafficking and its consequences for victims.”

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

David McLetchie moved amendment S4M-02133.2 to motion S4M-02133—

Insert at end—

“; welcomes the active cooperation among governments and agencies across the UK to tackle this issue, and acknowledges the need for policy coordination.”

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 reports issued by the Equality and Human Rights Commission and Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People about trafficking in human beings; acknowledges the work undertaken to date by law enforcement agencies to tackle criminals engaged in human trafficking; commends the work of statutory and third sector bodies that have worked to raise awareness of human trafficking in Scotland and offer support to victims of this abhorrent crime; welcomes the Scottish Government’s intention to host a summit with key delivery partners to refresh the strategic direction for policy and delivery in this important area and believes that strategic leadership from government must be provided and urgent action must follow across the range of agencies to tackle human trafficking and its consequences for victims, further welcomes the active cooperation among governments and agencies across the UK to tackle this issue, and acknowledges the need for policy coordination.
6. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02176—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 7 March 2012

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection  
*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*  Health and Sport Committee Debate: Regulation of Care for Older People  
*followed by*  Public Petitions Committee Debate: Pernicious Anaemia and Vitamin B12 Deficiency (Understanding and Treatment)  
*followed by*  Business Motion  
*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm  Decision Time  
*followed by*  Members’ Business

Thursday 8 March 2012

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*  Scottish Labour Party Business  
11.40 am  General Question Time  
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time  
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time  
Education and Lifelong Learning  
2.55 pm  Scottish Government Debate: The Future of Tourism in Scotland  
*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm  Decision Time  
*followed by*  Members’ Business

Wednesday 14 March 2012

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection  
*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
*followed by*  Scottish Government Business  
*followed by*  Business Motion  
*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions  
5.00 pm  Decision Time  
*followed by*  Members’ Business
Thursday 15 March 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by

Scottish Government Business

11.40 am General Question Time

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time

2.15 pm Themed Question Time

Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

followed by

Scottish Government Business

followed by

Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by

Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02151—That the Parliament agrees that the Advice and Assistance (Assistance By Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Protecting Access to Justice across Scotland: The Parliament debated S4M-01654 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament notes the content of the Scottish Court Service document, Future Court Structures; expresses concern that the paper proposes closing up to 15 of Scotland’s 49 sheriff courts, including Haddington, and reducing the number of sheriff courts hosting jury trials from 47 to 14; has grave reservations about the potential impact that such a reduction in service could have on access to justice for communities across Scotland; believes that these proposals could make it harder for victims of crime and witnesses to get to court, and considers that any proposals for major changes to the court structure merit a full and robust consultation process to allow communities across Scotland to play a meaningful role in determining how justice is delivered in their areas.

10. Motion without Notice: Iain Gray 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 9.15 am.

1. **Climate Justice:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S4M-02156—That the Parliament understands that it is poor and vulnerable people in developing countries who are most affected by climate change and are least equipped to respond to it; supports Scotland acting as an international model of best practice on climate change and promoting the moral, environmental and economic reasons for action by other countries; strongly endorses the opportunity for Scotland to champion climate justice, which places human rights at the heart of global development, ensuring a fair distribution of responsibilities, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to ensuring respect for human rights and action to eradicate poverty and inequality, which are at the heart of Scotland’s action to combat climate change both at home and internationally and strengthening Scotland’s support for developing countries on climate change as part of Scotland’s international profile.

Claudia Beamish moved amendment S4M-02156.1 to motion S4M-02156—

Insert at end—

“, and calls on the Scottish Government to redouble its efforts to reduce emissions and target climate change in Scotland by working with local authorities, public services, business and individual communities to ensure that all are equipped to respond to this growing threat in a manner that puts environmental justice and equality at its heart, developing new and transferrable skills and encouraging the sharing of knowledge internationally to benefit the world”.

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

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S4M-02156.2 to motion S4M-02156—

Insert at end—

“, and calls on the Scottish Government to announce a timescale for the creation of a Scotland-wide climate adaptation fund as outlined in the SNP manifesto and for the development of a system of consumption-based reporting targets as specified in section 37 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009”.

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament understands that it is poor and vulnerable people in developing countries who are most affected by climate change and are least equipped to respond to it; supports Scotland acting as an international model of best practice on climate change and promoting the moral, environmental and economic reasons for action by other countries; strongly endorses the opportunity for Scotland to champion climate
justice, which places human rights at the heart of global development, ensuring a fair distribution of responsibilities, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to ensuring respect for human rights and action to eradicate poverty and inequality, which are at the heart of Scotland’s action to combat climate change both at home and internationally and strengthening Scotland’s support for developing countries on climate change as part of Scotland’s international profile; calls on the Scottish Government to redouble its efforts to reduce emissions and target climate change in Scotland by working with local authorities, public services, business and individual communities to ensure that all are equipped to respond to this growing threat in a manner that puts environmental justice and equality at its heart, developing new and transferrable skills and encouraging the sharing of knowledge internationally to benefit the world, and further calls on the Scottish Government to announce a timescale for the creation of a Scotland-wide climate adaptation fund as outlined in the SNP manifesto and for the development of a system of consumption-based reporting targets as specified in section 37 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

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

3. **First Minister's Question Time:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Infrastructure and Capital Investment and on Culture and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. **Living Wage in Scotland:** The Parliament debated the Living Wage in Scotland.

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on item 1 as noted above.

7. **BBC Scotland Job Cuts:** The Parliament debated S4M-01745 in the name of Sandra White—that the Parliament expresses concern at the proposed cuts at BBC Scotland’s Glasgow headquarters and Edinburgh offices, which will result in one third of BBC Radio Scotland’s production staff losing their jobs and the axing of Scotland at Ten and Newsweek; believes that, at this time of historic political debate on the future of Scotland, these cuts are counterproductive to the aims of a thorough and informed debate; acknowledges calls for these proposals to be explored in more detail with an aim to producing alternative future models for broadcasting in Scotland, and hopes that any final decision will address these concerns.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Sheila McKay, Chair of Grampian Family Support Forum led Time for Reflection.

2. **Regulation of Care for Older People:** Duncan McNeil, on behalf of the Health and Sport Committee, moved S4M-02175—that the Parliament notes the conclusions and recommendations contained in the Health and Sport Committee’s 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4): *Report on Inquiry into the Regulation of Care for Older People* (SP Paper 40).

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

3. **Petition PE1408 - Pernicious Anaemia and Vitamin B12 Deficiency (Understanding and Treatment):** David Stewart, on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee, moved S4M-01285—that the Parliament notes petition PE1408 in the name of Andrea MacArthur on the issue of vitamin B12 deficiency and pernicious anaemia; congratulates the petitioner on her efforts to highlight what it considers to be a concerning issue, and commends the issues raised in the petition to the Scottish Government for further consideration.

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

4. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02234—that the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   **Wednesday 14 March 2012**

   - 1.30 pm Time for Reflection
   - followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   - followed by Stage 1 Debate: Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill
   - followed by Stage 1 Debate: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill
   - followed by Financial Resolution: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill
   - followed by Business Motion
   - followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   - 5.30 pm Decision Time
   - followed by Members’ Business

   **Thursday 15 March 2012**

   - 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Liberal Democrats Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
2.55 pm Stage 1 Debate: National Library of Scotland Bill
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Local Government Finance (Scotland)
   Amendment Order 2012 [draft]
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 21 March 2012
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 22 March 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Rural Affairs and the Environment;
   Justice and the Law Officers
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau,
   moved S4M-02238—That the Parliament agrees that the deadline for
consideration of the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 16 March 2012.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Referral of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02239—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be considered by the Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Committee Membership and Substitutions: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02240—That the Parliament agrees that—

James Dornan be appointed to replace Bill Walker as a member of the Local Government and Regeneration Committee;

Angus MacDonald be appointed to replace Bill Walker as a member of the Public Petitions Committee; and

Dave Thompson be appointed to replace James Dornan as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Finance Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. Save Gadburn School: The Parliament debated S4M-01982 in the name of Humza Yousaf—That the Parliament notes with concern the decision by Glasgow City Council to close Gadburn School, which teaches children in the north east of Glasgow who have additional support needs; understands the importance of additional support schools with regard to the wellbeing and education of many of Scotland’s young people and believes that the parents and teachers of these young people are best placed to understand the children’s educational needs; commends the parents of the Gadburn pupils for what it considers to be their tireless campaign in trying to keep the school open and secure adequate educational facilities for children with additional support needs, and believes that the decision-making process for the future of Gadburn has been flawed.

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Curriculum for Excellence:** Hugh Henry moved S4M-02242—That the Parliament reaffirms its support for the Curriculum for Excellence, which it believes can make a significant contribution to Scottish education; notes however the widespread and persistent concerns being expressed by teachers and parents across Scotland about the readiness of preparation for the new examinations associated with the Curriculum for Excellence; further notes that, despite the reassurances offered by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, these concerns have not been allayed; believes that no pupils in Scotland should be disadvantaged if teachers in any school feel ill-equipped to prepare pupils for the new exams; further believes that the current timetable does not give teachers sufficient time to familiarise themselves with the details, and believes that calls for a delay should be heeded and urgent action taken to secure consistent implementation across Scotland of all aspects of the Curriculum for Excellence.

The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved amendment S4M-02242.3 to motion S4M-02242—

Leave out from “however” to end and insert—

“the widespread support for Curriculum for Excellence from teachers, parents and learners, including the hundreds of teachers and other professionals involved in the development of these qualifications; recognises the risks to learners that could result from a wholesale delay in implementation; further welcomes the unprecedented levels of support that are already provided by national agencies and local authorities to ensure that teachers are confident in delivering Curriculum for Excellence; recognises that additional support has been and will continue to be offered on a school by school basis as required, and remains true to the vision of empowering teachers and working with parents and learners to deliver the right education for every child in Scotland.”

Liz Smith moved amendment S4M-02242.1 to motion S4M-02242—

Leave out from “that, despite” to end and insert—

“the substantial concerns expressed by some teachers and professional bodies that specific schools or departments in some schools are not yet fully ready to introduce the new exams; regrets the confused messages issued by the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning about this whole issue, and calls on the Cabinet Secretary to make clear that a decision about whether or not the one year delay is in the best interests of pupils is entirely a matter for an individual school rather than for the Scottish Government.”

After debate, amendment S4M-02242.3 was agreed to (DT) by division: For 63, Against 57, Abstentions 0). As a result amendment S4M-02242.1 was pre-empted.
The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 57, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms its support for the Curriculum for Excellence, which it believes can make a significant contribution to Scottish education; notes the widespread support for Curriculum for Excellence from teachers, parents and learners, including the hundreds of teachers and other professionals involved in the development of these qualifications; recognises the risks to learners that could result from a wholesale delay in implementation; further welcomes the unprecedented levels of support that are already provided by national agencies and local authorities to ensure that teachers are confident in delivering Curriculum for Excellence; recognises that additional support has been and will continue to be offered on a school by school basis as required, and remains true to the vision of empowering teachers and working with parents and learners to deliver the right education for every child in Scotland.

2. Aberdeen City Council: Sarah Boyack moved S4M-02246—That the Parliament notes that a local referendum held by Aberdeen City Council to test public opinion on a proposal for development at Union Terrace Gardens confirmed that opinion remains divided; notes the concerns that have been raised regarding the basis on which this poll was held; considers that decisions on local development proposals are for local elected members and, where appropriate, Scottish ministers to make, in line with the statutory requirements of the land use planning system, and recognises that the decision on whether to proceed with the proposal in question is properly one for the elected members of Aberdeen City Council to make, following the local government elections in May.

The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment (Alex Neil) moved amendment S4M-02246.1 to motion S4M-02246—

Leave out from “confirmed” to end and insert—

“resulted in a majority vote in favour of the City Garden Project; notes that ministers now look forward to considering the tax incremental financing (TIF) business case for the council’s city centre development proposals, including the City Garden Project, which will be brought forward by the elected members of Aberdeen City Council when this has been finalised through work with the Scottish Futures Trust, and recognises that decisions on local development proposals are for local elected members and, where appropriate, Scottish ministers to make, in line with the statutory requirements of the land use planning system.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 37, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 83, Against 37, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes that a local referendum held by Aberdeen City Council to test public opinion on a proposal
for development at Union Terrace Gardens resulted in a majority vote in favour of the City Garden Project; notes that ministers now look forward to considering the tax incremental financing (TIF) business case for the council's city centre development proposals, including the City Garden Project, which will be brought forward by the elected members of Aberdeen City Council when this has been finalised through work with the Scottish Futures Trust, and recognises that decisions on local development proposals are for local elected members and, where appropriate, Scottish ministers to make, in line with the statutory requirements of the land use planning system.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning, were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **The Future of Tourism in Scotland:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-02245—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that tourism makes across many sectors and all geographical areas of Scotland and commends the industry on its continuing growth in spite of harsh economic circumstances; recognises the importance of domestic tourism and the important roles played by businesses of all sizes in achieving this; acknowledges the importance of the work currently being undertaken by the industry-led Tourism Leadership Group to develop a refreshed strategy for tourism in Scotland, and commends the core work of agencies in promoting Scotland and its key assets, in particular Scotland’s cultural and natural heritage, to visitors, supporting businesses and destinations and investing in key facilities, skills development and a programme of sporting and cultural events across Scotland to ensure that Scotland maximises the opportunities available from the globally important events of the next three years, including the Olympics 2012, the Year of Creative Scotland 2012, the Year of Natural Scotland 2013, the Ryder Cup 2014, the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and Homecoming 2014.

Rhoda Grant moved amendment S4M-02245.1 to motion S4M-02245—

Insert at end—

“and further commends tourist industry partners for working together to develop green and eco-tourism.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises the important contribution that tourism makes across many sectors and all
geographical areas of Scotland and commends the industry on its continuing growth in spite of harsh economic circumstances; recognises the importance of domestic tourism and the important roles played by businesses of all sizes in achieving this; acknowledges the importance of the work currently being undertaken by the industry-led Tourism Leadership Group to develop a refreshed strategy for tourism in Scotland, and commends the core work of agencies in promoting Scotland and its key assets, in particular Scotland’s cultural and natural heritage, to visitors, supporting businesses and destinations and investing in key facilities, skills development and a programme of sporting and cultural events across Scotland to ensure that Scotland maximises the opportunities available from the globally important events of the next three years, including the Olympics 2012, the Year of Creative Scotland 2012, the Year of Natural Scotland 2013, the Ryder Cup 2014, the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and Homecoming 2014, and further commends tourist industry partners for working together to develop green and eco-tourism.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 6 as noted above.

8. The Living Wage, Tackling In-work Poverty: The Parliament debated S4M-01716 in the name of John Park—That the Parliament notes the Campaign to End Child Poverty’s report that highlights the worryingly high levels of child poverty across many areas of Scotland; is deeply concerned that in many areas, including parts of Mid Scotland and Fife, child poverty levels are between 30% and 40%; further notes that 59% of poor children live in a household where at least one adult works; recognises the calls from a range of campaigning organisations such as Save the Children that the payment of a living wage can be an effective way of tackling child poverty; welcomes recent steps to introduce a living wage for all directly employed Scottish Government and NHS employees in Scotland; believes that the living wage should be the norm in other sectors of the economy, and supports steps to use procurement to extend the living wage to employees working for organisations delivering public sector contracts.

The meeting closed at 5.49 pm.
The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Ms Esther Wanjohi, Women’s HIV Project, Ngong, Nairobi in partnership with Murrayfield Churches Together led Time for Reflection.

2. **Stage 1 Debate: Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-02304—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

3. **Stage 1 Debate: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-02305—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill.

Dr Richard Simpson moved amendment S4M-02305.1 to motion S4M-02305—

Insert at end—

“but, in so doing, strongly believes that the Scottish Government should bring forward proposals to eliminate the windfall to large retailers arising from the minimum unit price by means of the proposed public health levy or other targeted levy.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 86, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 0, Abstentions 32).

4. **Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Welfare and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-02163—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 86, Against 0, Abstentions 31).

5. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02324—

Wednesday 21 March 2012
2.00 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  European and External Relations Committee Debate: EU priorities for 2012
followed by  Scottish Government Debate: Housing Benefit Reform
followed by  Public Body Consent Motion: National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts
followed by  Business Motion
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 22 March 2012
9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Labour Party Business
11.40 am  General Question Time
12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm  Themed Question Time
Rural Affairs and the Environment; Justice and the Law Officers
2.55 pm  Scottish Government Debate: The UK Government response on the future of Remploy
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Wednesday 28 March 2012
2.30 pm  Time for Reflection
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
followed by  Business Motion
followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm  Decision Time
followed by  Members’ Business

Thursday 29 March 2012
9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by  Scottish Government Business
The motion was agreed to.

6. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-02325: That the Parliament agrees that the deadline for consideration of the Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 20 April 2012.

S4M-02326: That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 14 September 2012.

S4M-02327: That the Parliament agrees that the deadline for consideration of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be extended to 11 May 2012.

The motions were agreed to.

7. **Approval of SSI:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02341—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Recovery of Expenses in respect of Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. **Approval of Guidance:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02343—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Social Housing Charter be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 as noted above.

10. **Commonwealth Week 2012:** The Parliament debated S4M-01999 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament considers that the
Commonwealth has a valuable role in strengthening relationships between nations across the world; welcomes the continued contribution of Scotland and its people to those relationships; reaffirms its support for the work of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA); notes that the CPA Scotland Branch and the Scottish Government have, as a key focus, continued to develop relationships with Malawi; notes Scotland’s longstanding links throughout the Commonwealth; acknowledges the work of organisations such as the British Council Scotland; notes that 2012 is also the Year of Creative Scotland, and therefore commends the theme of Commonwealth Day this year, Connecting Cultures.

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Childcare:** Liam McArthur moved S4M-02338—That the Parliament recognises that access to affordable, high-quality childcare supports children’s learning and development and enables parents to return to, or remain in, work; notes with concern the recent report, *The Scottish Childcare Lottery*, which found that there are very significant gaps in the availability of childcare in Scotland, childcare costs are among the highest in Britain and that there is greater geographic variation in childcare costs in Scotland than in any other part of the UK; believes that, while some local authorities have worked hard to ensure sufficient childcare in their areas, much more work is needed from the Scottish Government and local authorities to ensure that families have access to affordable, integrated pre-school and childcare services in every community matched to an assessment of local demand, as is required by the Early Years Framework; is also concerned that Scotland is lagging behind England on entitlement to free pre-school education, and calls on the Scottish Government to respond to the concerns about availability and costs raised in *The Scottish Childcare Lottery* report, to ensure that the objectives of the Early Years Framework are met and to set out the steps that it will take to increase childcare support in Scotland in order to match the best elsewhere in Europe.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S4M-02338.2 to motion S4M-02338—

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

"the issues raised in the recent report, *The Scottish Childcare Lottery*, regarding cost, sufficiency and variation of early learning and childcare in Scotland; welcomes steps by the Scottish Government to address these issues, including the commitment to legislate to increase the amount of free nursery provision from 475 hours to a minimum of 600 hours for all 3 and 4-year-olds and all looked-after 2-year-olds; further welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to work with the Early Years Task Force, local authorities, parents’ representatives and childcare providers to consider how best to deliver increased and flexible provision, identify more clearly provision across Scotland and to learn from the best provision elsewhere in Europe, and condemns the UK Government’s proposed welfare reforms that will have a detrimental effect on thousands of families across Scotland and have a negative impact on their access to childcare."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 18, Abstentions 28).

Neil Bibby moved amendment S4M-02338.1 to motion S4M-02338—

Insert at end—
“, and regrets that the UK Government’s changes to Working Tax Credit will impact on low-income families’ ability to pay for childcare costs.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 94, Against 17, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that access to affordable, high-quality childcare supports children’s learning and development and enables parents to return to, or remain in, work; notes the issues raised in the recent report, The Scottish Childcare Lottery, regarding cost, sufficiency and variation of early learning and childcare in Scotland; welcomes steps by the Scottish Government to address these issues, including the commitment to legislate to increase the amount of free nursery provision from 475 hours to a minimum of 600 hours for all 3 and 4-year-olds and all looked-after 2-year-olds; further welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to work with the Early Years Task Force, local authorities, parents’ representatives and childcare providers to consider how best to deliver increased and flexible provision, identify more clearly provision across Scotland and to learn from the best provision elsewhere in Europe, and condemns the UK Government’s proposed welfare reforms that will have a detrimental effect on thousands of families across Scotland and have a negative impact on their access to childcare.

2. **Prisons**: Alison McInnes moved S4M-02337—That the Parliament recognises that successful rehabilitation is vital in order to reduce reoffending rates and support ex-offenders to turn their lives around; further recognises the role that voluntary organisations and social enterprises can play in delivering innovative and high quality programmes to address offending behaviour; believes that Social Impact Bonds have the potential to deliver a new approach to investment in rehabilitation, which incentivises innovation and rewards positive outcomes, and calls on the Scottish Government to pilot the Social Impact Bond model as a new approach to prison rehabilitation and reducing reoffending.

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved amendment S4M-02337.1 to motion S4M-02337—

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

“, and welcomes that the Scottish Government will explore the potential of innovative approaches to funding, including the piloting of Social Impact Bonds and public social partnerships, to support preventative spend measures.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 107, Against 4, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).
Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament recognises that successful rehabilitation is vital in order to reduce reoffending rates and support ex-offenders to turn their lives around; further recognises the role that voluntary organisations and social enterprises can play in delivering innovative and high quality programmes to address offending behaviour, and welcomes that the Scottish Government will explore the potential of innovative approaches to funding, including the piloting of Social Impact Bonds and public social partnerships, to support preventative spend measures.

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

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Stage 1 Debate: National Library of Scotland Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-02332—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the National Library of Scotland Bill.

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

7. **Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft]:** The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-02336—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

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

8. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02362—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 22 March 2012—

delete

2.15 pm  Themed Question Time
          Rural Affairs and the Environment;
          Justice and the Law Officers

2.55 pm  Scottish Government Debate: The UK Government response on the future of Remploy

and insert

2.00 pm  Themed Question Time
          Rural Affairs and the Environment;
          Justice and the Law Officers

2.40 pm  Ministerial Statement: Update on Scotland’s Fossil Fuel Levy
followed by Scottish Government Debate: The UK Government response on the future of Remploy

The motion was agreed to.

9. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

10. **Changing the January Pay Date:** The Parliament debated S4M-01586 in the name of Mark McDonald—That the Parliament notes that many public and private sector organisations pay their staff early in December to facilitate a payroll shutdown, but that the pay date for January remains at the end of the month; further notes that this means that workers have to ensure that their December pay lasts for around six weeks, covering both Christmas and New Year, while January pay only has to last for four weeks due to the shorter month of February; considers that this increases the pressure on the budgets of Scottish households and further increases the likelihood of people turning to payday loans at the end of January; further notes that Aberdeen City Council has altered its January pay date by moving it to the penultimate week of the month, thus creating a five-week period for the December and January pay windows, and believes that a similar approach across the public and private sector would ease pressure on Scottish household budgets.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** The Reverend Caroline Taylor, Minister of Leuchars, St Athernase Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02423—That the Parliament agrees the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 21 March 2012—

   delete
   
   2.00 pm Time for Reflection
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by European and External Relations Committee Debate: EU priorities for 2012
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Housing Benefit Reform
   followed by Public Body Consent Motion: National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts
   followed by Business Motion
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.00 pm Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

   and insert
   
   2.00 pm Time for Reflection
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by Ministerial Statement: Waiting Times, NHS Lothian
   followed by European and External Relations Committee Debate: EU priorities for 2012
   followed by Scottish Government Debate: Housing Benefit Reform
   followed by Public Body Consent Motion: National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts
   followed by Business Motion
   followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   5.30 pm Decision Time
   followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.
3. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy (Nicola Sturgeon) made a statement and answered questions on Waiting Times, NHS Lothian.

4. **EU Priorities for 2012:** Christina McKelvie, on behalf of the European and External Relations Committee, moved S4M-02388—That the Parliament notes the European and External Relations Committee’s 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): *The Scottish Parliament’s EU priorities for 2012* (SP Paper 93).

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

5. **Housing Benefit Reform:** The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved S4M-02407—That the Parliament notes the UK Government’s plan for housing benefit reforms that will have a devastating impact on tenants, especially in some of Scotland’s poorest communities, and, as a result, on social and private landlords, local authorities and support agencies; regrets that, despite significant, well-evidenced and considered lobbying by Scottish stakeholders against the reforms, the UK Government pushed through the Welfare Reform Bill largely unchanged; notes that the UK Government’s housing benefit reforms cut across devolved responsibilities, compromising the Scottish Government’s capacity to deliver on its housing ambitions for Scotland, and acknowledges that, now that the Welfare Reform Bill has gained Royal Assent, the Scottish Government, local authorities, landlords and others must work together to minimise as far as possible adverse impacts on some of Scotland’s most vulnerable people and to develop thinking on the Scottish delivery of housing support costs under any changed future constitutional arrangements.

Elaine Murray moved amendment S4M-02407.3 to motion S4M-02407—

Insert at end—

“; recognises that opposition to these changes will continue in both the Scottish and the UK Parliament, and believes that the Scottish Government should bring before the Parliament a clear strategy to mitigate the impact on those individuals and families who will be affected.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 32, Against 84, Abstentions 0).

Alex Johnstone moved amendment S4M-02407.2 to motion S4M-02407—

Leave out from “the UK Government’s plan” to end and insert—

“that the coalition government’s Welfare Reform Act received Royal Assent on 8 March 2012 and that it will introduce the biggest reforms for 60 years, including the introduction of the universal credit, which will replace the current, complex myriad of means-tested benefits with a single benefit system, making it simpler for people to navigate, harder for people to defraud and ensure that it is no longer possible to be better-off on benefits than in work, while, at the same time, protecting the most vulnerable in society; understands that the changes to housing benefit are part of this essential reform, which will promote individual responsibility and ensure that better
use is made of the social housing stock, and further notes that the coalition government is working with councils on the transition and has announced an additional £10 million in 2011-12 and £40 million in each year from 2012 to 2015 in additional discretionary housing payments to allow local authorities to provide additional support where it is most needed.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 15, Against 97, Abstentions 4).

Liam McArthur moved amendment S4M-02407.1 to motion S4M-02407—

Leave out from “that will” to end and insert—

“; acknowledges the lobbying efforts of Scottish stakeholders that helped secure additional transitional support for households affected by the benefit cap and for foster families and disabled people living in adapted properties affected by changes to under-occupancy rules; further notes that, despite its support for welfare reform, the SNP administration has so far provided no clear view on the reforms that it wishes to see; recognises that SNP MPs did not feel the need to table amendments to the parts of the Welfare Reform Bill dealing with housing benefit reform; believes that Scottish tenants and prospective tenants have not been well served by the Scottish Government’s decision to abandon the SNP manifesto promise to build 6,000 socially rented houses every year and, instead, adopt a plan that involves an element of private purchase, and considers that the Scottish Government should devote its effort to meeting its manifesto promise on building 6,000 houses for social rent each year.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 20, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT) by division: For 96, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

6. Draft Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) Order 2012 – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved S4M-02400—That the Parliament consents to the making of the Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) Order 2012, a draft of which was laid before the UK Parliament on 19 January 2012 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).

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02424—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following programme of business—

Wednesday 28 March 2012

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Ministerial Statement: Planning Reform, Next Steps
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Scottish Government Debate: UK Government Budget
followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Financial Services Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
6.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 29 March 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Green Party Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Consultation on the New Tribunal System in Scotland
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 18 April 2012

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 19 April 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
Themed Question Time  
Culture and External Affairs;  
Infrastructure and Capital Investment

2.15 pm
Themed Question Time
Culture and External Affairs;  
Infrastructure and Capital Investment

2.55 pm  
Scottish Government Business
followed by  
Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  
Decision Time
followed by  
Members’ Business

(b) that the period for members to submit their names for selection for Question Times on Thursday 19 April 2012 ends at 12 noon on Wednesday 28 March 2012.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motions: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—

S4M-02425—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 4 May 2012.

S4M-02426—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 11 May 2012.

S4M-02427—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the National Library of Scotland Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 27 April 2012.

The motions were agreed to.

9. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02428—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2011 Amendment Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Substitution on Committee: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02429—That the Parliament agrees that George Adam be appointed as the Scottish National Party substitute on the Scotland Bill Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Local Rail Services to Berwickshire and East Lothian: The Parliament debated S4M-01799 in the name of John Lamont—That the
Parliament commends the Rail Action Group, East of Scotland and what it considers to be its hard-working volunteers on campaigning for many years for improved rail services for Berwickshire and East Lothian; understands that there is strong cross-party support for the reintroduction of local services from Edinburgh to Berwick-upon-Tweed and the reopening of stations at Reston and East Linton; notes the September 2011 feasibility study commissioned by Transport Scotland, which concluded that there is a positive economic case for local services and the reopening of the proposed stations; notes that the study also highlighted the latest East Coast Main Line Route Utilisation Strategy, which said that there is no capacity constraint to reinstating local services on the existing line; understands that there is strong support from residents in all of the communities that would benefit from the reintroduction of local rail services and the improved access that this would confer on employment, education and leisure opportunities; welcomes the support and collaborative, proactive approach from East Lothian Council, Scottish Borders Council and partners SEStran to move this project to the next stage in completing the final elements of the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance Part (STAG) 2 appraisal, and would welcome consideration of such a service should the STAG appraisal conclude that this would have positive economic, regeneration and environmental impacts for East Lothian and Berwickshire.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Ferries:** Elaine Murray moved S4M-02421—That the Parliament is disappointed that the draft ferries plan does not include a new Lochboisdale to Mallaig ferry service; recognises the social and economic need for such a service; notes the overwhelming support in the Western Isles and Mallaig for such a service, and calls on the Scottish Government to ensure its inclusion in the ferries plan and to commence the new service as soon as practically possible.

The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment (Alex Neil) moved amendment S4M-02421.1 to motion S4M-02421—

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

"welcomes the Scottish Ferry Services: Draft Plan for consultation; in particular the focus of the Scottish Ferries Review and the draft plan on the issues that matter most to island and remote communities and their central theme of further improving Scotland’s ferry services; welcomes the wide engagement and consultation that has taken place throughout the Scottish Ferries Review; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to fully consider the consultation responses from communities representing their local interests, including those advocating the introduction of a service between Lochboisdale and Mallaig, and looks forward to the publication of the final ferries plan in 2012."

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 61, Against 37, Abstentions 13).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 35, Abstentions 2).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Ferry Services: Draft Plan for consultation; in particular the focus of the Scottish Ferries Review and the draft plan on the issues that matter most to island and remote communities and their central theme of further improving Scotland’s ferry services; welcomes the wide engagement and consultation that has taken place throughout the Scottish Ferries Review; notes the Scottish Government’s commitment to fully consider the consultation responses from communities representing their local interests, including those advocating the introduction of a service between Lochboisdale and Mallaig, and looks forward to the publication of the final ferries plan in 2012.

2. **Children:** Johann Lamont moved S4M-02430—That the Parliament believes that an extension to available nursery hours for pre-5 children is an important contribution to their educational development; notes the commitment made by the First Minister to extend available hours; further notes that the Scottish Government previously extended hours in 2007 through the use of a statutory instrument, the Provision of School Education for Children under School Age (Prescribed Children) (Scotland) Amendment
Order 2007, SSI 2007/396; recognises that there is no need to use primary legislation to increase the number of hours of pre-school education available to pre-5 children, and considers that the Scottish Government should give early effect to the commitment made by the First Minister by introducing a statutory instrument before the end of June 2012.

The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved amendment S4M-02430.1 to motion S4M-02430—

Leave out from “there is no need” to end and insert—

“, to provide a statutory right to more flexible early learning, primary legislation is required; welcomes the Scottish Government’s intention to provide this through the Children’s Services Bill to be introduced next year, and further recognises the importance of developing early learning and childcare by working in partnership with local authorities, nursery and childcare providers to ensure that both the developmental needs of Scotland’s children and the varied needs of parents are met.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 37, Abstentions 0).

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 74, Against 37, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament believes that an extension to available nursery hours for pre-5 children is an important contribution to their educational development; notes the commitment made by the First Minister to extend available hours; further notes that the Scottish Government previously extended hours in 2007 through the use of a statutory instrument, the Provision of School Education for Children under School Age (Prescribed Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2007, SSI 2007/396; recognises that, to provide a statutory right to more flexible early learning, primary legislation is required; welcomes the Scottish Government’s intention to provide this through the Children’s Services Bill to be introduced next year, and further recognises the importance of developing early learning and childcare by working in partnership with local authorities, nursery and childcare providers to ensure that both the developmental needs of Scotland’s children and the varied needs of parents are met.

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

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

5. Themed Question Time: Questions on Rural Affairs and the Environment, and Justice and Law Officers were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and Scottish Law Officers.
6. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) made a statement and answered questions on Update on Scotland’s Fossil Fuel Levy.

7. **The UK Government response on the Future of Remploy:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-02431—That the Parliament is deeply disappointed by the UK Government’s decision to close four Remploy factories in Scotland with the loss of 111 jobs and to place the future of five further factories, affecting a further 251 people, in doubt; notes that the Scottish Government has requested information from the Department for Work and Pensions that could assist employees, the third sector, business and agencies in securing alternative business models, demonstrating a sustainable future for the remaining factories and ensuring future employment for the Remploy workforce; further notes that, should alternative solutions not be found, support for individuals should be directed through Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) in partnership with JobCentre Plus; welcomes the actions taken by the Scottish Government to increase public sector contracting opportunities with supported businesses, accounting for £24.1 million in 2010-11, and looks forward to the delivery of the framework for the provision of goods through supported businesses, which includes provision of textiles and furniture.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-02431.2 to motion S4M-02431—

Insert at end—

“, urges the Scottish Government to take the opportunity to express an interest in acquiring the Scottish Remploy factories affected by the closure proposal and, through Co-operative Development Scotland, to explore the community cooperative model of ownership for those businesses and to establish a task force comprising Remploy employees, trade unions and cross-party representatives to help secure a sustainable future for those factories and their employees, and further calls on the Scottish Government to commit to greater use of Article 19 contracts by the public sector.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 39, Against 61, Abstentions 11).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-02431.1 to motion S4M-02431—

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

“notes the UK Government’s decision to close 36 Remploy factories in the UK, including four in Scotland, which make significant losses year after year, in line with the recommendations in *Getting in, staying in and getting on: Disability employment support fit for the future*, a review carried out by Liz Sayce, the head of the UK Disability Forum, which advised that disability employment services should be focused on disabled people themselves rather than institutions so that they can access mainstream jobs in the same way as everyone else; notes that the factories made a loss of £68.3 million last year, which is a cost of £25,000 per employee, and that the UK Government intends to restrict funding to those factories that might have a prospect of a viable future outside government control; welcomes the £8 million package of tailored support that will be available for up to 18 months to help Remploy
employees with transition, which is about £2,500 per person and includes a personal case worker with one-on-one sessions, access to a personal budget and existing back-to-work support, including Work Choice, the Work Programme and Access to Work; further notes that many disability groups are behind this move as they regard the supported factory model as outdated; agrees with the UK Government that support should be focussed on individuals through services such as Access to Work rather than segregated institutions such as Remploy so that more disabled people can work in mainstream employment, and commends the work of the Remploy employment service, which has supported over 20,000 disabled and disadvantaged people into work across England, Scotland and Wales and works in partnership with over 2,500 employers.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 98, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 98, Against 13, Abstentions 0).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2 and 7 as noted above.

9. Green Investment Bank: The Parliament debated S4M-02277 in the name of Sarah Boyack—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the first ever UK Green Investment Bank (GIB) will have its headquarters based in Edinburgh; considers that the city of Edinburgh is ideally suited to deliver the key objectives of the GIB, which aims to encourage and stimulate investment in low-carbon technologies; further considers that the green, financial and research sectors of the capital are already well established and that the decision will strengthen the links between the financial centres of Edinburgh and London; believes that the GIB provides an ideal opportunity to put great momentum behind the green revolution and to build strong relationships with industries across Scotland, the UK and beyond; further believes that the announcement clearly showcases the strengths of Edinburgh and also the potential for the green industry to grow significantly and bring a great boost for jobs, and congratulates what it considers the sheer hard work and determination of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, which it sees as a successful driving force behind the bid.

The meeting closed at 5.42 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Angela Shapiro and Claire Singerman, “Gathering the Voices” project: a partnership including the Glasgow Jewish Community, Glasgow Caledonian University and Sense Over Sectarianism led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Derek Mackay) made a statement and answered questions on Planning Reform, Next Steps.

3. **Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-02495—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

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

4. **UK Government Budget:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-02494—That the Parliament is disappointed that the UK Budget is a missed opportunity to promote growth and deliver greater fairness; notes that the Treasury’s analysis shows that those on the lowest incomes have been hit disproportionately hard by the deficit reduction plans and that over 300,000 pensioners in Scotland will be adversely affected by the decision to abolish age-related income tax allowances in order to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy; welcomes the UK Government’s response to the Scottish Government’s calls for a package of measures to support the oil and gas sector, the provision of enhanced capital allowances for three of Scotland’s enterprise zones, funding for Edinburgh to become a super-connected city and the introduction of tax relief for the video games industry; disagrees however with the Chancellor’s decision not to provide funding for £300 million worth of shovel-ready capital projects, which could be taken forward immediately to support jobs, and notes that the Chancellor’s failure to deliver for Scotland demonstrates the importance of the Scottish Parliament having the full range of economic levers to deliver jobs, growth and fairness for the people of Scotland.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-02494.4 to motion S4M-02494—

Leave out from “welcomes” to end and insert—

*believes that the Chancellor should be doing more to create jobs across the UK; is disappointed that working families with children are still set to lose tax credits and child benefit as well as being hit by increases in VAT; believes that, rather than reducing taxes on those earning more than £150,000, measures such as a cut in VAT would be fairer on hard-pressed families and working people and would do more to stimulate the economy, and calls on the Scottish Government to do more using the
powers and spending at its disposal to tackle unemployment, which is higher in Scotland than the rest of the UK, and to help local businesses including through the use of community benefit clauses for public sector contracts."

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 30, Against 81, Abstentions 0).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-02494.2 to motion S4M-02494—

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

“welcomes the UK Budget, which includes the largest increase in the personal tax allowance in 30 years, an increase of £1,100 in April 2013, which will lift an additional 73,000 people out of income tax and benefit over two million people in Scotland; welcomes the cut in corporation tax, which will mean that by April 2014 the UK will have a 22% main corporation tax rate, the lowest in the G7 and a sign to the rest of the world that the UK is open for business; welcomes the reduction in the top rate of income tax to 45p so that the UK no longer has the highest rate of income tax in the G20; supports the UK Government’s commitment to stick to the plan to deal with the deficit and notes that in 2012-13 the UK will pay £46 billion in debt interest payments alone; welcomes the UK Government’s package of measures to support the oil and gas sector, the provision of enhanced capital allowances for three of Scotland’s enterprise zones, funding for Edinburgh to become a super-connected city and the introduction of tax relief for the video games industry; welcomes the move to allow small unincorporated businesses to calculate their tax on a cash basis, the improvements to the Enterprise Management Incentive, the Business Finance Partnership and the Enterprise Finance Guarantee scheme, which will all support growth, and notes that this budget builds on previous positive incentives announced by the UK Government, including the National Loan Guarantee Scheme and the Youth Contract.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 12, Against 95, Abstentions 4).

Willie Rennie moved amendment S4M-02494.3 to motion S4M-02494—

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

“welcomes the measures in the recent UK Budget that will raise the income tax threshold to £9,205, meaning that 165,000 Scots will have been taken out of income tax since 2010 and more than two million working people on low and middle incomes in Scotland will have seen their tax bill fall by £550; welcomes the measures on tax avoidance and stamp duty that mean that the tax burden on the wealthiest increases fivefold, especially the steps that discourage the use of offshore tax havens by the well-off to avoid paying their fair share of tax in this country; notes that pensioners will enjoy the biggest ever cash increase in the state pension, leaving pensioners better off this year, next year and in future years thanks to the restoration of the link to average earnings as part of the triple-lock guarantee for pensioners, and also welcomes the package of measures to support the oil and gas sector, the provision of enhanced capital allowances for three of Scotland’s enterprise zones, funding for Edinburgh to become a super-connected city, a boost for Scottish ski centres through VAT changes, the National Loan Guarantee Scheme to help smaller businesses in Scotland receive cheaper loans, the introduction of tax relief for the video games industry and the introduction of a Patent Box from April 2013, which will apply a reduced 10% rate of corporation tax for profits attributed to patents and similar types of intellectual property.”
After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 16, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 63, Against 48, Abstentions 0).

5. **Financial Services Bill – UK Legislation:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-02496—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Financial Services Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 26 January 2012, relating to the enhancement of understanding and knowledge of the public of financial matters and the ability of members of the public to manage their own financial affairs, 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. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02509—That the Parliament agrees—

(a) the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 29 March 2012—

after

2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Consultation on the New Tribunal System in Scotland

insert

followed by Appointment of the Auditor General for Scotland

(b) the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 18 April 2012**

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Project TransmiT
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Legislative Consent Motion: Scotland Bill – UK Legislation
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
6.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

**Thursday 19 April 2012**
The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSIs: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved—
S4M-02510: That the Parliament agrees that the Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-02511: That the Parliament agrees that the Evidence in Civil Partnership and Divorce Actions (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-02512: That the Parliament agrees that the Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-02513: That the Parliament agrees that the Patient Rights (Treatment Time Guarantee) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-02514: That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Secure Tenancies (Proceedings for Possession) (Pre-Action Requirements) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

S4M-02515: That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Secure Tenancies (Repossession Orders) (Maximum Period) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02516—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as the lead committee in consideration of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Committee Membership: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02518—That the Parliament agrees that—

Alex Fergusson be appointed to replace John Lamont as a member of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee; and

John Lamont be appointed to replace Alex Fergusson as a member of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

11. Violence in Syria: The Parliament debated S4M-02265 in the name of Jim Eadie—That the Parliament recognises the growing humanitarian crisis in Syria; supports the call by Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary General,
for the world to speak with one voice on this issue; condemns the violence in Syria and notes the need for immediate and full access to humanitarian relief for vulnerable people in the country; acknowledges the work of organisations such as Oxfam for their campaigning efforts in Lothian and across Scotland; pays tribute to the work of all non-governmental organisations that are already present in countries bordering Syria and preparing to deal with the humanitarian crisis, and considers that the impact of violence on civilians is a clear example of the need for an international arms trade treaty that would stop arms transfers.

The meeting closed at 6.49 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Cycling:** Alison Johnstone moved S4M-02522—That the Parliament welcomes the growing number of cyclists in Scotland and the 12% drop in cycling accident casualties between 2000 and 2010; believes that investing far more in infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians will boost jobs, reduce business costs, cut congestion and climate-changing pollution and improve Scotland’s health by improving air quality and reducing obesity; recognises the central importance of cycling safety and the perception of safety on the road to encouraging more people to cycle; considers that active travel is a cross-cutting priority for central and local government and that active travel champions should be represented on relevant transport and land-use forums, and calls on the Scottish Government to place active travel at the heart of the planning system, to work with local authorities to implement a rolling programme to upgrade infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists as part of every road improvement, to expand the use of 20 mph zones in residential and shopping streets, to consider reviewing all urban speed limits and simplifying the Traffic Regulation Orders process, to provide the necessary support to ensure that all road users have access to increased cycling safety training and to work with local authorities to ensure that every child in Scotland has the opportunity to undertake on-road cycle training by 2015.

The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved amendment S4M-02522.3 to motion S4M-02522—

Insert at end—

“; and reaffirms the Scottish Government’s target of 10% of journeys made by bike by 2020.”

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

Elaine Murray moved amendment S4M-02522.2 to motion S4M-02522—

Insert at end—

“; urges the Scottish Government to examine the guidance issued regarding the implementation of mandatory 20 mph limits to ensure that its policy meets the needs of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists and actively encourages walking and cycling, and further believes that the Scottish Ministers should set a good example by using active methods of travel whenever possible.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 46, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

John Lamont moved amendment S4M-02522.1 to motion S4M-02522—

Leave out from “considers that active” to end and insert—
“…commends the Cities fit for cycling campaign by The Times, which has led to cycling being given more prominence in public debate; supports greater business and third sector involvement to boost infrastructure development, and notes the potential that the Olympic and Commonwealth Games can have in contributing to an increase in the number of people taking up cycling.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to (DT) by division: For 13, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the growing number of cyclists in Scotland and the 12% drop in cycling accident casualties between 2000 and 2010; believes that investing far more in infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians will boost jobs, reduce business costs, cut congestion and climate-changing pollution and improve Scotland’s health by improving air quality and reducing obesity; recognises the central importance of cycling safety and the perception of safety on the road to encouraging more people to cycle; considers that active travel is a cross-cutting priority for central and local government and that active travel champions should be represented on relevant transport and land-use forums, and calls on the Scottish Government to place active travel at the heart of the planning system, to work with local authorities to implement a rolling programme to upgrade infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists as part of every road improvement, to expand the use of 20 mph zones in residential and shopping streets, to consider reviewing all urban speed limits and simplifying the Traffic Regulation Orders process, to provide the necessary support to ensure that all road users have access to increased cycling safety training and to work with local authorities to ensure that every child in Scotland has the opportunity to undertake on-road cycle training by 2015, and reaffirms the Scottish Government’s target of 10% of journeys made by bike by 2020.

2. Local Energy Companies: Patrick Harvie moved S4M-02523—That the Parliament reaffirms Scotland’s ambitious targets on climate change and renewable energy; considers that the private, public and third sectors, including co-operatives and community bodies, all have a role to play in developing a clean energy future for Scotland; is concerned by the growing perception that the renewables agenda is benefiting only big business, instead of serving the common good; believes that great public benefit could be achieved through the creation of public energy companies at local authority level with a remit to invest in publicly owned renewables, lease public assets to appropriate renewable energy developers and buy energy on the wholesale market to become a domestic supplier in the local community; believes that such public companies would generate clean energy as well as revenue for valuable new public services such as energy efficiency investment and support for community owned renewables projects and that the shared benefits would help to foster public support for renewable energy, and calls on the Scottish Government to investigate the concept of local energy companies and to provide assistance to local authorities and other organisations in developing proposals.
The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved amendment S4M-02523.1 to motion S4M-02523—

Leave out from “creation of public energy companies” to end and insert—

“work being done by the Scottish Futures Trust in partnership with COSLA to help local authorities realise this ambition, highlighting opportunities to provide exemplary community benefits from renewables schemes on the public estate, publicly owned renewables and the lease of public assets to appropriate renewable energy developers; believes that public sector involvement in the renewables sector can generate clean energy as well as revenue for valuable new public services such as energy efficiency investment and support for community-owned renewables projects and that the shared and community benefits would help to foster public support for renewable energy, and calls on the Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust to continue to work with COSLA, local authorities and other organisations in developing proposals.”

After debate, the amendment was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 77, Against 32, Abstentions 0).

Sarah Boyack moved amendment S4M-02523.2 to motion S4M-02523—

Insert at end—

“, and asks that the Scottish Government reports back to the Parliament on progress.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms Scotland’s ambitious targets on climate change and renewable energy; considers that the private, public and third sectors, including co-operatives and community bodies, all have a role to play in developing a clean energy future for Scotland; is concerned by the growing perception that the renewables agenda is benefiting only big business, instead of serving the common good; believes that great public benefit could be achieved through the work being done by the Scottish Futures Trust in partnership with COSLA to help local authorities realise this ambition, highlighting opportunities to provide exemplary community benefits from renewables schemes on the public estate, publicly owned renewables and the lease of public assets to appropriate renewable energy developers; believes that public sector involvement in the renewables sector can generate clean energy as well as revenue for valuable new public services such as energy efficiency investment and support for community-owned renewables projects and that the shared and community benefits would help to foster public support for renewable energy, and calls on the Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust to continue to work with COSLA, local authorities and other organisations in developing proposals, and asks that the Scottish Government reports back to the Parliament on progress.
3. **General Question Time:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

5. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

6. **Consultation on the New Tribunal System in Scotland:** The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Roseanna Cunningham) moved S4M-2521—That the Parliament welcomes the publication in March 2012 of a consultation that sets out proposals to reform Scotland’s tribunal system; notes that the proposals provide the opportunity to integrate Scotland’s devolved tribunals into a coherent, unified structure; further notes the importance of tribunals in the administrative justice landscape and the complexity and diversity of their business, and acknowledges their rightful place at the heart of a modern civil justice system.

Jenny Marra moved amendment S4M-02521.1 to motion S4M-02521—

Insert at end—

"and believes that any reform should put users at the centre by following the principles of transparency, accountability and accessibility."

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 in March 2012 of a consultation that sets out proposals to reform Scotland’s tribunal system; notes that the proposals provide the opportunity to integrate Scotland’s devolved tribunals into a coherent, unified structure; further notes the importance of tribunals in the administrative justice landscape and the complexity and diversity of their business, and acknowledges their rightful place at the heart of a modern civil justice system and believes that any reform should put users at the centre by following the principles of transparency, accountability and accessibility.

7. **Appointment of the Auditor General for Scotland:** Iain Gray moved S4M-02533—That the Parliament nominates Caroline Gardner to Her Majesty The Queen for appointment as the Auditor General for Scotland.

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

8. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.
9. The Road Forward for Community Transport: The Parliament debated S4M-02387 in the name of Jim Hume—That the Parliament believes that community transport initiatives play a vital role throughout Scotland in meeting the needs of many communities, particularly in remote and rural areas; considers that community transport services are viewed as a lifeline by many older or disabled people residing in areas currently underserved by commercial bus operators; further considers that such services help to improve the wellbeing of service users and are an illustration of effective preventative spending by delaying the entry of older people into residential accommodation; notes that one of the key objectives of the concessionary bus travel scheme is to “allow older and disabled people (especially those on low incomes) improved access to services, facilities and social networks by ‘free’ scheduled bus services; and so promote social inclusion”; understands that in some areas there are no regular scheduled bus services and where community transport services are the only alternative; notes the work by organisations in the third sector such as Age Scotland in campaigning for the widening of access to such services; commends The Bridge for operating the Teviot Wheels and Tweed Wheels services in the Scottish Borders, the latter winning a Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service in 2011, and acknowledges calls for greater consideration of and support for such services in future.

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

1. **Time for Reflection:** Andy Bathgate, Chief Executive Officer of Scripture Union Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Project TransmiT:** The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-02623—That the Parliament opposes the current locational charging approach, which levies the highest charges on electricity generators across Scotland, including the areas of the best renewable energy resource, and acts as a barrier to renewable projects that can benefit local communities and contribute to Scottish, UK and EU renewable energy and carbon-reduction targets; continues to support the Scottish Government’s call for significant change to the existing charging regime, recognising that there remain strong arguments for change to a flat rate of charging for all generators; recognises and supports Project TransmiT, the independent review of transmission charging by Ofgem called for by the Parliament in April 2010; supports a transparent, thorough and effective assessment for improvements in the charging regime; welcomes the emerging outcomes for both renewable and conventional generators on the mainland, which will move away from the current status-quo approach by reducing the scale of the variance in charges currently faced by generators in mainland Scotland; urges Ofgem to deliver effective change quickly; supports calls for Ofgem to deliver a pricing structure that does not penalise the development of renewable energy in the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland, and further urges Ofgem to recognise that the significant renewable energy resources of these island groups have potential benefits for both Scottish and UK consumers that will be best met by their integration with the wider GB market.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-02623.2 to motion S4M-02623—

Leave out from “continues” to end and insert:

“welcomes Project TransmiT and recognises that the changes proposed to the charging regime are fairer than the current position; notes, however, that these charges will still disadvantage the Western Isles, Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands where there is greater potential for community-owned renewables; urges Ofgem to come forward with a pricing regime that does not penalise these communities, and calls on the Scottish Government to use the current review of Renewables Obligation Certificates to take account of any remaining disparity in grid access costs and to encourage community renewables.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 70, Abstentions 14).

Mary Scanlon moved amendment S4M-02623.3 to motion S4M-02623—

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Leave out from “opposes” to end and insert—

“notes the current approach taken by Ofgem following its extensive consultation under Project TransmiT; recognises Ofgem's concerns that the introduction of a flat rate of charging for all generators would lead to an increase in fuel poverty for the most vulnerable; further recognises concerns that the development of wind energy in the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland will depend on having affordable transmission charges, and urges Ofgem to continue to engage with stakeholders to find a satisfactory solution to the issue of transmission charging.”

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

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

3. **Legislative Consent Motion: Scotland Bill – UK Legislation** The Cabinet Secretary for Parliamentary Business and Government Strategy (Bruce Crawford) moved S4M-02625—That the Parliament, further to motion S3M-8114 passed on 10 March 2011, notes the letters exchanged between the Scottish and UK governments on 21 March 2012 and agrees that the Scotland Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 30 November 2010, as amended, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

4. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02635—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

**Wednesday 25 April 2012**

- 2.00 pm Time for Reflection
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- followed by Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Homelessness in Scotland: The 2012 Commitment
- followed by Stage 1 Debate: Long Leases (Scotland) Bill
- followed by Business Motion
- followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
- 5.00 pm Decision Time
- followed by Members’ Business

**Thursday 26 April 2012**

- 9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business

11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Education and Lifelong Learning
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Recommendations from the Commission on Women Offenders
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 2 May 2012
1.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
1.35 pm Themed Question Time
   Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
2.15 pm General Question Time
2.35 pm First Minister’s Question Time
3.05 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02636—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 7 September 2012.

The motion was agreed to.

6. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02637—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 be completed by 25 May 2012.

The motion was agreed to.
7. **Substitution on Committee:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02638—That the Parliament agrees that Jackie Baillie be appointed as the Scottish Labour Party substitute on the Welfare Reform Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. **Devolution of the Crown Estate:** The Parliament debated S4M-02419 in the name of David Stewart—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Scottish Affairs Committee report, *The Crown Estate in Scotland*, and endorses the committee’s conclusion to recommend ending the Crown Estate Commissioner’s responsibilities for the administration and revenues of the ancient crown property, rights and interests in Scotland; supports the Scottish Affairs Committee view that marine and coastal assets in Scotland should be removed from the Crown Estate Commissioner’s responsibility and devolved down to the level of local communities, and notes the extent of marine and coastal assets throughout the Highlands and Islands and the potential to maximise the benefits to local communities through devolution.

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

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Transport:** Elaine Murray moved S4M-02639—That the Parliament notes the concerns expressed by bus service operators, passengers and the trade unions that represent bus workers regarding the impact of the Scottish Government’s changes to the Bus Service Operators Grant; notes that the Scottish Government’s decision to cut the grant by 17% in 2012-13 and to revise the formula has, along with the underfunding of the concessionary travel scheme and high fuel costs, resulted in fare increases and service reductions across the country; recognises that this has also contributed to the decision by First Scotland East to reduce dramatically its services in Lothian and Midlothian, with the potential loss of around 200 jobs; believes that the Scottish Government has failed to listen to the concerns of operators, bus service workers and passengers; urges ministers to take action to address the immediate problems of the industry, including urgently revisiting the 17% cut in the Bus Service Operators Grant, and instead begin proper negotiations with operators to ensure that the scheme is sustained at a level that does not threaten services, jobs and high fare increases, and believes that new legislation is required to enable the regulation of bus services in Scotland to ensure sustainable and reliable bus services throughout the country.

The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved amendment S4M-02639.3 to motion S4M-02639—

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

“total funding of nearly £250 million per year provided to Scotland’s buses as part of total Scottish Government support for public transport of £1.181 billion; welcomes the Scottish Government’s continuing commitment to the national concessionary travel scheme and Bus Service Operators Grant; welcomes the inclusion in these schemes of demand-responsive transport services available to the general public, such as dial-a-bus; welcomes the Scottish Government’s additional funding of up to £40 million for Glasgow Fastlink, £6 million for low-carbon buses and up to £10 million for Halbeath Park and Ride; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to innovative solutions such as hard-shoulder running on the M77 and the new £3 million Bus Investment Fund; welcomes its ongoing financial support for passenger-focussed organisations such as Bus Users UK, the Community Transport Association and Traveline Scotland; notes the role of local government in supporting local bus services, previously through the Bus Route Development Grant, which is now incorporated in the general funding of local government; recognises that the per capita subsidy for bus services in Scotland is significantly higher than in England; welcomes the constructive dialogue initiated in the Bus Stakeholder Group and in the Lothians over the future of bus services; notes that First Bus states that fuel prices and economic conditions
over a number of years are contributing to its increased costs; notes that the price of diesel has increased by 57% over the last five years and the price of petrol by 55%; further notes that fuel duty in the UK is the highest in the EU, and therefore calls on the UK Government to ease the pressure on all forms of transport by introducing a fuel duty regulator to stabilise fuel costs for all forms of transport and to scrap plans to increase fuel duty in August.”

Jim Hume moved amendment S4M-02639.1 to motion S4M-02639—

Leave out from “has, along with the underfunding” to end and insert—

“was arrived at without any formal consultation with bus operators or users, with bus operators given inadequate time to adjust their businesses to the formula change and has, along with the underfunding of the concessionary travel scheme and high fuel costs, resulted in fare increases and service reductions across the country; recognises that this has also contributed to the decision by First Scotland East to reduce dramatically its services in Lothian and Midlothian, with the potential loss of around 200 jobs; believes that the Scottish Government has failed to listen to the concerns of operators, bus service workers and passengers, and urges ministers to take action to address the immediate problems of the industry, undertake proper consultation with operators and users and use extra money available to Scotland, following the UK Budget, to prioritise and safeguard bus services and guard against high fare increases.”

Patrick Harvie moved amendment S4M-02639.4 to motion S4M-02639—

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

“believes that successive Scottish administrations have failed both to provide the level of financial support necessary to maintain high quality and affordable bus transport in all communities and to adequately regulate the industry to ensure value for taxpayers’ money; recognises that bus fares in many parts of Scotland are now less affordable than train fares and even taxis in some circumstances; considers that fuel prices are likely to continue to rise and that this will create a greater need for high quality and affordable public transport as an alternative to private car use; notes the lack of any statutory body protecting the interests of bus passengers; believes that bus users’ voices are not being adequately heard in the debate on bus transport; encourages bus passengers to publish their views through the http://betterbuses.org website; calls on the Scottish Government to reverse the cut in the Bus Service Operators Grant, ensure that overall public spending on bus services is adequate to protect services, jobs and fares and extend the remit of Passenger Focus in Scotland to bus users, and believes that new legislation is required to enable the regulation of bus services in Scotland to ensure sustainable and reliable bus services throughout the country.”
After debate, amendment S4M-02639.3 was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 49, Abstentions 0). As a result amendments 2639.1 and 2639.4 were pre-empted.

The motion, as amended, was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 65, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament notes the total funding of nearly £250 million per year provided to Scotland’s buses as part of total Scottish Government support for public transport of £1.181 billion; welcomes the Scottish Government’s continuing commitment to the national concessionary travel scheme and Bus Service Operators Grant; welcomes the inclusion in these schemes of demand-responsive transport services available to the general public, such as dial-a-bus; welcomes the Scottish Government’s additional funding of up to £40 million for Glasgow Fastlink, £6 million for low-carbon buses and up to £10 million for Halbeath Park and Ride; welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to innovative solutions such as hard-shoulder running on the M77 and the new £3 million Bus Investment Fund; welcomes its ongoing financial support for passenger-focused organisations such as Bus Users UK, the Community Transport Association and Traveline Scotland; notes the role of local government in supporting local bus services, previously through the Bus Route Development Grant, which is now incorporated in the general funding of local government; recognises that the per capita subsidy for bus services in Scotland is significantly higher than in England; welcomes the constructive dialogue initiated in the Bus Stakeholder Group and in the Lothians over the future of bus services; notes that First Bus states that fuel prices and economic conditions over a number of years are contributing to its increased costs; notes that the price of diesel has increased by 57% over the last five years and the price of petrol by 55%; further notes that fuel duty in the UK is the highest in the EU, and therefore calls on the UK Government to ease the pressure on all forms of transport by introducing a fuel duty regulator to stabilise fuel costs for all forms of transport and to scrap plans to increase fuel duty in August.

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

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

4. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Culture and External Affairs, and on Infrastructure and Capital Investment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

5. **Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill) moved S4M-02617—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill.
After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 1 and 5 as noted above.

7. **Community Radio Coming from a Station Near You:** The Parliament debated S4M-02194 in the name of Christine Grahame—That the Parliament considers that community radio does excellent voluntary work in the Borders and across Scotland; notes the contribution that it makes to communities and the work that it does on training, education and developing individual skills; believes that it makes a singular contribution to the democratic process, and acknowledges calls for the Scottish Government to work constructively with the network.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.
The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Pastor Stephen Hibbard, Sheddocksley Baptist Church, Aberdeen led Time for Reflection.

2. **Themed Question Time:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

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

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

5. **National Performing Companies:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-02738—That the Parliament welcomes the excellent work that Scotland’s world-class National Performing Companies continue to deliver; recognises that it is now five years since the start of a direct-funding relationship with the Scottish Government as set out in the recently published annual review of the companies; celebrates their ongoing commitment to delivering performances of quality and to distributing their work across Scotland; commends their innovative community and education projects, and recognises their importance in raising Scotland’s international cultural profile.

Patricia Ferguson moved amendment S4M-02738.1 to motion S4M-02738—

Insert at end—

“, and congratulates those local authorities, companies and individuals that also support the work of the National Performing Companies.”

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 excellent work that Scotland’s world-class National Performing Companies continue to deliver; recognises that it is now five years since the start of a direct-funding relationship with the Scottish Government as set out in the recently published annual review of the companies; celebrates their ongoing commitment to delivering performances of quality and to distributing their work across Scotland; commends their innovative community and education projects; recognises their importance in raising Scotland’s international cultural profile, and congratulates those local authorities, companies and individuals that also support the work of the National Performing Companies.
6. Public Body Consent Motion: Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Abolition) Order 2012 [draft] - UK Legislation: The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Stewart Stevenson) moved S4M-02734—That the Parliament consents to the making of the Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Abolition) Order 2012, a draft of which was laid before the UK Parliament on 27 February 2012 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).

7. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02754—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Wednesday 9 May 2012

2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Ministerial Statement: The Future of European Structural Funds from 2014
followed by Finance Committee Debate: Fiscal Sustainability
followed by Public Body Consent Motion: British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012
followed by Public Body Consent Motion: Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 May 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 1 Debate: Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill
followed by Financial Resolution: Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
Justice and the Law Officers
Rural Affairs and the Environment
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scottish Government Growth Strategy
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time  

followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 16 May 2012

2.00 pm Time for Reflection  

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  

followed by Scottish Government Business  

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: National Library of Scotland Bill  

followed by Business Motion  

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  

5.00 pm Decision Time  

followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 17 May 2012

9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions  

followed by Scottish Government Business  

11.40 am General Question Time  

12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time  

12.30 pm Members’ Business  

2.15 pm Themed Question Time  

Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy  

2.55 pm Scottish Government Business  

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions  

5.00 pm Decision Time  

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to (by division: For 77, Against 2, Abstentions 0).

8. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02755—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 18 May 2012.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Business Motion: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02756—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Long Leases (Scotland) Bill at Stage 2 be completed by 25 May 2012.
The motion was agreed to.

10. **Committee Membership:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02757—That the Parliament agrees that Nanette Milne be appointed to replace Jackson Carlaw as a member of the Health and Sport Committee.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

12. **National MS Week:** The Parliament debated S4M-02534 in the name of George Adam—That the Parliament notes the importance of National MS Week, which takes place this year from 30 April to 6 May; recognises the particular significance of MS to Scotland, which has the highest prevalence of MS anywhere in the world; congratulates the MS Society Scotland, along with local branches of the society such as the Paisley and District branch, for what it considers its excellent work supporting those affected by MS, and considers that this good work, conducted across many local authority areas, is being undermined by savage cuts to disability benefits including Employment and Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance, with people with MS being among those hardest hit because of the complex, fluctuating and often hidden nature of the condition and its symptoms.

The meeting closed at 5.56 pm.
The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Allan Forsyth, Chair, Baha’i Council for Scotland led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment (Alex Neil) made a statement and answered questions on The Future of European Structural Funds from 2014.

3. **Fiscal Sustainability:** Kenneth Gibson, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved S4M-02777—That the Parliament notes the summary of evidence of the Finance Committee’s series of roundtable discussions on fiscal sustainability.

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

4. **British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012:** The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved S4M-02780—That the Parliament consents to the making of the British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012, a draft of which was laid before the UK Parliament on 29 February 2012 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. **Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012:** The Minister for Housing and Transport (Keith Brown) moved S4M-02781—That the Parliament consents to the making of the Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012, a draft of which was laid before the UK Parliament on 29 February 2012 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).

6. **Business Motion:** Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02803—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   **Wednesday 16 May 2012**

   2.00 pm    Time for Reflection

   *followed by*    Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   *followed by*    Scottish Government Debate: National Parenting Strategy for Scotland

   *followed by*    Stage 3 Proceedings: National Library of Scotland Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 17 May 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Labour Party Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
12.30 pm Members’ Business
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
   Health, Wellbeing and Cities Strategy
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Preventing Obesity, Meeting the Challenge
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Wednesday 23 May 2012
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members’ Business

Thursday 24 May 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister’s Question Time
2.00 pm Themed Question Time
   Infrastructure and Capital Investment; Culture and External Affairs
2.40 pm  Stage 3 Proceedings: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

followed by  Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Bruce Crawford, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02804—that the Parliament agrees that the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4, 5 and 7 as noted above.

9. Beyond the Frame: The Parliament debated S4M-02573 in the name of Elaine Smith—that the Parliament welcomes the Cuban art exhibition, Beyond the Frame, which is scheduled to be held at The Lighthouse in Glasgow from 7 to 13 May 2012; understands that this will be the first time that such a large exhibition of contemporary Cuban art will be shown in Scotland and that some of the exhibits are also expected to be displayed in the Parliament; understands that all of the exhibition’s proceeds will go to the campaign for justice for the so-called Miami Five, a group of Cuban citizens that have been imprisoned in the United States since 1998 and for whom Amnesty International has raised serious doubts about the fairness of the proceedings that led to their convictions; recognises that the city of Glasgow is twinned with Havana and notes that a number of bars in Coatbridge have achieved "Cuban-friendly" status by offering their customers the opportunity to buy Havana Club rum, which, it understands, helps boost Cuba’s economy; believes that, given the 50-year economic blockade of Cuba by the United States, this is particularly important; understands that there is almost universal opposition to the blockade by the international community and that it is considered to have a severe impact on the living standards of the people of Cuba; wishes the organisers of the exhibition every success, and hopes that it will lead to more cultural, economic and political cooperation between Scotland and Cuba.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.
The meeting opened at 9.15 am.

1. **Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill – Stage 1**: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-02800—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 93, Against 5, Abstentions 13).

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

3. **Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution**: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-02591—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 104, Against 5, Abstentions 0).

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

5. **Themed Question Time**: Questions on Justice and the Law Officers and Rural Affairs and the Environment were answered by Cabinet Secretaries, Ministers and Scottish Law Officers.

6. **Scottish Government Growth Strategy**: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-02808—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government’s approach to accelerating recovery, supporting long-term sustainable economic growth and boosting employment, as set out in the Government Economic Strategy, including the focus on growth sectors and growth markets; notes the UK’s double-dip recession and, in light of this, recognises the alternative approach pursued by the Scottish Government and its calls for an urgent economic stimulus from the UK Government in the form of shovel-ready projects; notes the focus of the Scottish Government and its agencies, Scottish Development International, Scottish Enterprise and Highlands and Islands Enterprise in boosting international exports and securing international investment; recognises that growth sectors including food and drink, tourism, finance, life sciences, energy and low-carbon industries are performing well; welcomes the further actions that the Scottish Government is taking to ensure that Scotland continues to increase its international presence by pursuing
opportunities in growing export markets and by continuing to attract substantial international inward investments.

Ken Macintosh moved amendment S4M-02808.3 to motion S4M-02808—

Leave out from "supports" to end and insert—

"believes that the UK Government’s austerity programme has failed, given that the UK economy has shrunk yet again despite repeated warnings to change course to avoid a double-dip recession; agrees that both the Scottish and UK governments need to pursue policies that will promote sustainable growth, secure employment and lead to a low-carbon economy, but fails to see how the SNP administration’s actions in cutting the housing budget by more than £100 million are consistent with pursuing shovel-ready projects; is dismayed that, in the face of 100,000 unemployed young people, the Scottish Government has seen fit to cut funding to colleges by more than 20%, following on from last year’s cut of more than 10%, and further calls for an urgent change of policy on procurement to prevent contracts such as the Forth Replacement Crossing being awarded to China, particularly at a time when Lanarkshire’s steel mills lie underused.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 31, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Gavin Brown moved amendment S4M-02808.2 to motion S4M-02808—

Leave out from "supports" to end and insert—

“believes that the Scottish Government’s actions do not back up its claim to be prioritising long-term sustainable economic growth for Scotland; regrets the Scottish Government’s decision to cut college funding at a time of high youth unemployment; regrets the Scottish Government’s decision to cut spending on housing at a time when construction faces a very difficult time; believes that introducing a £95 million raid on Scottish retailers at a time when retail in Scotland is struggling is mistaken; calls on the Scottish Government to rethink its proposal to reduce substantially empty property rates relief, which will act as another brake on growth; welcomes measures taken by the UK Government, including the additional cut in corporation tax, which will mean that, by April 2014, the UK will have a 22% corporation tax rate; welcomes the £20 billion National Loans Guarantee Scheme to get cheaper loans to businesses; welcomes the £1 billion youth contract, which will provide 40,000 work places in Scotland, and welcomes the recent announcement to locate the corporate headquarters of the Green Investment Bank in Edinburgh.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 13, Against 93, Abstentions 5).

The motion was then agreed to ((DT) by division: For 62, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 1, 3 and 6 as noted above.

exhibition to commemorate and raise awareness of the centenary of the publication of the *Report of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service Committee*, the Dewar Report, by Inverness MP, Sir John Dewar; notes that the report shocked contemporary politicians with its portrayal of the inadequate provision of health services in the Highlands and Islands; recognises that the report resulted in the establishment of the Highlands and Islands Medical Service (HIMS), which it considers transformed the medical service in the Highlands with its commitment to high quality health care, its bottom-up structure and its careful consideration of the needs of rural health care, and considers that HIMS was the first model of state-funded healthcare in the world and provided the blueprint for the NHS in Scotland.

The meeting closed at 5.48 pm.
ANNEX A

BILL INTRODUCED

The following Bills were introduced on the dates shown—

16 June 2011

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to create offences concerning offensive behaviour in relation to certain football matches, and concerning the communication of certain threatening material. (SP Bill 1) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Kenny MacAskill

Supported by: Roseanna Cunningham

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 1-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 1-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

26 October 2011

National Library of Scotland Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make further provision about the name, functions and governance of the National Library of Scotland; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 2) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Fiona Hyslop

Supported by: Brian Adam

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 2-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 2-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

31 October 2011

Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law governing succession to agricultural tenancies and the review or variation of rent under such tenancies. (SP Bill 3) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Richard Lochhead

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 3-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 3-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about the price at which alcohol may be sold
from licensed premises; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 4) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 4-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 4-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

30 November 2011
Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the rules about the punishment part of non-mandatory life sentences imposed in criminal cases and to amend the rules about the disclosure of information obtained by the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission. (SP Bill 5) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Kenny MacAskill

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 5-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 5-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

1 December 2011
Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to reform and restate the law on the registration of rights to land in the land register; to enable electronic conveyancing and registration of electronic documents in the land register; to provide for the closure of the Register of Sasines in due course; to make provision about the functions of the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland; to allow electronic documents to be used for certain contracts, unilateral obligations and trusts that must be constituted by writing; to provide about the formal validity of electronic documents and for their registration; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 6) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 6-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 6-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

12 January 2012
Long Leases (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to convert certain long leases into ownership; to provide for the conversion into real burdens of certain rights and obligations under such leases; to provide for payment to former owners of land of compensation for loss of it on conversion; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 7) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Richard Lochhead
Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 7-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 7-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

16 January 2012
Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision about policing; to make provision about fire and rescue services; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 8) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Kenny MacAskill

Supported by: Roseanna Cunningham

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 8-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 8-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

19 January 2012
Budget (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2012/13, 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 2013/14, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 9) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Supported by: Alex Salmond, Bruce Crawford
Accompanying documents (SP Bill 9–AD) were printed to accompany the Bill

29 February 2012
Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enable local authorities to provide support to certain carers; to make provision about the way in which certain social care services are provided by local authorities; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 10) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 10-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 10-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

22 March 2012
Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enable the Scottish Ministers to make provision by
regulations in consequence of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (in respect of matters other than reserved matters). (SP Bill 11) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Nicola Sturgeon

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 11-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 11-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

26 March 2012

Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to amend the law regarding non-domestic rates and council tax in respect of unoccupied properties; and to repeal certain provisions that allow grants to be made to local authorities to meet housing needs in their areas. (SP Bill 12) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Alex Neil

Supported by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 12-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 12-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

2 May 2012

Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish the Scottish Civil Justice Council; to make provision about contributions in respect of criminal legal assistance; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 13) (Executive Bill)

Introduced by: Kenny MacAskill

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 13-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 13-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.
1. Affirmative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

1 July 2011
Scheme for Construction Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under section 114(5) of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

Construction Contracts (Scotland) Exclusion Order 2011 [draft]
laid under section 106A(4)(c) of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996

5 September 2011
Climate Change (Annual Target) (Scotland) Order 2011 [draft]
laid under section 96(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Modifications) (No. 2) Order 2011 [draft]
laid under section 133(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

6 September 2011
Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Inspections) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under section 105(3) of the Energy Act 2008

Note: Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Inspections) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] was withdrawn on 12 October 2011

12 September 2011
Scottish Local Government Elections Order 2011 [draft]
laid under section 16(5) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

22 September 2011
Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential, Savings and Transitional Provisions) Order 2011
laid under section 57(4) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
27 September 2011
Aquatic Animal Health (Miscellaneous Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2011
laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Note: The Aquatic Animal Health (Miscellaneous Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] was withdrawn on 30 September 2011

28 September 2011
Planning (Listed Buildings) (Amount of Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under section 82(3A) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

3 October 2011
Aquatic Animal Health (Miscellaneous Modifications) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to European Communities Act 1972

12 October 2011
The Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Inspections) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] was withdrawn on 12 October 2011.

20 October 2011
Budget (Scotland) Act 2011 Amendment Order 2011 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2011

1 November 2011
London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 (Advertising and Trading) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under sections 20(2) and 26(2) of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006

Note: The London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 (Advertising and Trading) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft] was withdrawn on 9 November 2011

3 November 2011
Climate Change (Limit on Carbon Units) (Scotland) Order 2011 [draft]
laid under section 96 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

4 November 2011
Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011 [draft]
laid under section 34(4) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005
10 November 2011
London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Advertising and Trading) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under sections 20(2) and 26(2) of the London Olympic and Paralympic Games Act 2006

Storage of Carbon Dioxide (Licensing etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under section 105 of the Energy Act 2008

18 November 2011
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 24(2) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 November 2011
Crofting Commission (Elections) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 [draft]
laid under section 60(3)(b) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

5 December 2011
Equality Act 2010 (Specification of Public Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2012
laid under section 210(2) of the Equality Act 2010

6 December 2011
Marine Licensing (Exempted Activities) (Scottish Inshore and Offshore Regions) Amendment Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 165(5) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

13 December 2011
Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 51(3) of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006

Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Excepted Services) Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Public Services Reform (Social Services Inspections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 104(2) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

14 December 2011
Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 20(3) of the Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011

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22 December 2011
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 24(2) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Forestry Commissioners (Climate Change Functions) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 96 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Advice and Assistance (Assistance By Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

17 January 2012
Representation of the People (Post-Local Government Elections Supply and Inspection of Documents) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 61(4)(a) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 16(5) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

25 January 2012
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as modified by paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 January 2012
Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 191(9) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

31 January 2012
Budget (Scotland) Act 2011 Amendment Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 7(2) of the Budget (Scotland) Act 2011

Public Services Reform (Recovery of Expenses in respect of Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

10 February 2012
Patient Rights (Treatment Time Guarantee) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011
13 February 2012
The Evidence in Civil Partnership and Divorce Actions (Scotland) Order 2012 (draft)
laid under section 8(5) of the Civil Evidence (Scotland) Act 1988

17 February 2012
The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (draft)
laid under section 23(3)(a) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002.

23 February 2012
Scottish Secure Tenancies (Proceedings for Possession) (Pre Action Requirements) Order 2012
laid under section 109(6) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

Scottish Secure Tenancies (Repossession Orders) (Maximum Period) Order 2012
laid under section 109(6) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

29 February 2012
Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft]
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

15 March 2012
Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972

21 March 2012
The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 210 of the Equality Act 2010

25 April 2012
Official Statistics (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 65(6)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

30 April 2012
Property Factors (Code of Conduct) (Scotland) Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 14(4) of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011

2. Negative Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are subject to annulment—
Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/259)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Rural Development Support Measures (Control Procedures and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/260)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Education Maintenance Allowances (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/261)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Crofting Counties Agricultural Grants (Scotland) Amendment Scheme 2011 (SSI 2011/262)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Knife Dealer’s Licence (Historical Re-enactment of Events) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/263)
laid under section 27S(1) and (2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/264)
laid under section 190(2) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and section 11(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

National Health Service Central Register (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/165)
laid under section 61(3) of the Local Electoral Administration and Registration Services (Scotland) Act 2006

laid under the Pharmacy Order 2010

Plastic Kitchenware (Conditions on Imports from China) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/282)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990
29 June 2011
Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/285)
laid under section 2(7) of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999

11 August 2011
Local Government (Allowances and Expenses) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations (SSI 2011/304)
laid under section 50(2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973
and section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

18 August 2011
Food Additives (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/305)—
Extraction Solvents in Food Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/306)—
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

25 August 2011
Plant Health (Import Inspection Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/311)
laid under section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973

7 September 2011
Inshore Fishing (Prohibition of Fishing for Cockles) (Solway Firth) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/319)
laid under section 9(2) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984

8 September 2011
Curators ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) and the Panels of Persons to Safeguard the Interests of Children (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/320)
laid under section 103(2) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995

9 September 2011
Poultry meat (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/318)—
Marketing of Horticultural Produce (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/324)—
Bananas (Enforcement of Quality Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/325)—
laid under section 48 of the Food Safety Act 1990

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Edinburgh) Designation Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/323)—
laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991

Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/326)—
laid under section 1(9) of the Bees Act 1980
14 September 2011
Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011 (SSI 2011/331)
laid under section 42 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

16 September 2011
Criminal Legal Assistance (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/333)
laid under section 37 of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Development Planning) (Saving, Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/336)
laid under section 58 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

30 September 2011
Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/349)
laid under sections 12(6) and 24(5) of the Superannuation Act 1972

Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Saving and Transitional Provisions) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/348)
laid under section 58 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

3 October 2011
Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/350)
laid under section 15(8) of the Social Security Act 1990

13 October 2011
Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2011 (SSI 2011/356)
laid under section 52 of the Court Martial Appeals Act 1968, sections 33A and 39 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989 and sections 104(6) and 114(3) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

14 October 2011
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/357)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

19 October 2011
laid under section 115 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Scotland Act 1998

25 October 2011
National Health Service Superannuation Scheme etc. (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/364)
laid under sections 12(6) and 24(5) of the Superannuation Act 1972
27 October 2011
   laid under sections 15(3) and 17(3) of the Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Act 2011

Highlands and Islands Air Services (Scotland) Act 1980 Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/367)
   laid under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Water Environment (Relevant Enactments and Designation of Responsible Authorities and Functions) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/368)
   laid under section 36(4) of Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/378)
   laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Town and Country Planning (Inquiries Procedure) (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2011 (SSI 2011/379)
   laid under section 15 of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992

Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Submissions Procedure) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/380)
   laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Listed Buildings) (Savings Provisions) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/381)
   laid under section 58 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

Town and Country Planning (Enforcement of Control) (No.2) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/383)
   laid under section 82(3) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas (Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/373)
   laid under section 60 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Planning (Listed Buildings) (Prescribed Form of Notices) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/374)
   laid under section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997
Ancient Monument and Archaeological Areas (Applications for Scheduled Monument Consent) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/375)
   laid under section 60 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/376)
   laid under section 82 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997

   laid under section 58 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

   4 November 2011
Education (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/389)
   laid under section 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

   7 November 2011
Enzootic Bovine Leukosis (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/390)
   laid under paragraph 2, schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

   10 November 2011
National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Performers Lists) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/392)
   laid under sections 105(1), (2), (6) and (7) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/394)
   laid under section 10(4) and 11 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 and sections 134 and 142 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/395)
   laid under section 127 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

   18 November 2011
Act of Sederunt (Fees of Solicitors and Witnesses in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2011 (SSI 2011/403)
   laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
21 November 2011
Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council (Listed Tribunals) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/405)
laid under section 49(9) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 and section 195(3) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

24 November 2011
Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/410)
laid under section 21(7) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Prescribed Purposes for Consideration of Suitability) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/411)
laid under section 100(1) and (3) of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007

Cattle Identification (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/412)—
Common Agricultural Policy Schemes (Cross-Compliance) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/415)—
Common Agricultural Policy Single Farm Payment and Support Schemes (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/416)—
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Seed Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/413)—
Seed Potatoes (Fees) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/414)—
laid under section 16 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

25 November 2011
Deer (Close Seasons) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/417)
laid under section 47 of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996

Control of Volatile Organic Compounds (Petrol Vapour Recovery) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/418)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

laid under section 53 of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004
6 December 2011
Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges etc.) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/428)
  laid under sections 10(4) and 11 of the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 and sections 134 and 142 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Revocation Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/429)
  laid under section 141 of the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004

9 December 2011
Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/435)
  laid under section 1(4) of the Confirmation to Small Estates (Scotland) Act 1979

Prior Rights of Surviving Spouse and Civil Partner (Scotland) Order (SSI 2011/436)
  laid under section 9A of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964

19 December 2011
Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Amendment) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/445)
  laid under section 161(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

Bus Lane Contraventions (Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/442)
  laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/443)
  laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Bus Lanes (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/444)
  laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

20 December 2011
Charities References in Documents (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/446)
  laid under section 103(4) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

22 December 2011
National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2011 (SSI 2011/449)
  laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978
12 January 2012
The Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/3)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972
The Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/4)
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967
The Fodder Plant Seed (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/5)
laid under section 16(6) of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

16 January 2012
Conservation of Salmon (River Annan Salmon Fishery District) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/6)
laid under section 68(1) and (2) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 2003

19 January 2012
Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (No. 2) 2011 (SSI 2012/7)
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/9)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978
National Health Service (Primary Medical Services Section 17C Agreements) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/10)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

20 January 2012
Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/11)
laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

27 January 2012
Repayment of Student Loans (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/22)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

30 January 2012
Less Favoured Area Support Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/24)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972
8 February 2012
The Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2012 (SSI 2012/26)
laid under sections 8, 11, 12, 33A, and 39 of the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

9 February 2012
Non-Domestic Rate (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/27)
laid under section 7B(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1975

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/28)
laid under section 153(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Non-Domestic Rates (Levying) (Scotland) (No.2) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/29)
laid under section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Conservation Bodies) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/30)
laid under section 127(1) of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003.

10 February 2012
Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/32)
laid under section 135 of the Transport Act 1985 and by section 61 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

Bus Service Operators Grant (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/33)
laid under section 81(3) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

Home Energy Assistance Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/34)
laid under section 15(8) of the Social Security Act 1990

Patient Rights (Complaints Procedure and Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/36)
laid under section 25 of the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011

13 February 2012
The Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/37)
laid under schedule 2, paragraph 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/38)
laid under section 161(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010
20 February 2012
The Non-Domestic Rates (Enterprise Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/48)
laid under section 153 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

The Police Grant and Variation (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/49)
laid under section 32(3) and (5) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (Prescribed Police Stations) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/50)
laid under section 87(1)(a) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003

22 February 2012
Water Services Charges (Billing and Collection) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/48)
laid under section 68 of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

23 February 2012
The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Safeguarders Panel) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/54)
laid under section 32(2) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

27 February 2012
The A720 Edinburgh City Bypass and M8 (Hermiston Junction) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/62)
laid under section 17(2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1 March 2012
Sharks, Skates and Rays (Prohibition of Fishing, Trans-shipment and Landing) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/63)
laid under sections 5(1)(a)(iii), 6(1), (1A) and (2)(b) and 15(3) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Civil Legal Aid (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/64)
laid under section 36(1) and (2)(g) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Community Care (Joint Working etc.) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/65)
laid under sections 13(1), 14, 15(1), (2) and (4) and 23(4) of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002

Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (Incidental Provision) (Adult Support and Protection) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/66)
laid under section 24 of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002
National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/67)
laid under section 22(4) of the National Assistance Act 1948, as applied by section 87(3) and (4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/68)
laid under section 22(5) of the National Assistance Act 1948, as applied by section 87(3) and (4) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968

National Health Service (Superannuation Scheme and Pension Scheme) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/69)
laid under section 10 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Superannuation Act 1972

Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/70)
laid under sections 9 and 12 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Superannuation Act 1972

Police Pensions (Contributions) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/71)
laid under section 1 of the Police Pensions Act 1976

2 March 2012

Education (Fees, Awards and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/72)
laid under section 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983 and section 133(1) and (2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Scotland) Amendment 2012 (SSI 2012/73)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Health Service (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/74)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

Food Hygiene (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/75)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Personal Injuries (NHS Charges) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/76)
laid under section 195 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003
15 March 2012
National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/87)
laid under section 105 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

16 March 2012
Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/88)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/89)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Scottish Secure Tenancies (Proceedings for Possession) (Form of Notice) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/92)
laid under sections 14(4) and 109(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

Scottish Secure Tenancies (Proceedings for Possession) (Confirmation of Compliance with Pre-Action Requirements) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/93)
laid under sections 14(4) and 109(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

22 March 2012
Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (Commencement No. 4, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/99)
laid under section 117(4) of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2012 (SSI 2012/101)
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 March 2012
Firemen’s Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/106)
laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/107)
laid under section 60(2) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Public Contracts and Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/108)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972
20 April 2012
Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (National Parks) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/117)
laid under section 58(4) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006

Bankruptcy Fees etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/118)
laid under section 72(1) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985

23 April 2012
Food Additives (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/119)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990

25 April 2012
Snares (Training) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/124)
laid under section 26 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

27 April 2012
Education (Provision of Information as to Schools) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/129)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

Education (School and Placing Information) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/130)
laid under section 133(2) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980

30 April 2012
Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Fish Farming) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/131)
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (Practice and Procedure) (No. 2) Amendment Rules 2012 (SSI 2012/132)
laid under section 326(1) and (3) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

3. Laid Only Instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure

17 June 2011
laid under the section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (Commencement No. 1) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/269 (C. 21))
laid under the section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 June 2011
Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.1 and Saving Provision) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/270 (C. 22))
laid under the section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 June 2011
Local Electoral Administration (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/277 (C. 23))
laid under the section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/278 (C. 24))
laid under the section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/279 (C. 25))
laid under the section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 June 2011
Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/187)

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 4) (Miscellaneous) 2011 (SSI 2011/288)—
Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) 2011 (SSI 2011/289)—
Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 5) (Miscellaneous) 2011 (SSI 2011/290)—
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

1 July 2011
Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (Commencement No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/291 (C. 27))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

5 August 2011
International Criminal Court (Libya) Order 2011 (SI 2011/1696)
laid under the United Nations Act 1946
11 August 2011
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 5) (Causes in the Inner House) 2011 (SSI 2011/303)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 August 2011
Act of Sederunt (Regulation of Advocates) 2011 (SSI 2011/312)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 September 2011
Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/327)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.1) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/328)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 September 2011
West Lothian (Electoral Arrangements) Councillor Numbers Order 2011 (SSI 2011/332)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 September 2011
Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 2, Transitory, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/334 (C. 29))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

20 September 2011
Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (Commencement No. 3) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/337 (C. 30))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

22 September 2011
Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/339 (C. 31))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

29 September 2011
International Criminal Court (Darfur) Order 2009 (SI 2009/699)
laid under section 1 of the United Nations Act 1946
Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/351)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/352 (C.32))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 9, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/354 (C.33))

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 6) (Sexual Offences Prevention Order) 2011 (SSI 2011/355)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No.9, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/366)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 (Commencement No.12) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/382)

laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.2) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/372)

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. 6) (Miscellaneous) 2011 (SSI 2011/385)—

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) 2011 (SSI 2011/386)—

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment No. 7) (Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Act 2011) 2011 (SSI 2011/387)—

Act of Sederunt (Contempt of Court in Civil Proceedings) 2011 (SSI 2011/388)—

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
10 November 2011
Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/393)
laid under section 50(8) of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948

16 November 2011
Licensing and Regulation of Taxis (Appeals in Respect of Taxi Fares) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/401)
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

17 November 2011
Act of Sederunt (Lands Valuation Appeal Court) 2011 (SSI 2011/400)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

18 November 2011
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 7) (Taxation of Accounts and Fees of Solicitors) 2011 (SSI 2011/402)—
Act of Sederunt (Sanction for the Employment of Counsel in the Sheriff Court) 2011 (SSI 2011/404)—
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 November 2011
Pollution Prevention and Control (Designation of Industrial Emissions Directive) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/423)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

8 December 2011
Act of Adjournal (Amendment of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995) (Refixing diets) 2011 (SSI 2011/430)—
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms) (No. 2) 2011 (SSI 2011/431)—
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) (No. 2) 2011 (SSI 2011/432)—
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/433)—
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
12 December 2011
Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.2) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/437)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

16 December 2011
Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 8) (Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures) 2011 (SSI 2011/441)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

11 January 2012
The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/1 (C. 1))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

12 January 2012
The Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/2 (C. 2))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

19 January 2012
Act of Sederunt (Fees of Messengers-at-Arms) (Amendment) 2012 (SSI 2012/8)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

23 January 2012
The Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates’ Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/16)
laid under sections 30 and 33 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

26 January 2012
Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2012 (SSI/2012/19 (C.3))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 (Commencement) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/20 (C. 4))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
27 January 2012
Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/21)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

30 January 2012
Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/23 (C.6))
laid under section 206(2) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

10 February 2012
Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/35 (C.7))
laid under section 30 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

13 February 2012
The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No.6, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/39 (C.8))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 February 2012
The Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/42 (C.9))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

2 March 2012
Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/78)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

15 March 2012
General Teaching Council for Scotland (Legal Assessor) Rules 2012 (SSI 2012/86)
laid under paragraph 3(4) and (5) of Schedule 4 to the Public Services Reform (General Teaching Council for Scotland) Order 2011

16 March 2012
Town and Country Planning (Continuation in force of Local Plans) (Highland) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/90)
laid under paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 7 and Transitional Provision) Order 2012 (SSI 2012 91)  

laid under sections 161(2)(a) and 166(2) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010  

22 March 2012  

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment) (Fees of Shorthand Writers) 2012 (SSI 2012/100)  

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010  

19 April 2012  

Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/116 (C. 11))  

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010  

26 April 2012  

Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2012 (SSI 2012/125)  

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) (Miscellaneous) 2012 (SSI 2012/126)  

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010  

4. Instrument subject to approval  

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on the date shown and is subject to approval—  

9 May 2012  

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Dalgety Bay) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/135)  

laid under section 1(8) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985  

5. Instruments subject to consultation  

28 March 2012  

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/52) [draft]
laid under section 26(2)a of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/53) [draft] laid under section 26(2)a of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

6. **Legislative Consent Memoranda**

The following Legislative Consent Memorandums were laid on the dates shown—

13 June 2011
Richard Lochhead: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Finance (No.3) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S4) 1.1)

7 September 2011
Nicola Sturgeon: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Amendment) Bill (LCM(S4)2.1)

20 September, 2011
John Swinney MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Devolution (Time) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM (S4) 3.1)

27 October 2011
Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S4) 4.1)

31 October 2011
Nicola Sturgeon MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Welfare Reform Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 5.1)

1 November 2011
Kenny MacAskill: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S4) 6.1)

9 February 2012
John Swinney: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Financial Services Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S4) 7.1)

22 March 2012
Bruce Crawford MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Scotland Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 8.1).
7. Public Body Consent Memoranda

17 February 2012
Michael Russell: Public Body Consent Memorandum on the Draft Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) Order 2012 (PBCM(S4) 1.1)

8 March 2012
Stewart Stevenson: Public Body Consent Memorandum on the Draft Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Abolition) Order 2012 (PBCM(S4) 2.1)

15 March 2012
Keith Brown: Public Body Consent Memorandum on the Draft British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (PBCM(S4) 3.1)

Keith Brown: Public Body Consent Memorandum on the Draft Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012 (PBCM(S4) 4.1)
1. Documents subject to parliamentary procedure

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the date shown and are subject to Parliamentary procedure—

30 September 2011
Commission for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland: Report to Parliament (CPA/2011/03)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under Section 2(8)a of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 and is subject to Parliamentary Procedure

22 March 2012
Succession Planning and Reappointments – Material Non Compliance with the Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland (CPA/2012/01)
  laid under section 2(8)(a) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc (Scotland) Act 2003

The following document was laid before the Parliament on the date shown and is subject to approval by the Parliament—

22 February 2012
The Scottish Social Housing Charter (SG/2012/20)
  laid under section 33(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010

2. Document subject to the affirmative procedure

The following document was laid before the Parliament on the date shown and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

20 October 2011
Scottish Natural Heritage Code of Practice on Deer Management (SG 2011/242)
  laid under section 5A(8)(a) of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 (as inserted by section 27(1) of the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011

3. Documents subject to consultation

The following document containing a draft instrument was laid before the Parliament on 29 June 2011 for consultation, with a view to the instrument subsequently being laid for approval by resolution—

Consultation on the Draft Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011
laid under section 9(6) and (7) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and are subject to consultation—

1 November 2011
Public Services Reform (Charges for Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 and draft Explanatory Document (SG 2011/237) [draft]
laid under section 26(2)(a) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

28 March 2012
Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/52) [draft]
laid under section 26(2)a of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/53) [draft]
laid under section 26(2)a of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 for the purposes of consultation required by section 26(1) of that Act

4. Documents not subject to parliamentary procedure

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on the dates shown and were not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

12 May 2011
The Scottish Court Service Corporate Plan 2011-14 (SCS/2011/1)
laid under section 66 (4) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority: Strategy Effective from April 2011 (SG/2011/86)
laid under Schedule 2 to the Energy Act 2004

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 2011-2014 (SG/2011/87)
laid under Schedule 3 to the Energy Act 2004

16 May 2011
laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

18 May 2011
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2011 (SPSO/2011/04)—
Case 200903956: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Case 200901107: Scottish Ambulance Service
Case 200904350: Forth Valley NHS Board
Case 201000108: Borders NHS Board
Case 201001180: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Cases 201000102 and 201001848: Borders NHS Board and Lothian NHS Board
  laid under Section 15(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

19 May 2011
Government Chemist Review 2010 (SG/2011/92)
  laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

26 May 2011
Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (SG/2011/95)
  laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

1 June 2011
Review of Community Health Partnerships: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission (AGS/2011/5)
  laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

6 June 2011
  laid under section 5(4) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 (as amended)

9 June 2011
General Dental Council Annual Report and Accounts 2010 (SG/2011/88)
  laid under section 2 of the Dentists Act 1984

13 June 2011
Office of Rail Regulation Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/109)
  laid under section 74 of the Railways Act 1993, section 6 of chapter 20 to the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 and section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Commission for Public Audit 22 June 2011
Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2011 and Independent Auditor’s Report Thereon (SP Paper 7)
  laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

22 June 2011
Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2011 and Independent Auditor’s Report Thereon (SP Paper 7)
laid under section 25(6) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2011 (SPSO/2011/05)—

Volume 1
Case 201002521: Scottish Prison Service
Case 201000373: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Case 201002391: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division
Case 201002641: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board

Volume 2
Case 201001241: Highland NHS Board
Case 200903349: The City of Edinburgh Council
Case 201001871: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Volume 3
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

23 June 2011
HM Inspectorate of Education Annual Report and Accounts 2010/11 (SG/2011/120)

24 June 2011
laid under section 18 of the Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002

27 June 2011
laid under Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

28 June 2011
laid under section 18 of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

laid under section 12 (1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003
29 June 2011
laid under section 15(1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

laid under the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2008

Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005: 5th Annual Report: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) activity within Scotland from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 (SG/2011/119)
laid under section 20 of the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005

Consultation on the Draft Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SG/2011/130)
laid under section 9 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

30 June 2011
laid under paragraph 8 of Schedule 9A to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

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


laid under section 58(6) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

laid under section 60(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

laid under section 5(5) of the Utilities Act 2000

283
Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission 2010-11 Annual Accounts (SG/2011/129)
  laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  laid under section 56(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  1 July 2011
  Section 70 Grant Payments in accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001
  Section 70(4) Financial Year 2010-11 (SG/2011/115)

  4 July 2011
  laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

  6 July 2011
  Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/91)
  laid under Article 13 of Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008
  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 2011 (SG/2011/102)
  laid under sections 11 and 15 of the Industrial Development Act 1982

  7 July 2011
  Section 70 Grant Payments in accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001
  Section 70(4) Financial Year 2010-11 (SG/2011/143)
  laid under section 70(4) of the Transport Scotland Act 2001

  Note: Section 70 Grant Payments in accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2010-11 (SG/2011/115) which was laid before the Parliament on 1 July 2011, has been withdrawn.

  7 July 2011
  laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

  18 July 2011
  Annual report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to Scottish Ministers for 2010-2011 (SG/2011/99)
  laid under section 107(3) of the Police Act 1997
19 July 2011
UK Statistics Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2010/11 (UKSA/2011/01)
laid under section 27(2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007

laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

laid under section 34 of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 4A to, the National Lottery etc. Act 1993 (as amended by the National Lottery Act 1998 and the National Lottery Act 2006)

20 July 2011
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2011 (SPSO/2011/06) —
Volume 1
Case 200904272: South Lanarkshire Council
Case 201002536: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Case 201001398: The City of Edinburgh Council
Case 201003193: A Medical Practice, Fife NHS Board
Case 200903102: The Council
Volume 2
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

21 July 2011
laid under section 6B of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

22 July 2011
Civil Service Commission Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/151)
laid under Paragraph 17(5) of Schedule 1 to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010

29 July 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 12 of Schedule 19 to the Broadcasting Act 1990
3 August 2011
General Register Office for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/98)
laid under schedule 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under section 15(4) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Transport for health and social care: a main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission (AGS/2011/6)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

5 August 2011
laid under section 1(4) of the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

8 August 2011
Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland annual accounts year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/154)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under schedule 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 August 2011
Accountant in Bankruptcy Annual Report and Accounts 2010/11 (SG/2011/128)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 August 2011
Forestry Commission Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/161)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Joint Nature Conservation Committee and JNCC Support Co Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/164)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 18 of schedule 4 to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

Cairngorms National Park Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2010/11 (SG/2011/165)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 26(5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

16 August 2011
Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland annual accounts year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/166)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under schedule 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

19 August 2011
Risk Management Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/167)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/169)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under schedule 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 5(1) of the Prison (Scotland) Act 1989

22 August 2011
Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010: guidance for licensing boards (SG/2011/170)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 142(6) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

23 August 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 21 of the Transport and Works (Scotland) Act 2007

24 August 2011
Scotland’s Public Finance: Addressing the Challenges (AGS/2011/07)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act.

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2011 (SPSO/2011/07)—
Volume 1
Case 200800448: Lothian NHS Board
Case 201002030: Lothian NHS Board
Case 201001620: Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board
Volume 2
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid before the Scottish Parliament under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002
25 August 2011
Scottish Enterprise Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/160)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

1 September 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/132)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

5 September 2011
Scottish Information Commissioner Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/173)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: statement accompanying the draft order to set annual targets for years in the period 2023-2027 (SG/2011/176)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 5(4) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

An overview of Scotland’s Criminal Justice System: A report prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission: Key Messages (AGS/2011/8)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

6 September 2011
Recorded Crime in Scotland 2010-11 (SG/2011/177)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 47 (2) of the Police Scotland Act 1967 as amended by section 62 of the Police and Magistrates’ Courts Act 1994
9 September 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament under schedule 1, paragraph 13 (4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

12 September 2011
Highlands and Islands Airports Annual Report and Group Financial Statements 2010/11 (SG/2011/146)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 15 (2) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and section 22(5) of the public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/178)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 26 (5) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and section 22(5) of the public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 September 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 10A of the Animal Health Act 1981

14 September 2011
Energy Act 2004 : directions to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (the NDA) in respect of the Dounreay Disposal Facility (SG/2011/182)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 3 (8) of the Energy Act 2004

Modernising the Planning System: a report prepared for the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission (AGS/2011/09)—
Modernising the Planning System: key messages: a report prepared for the Auditor General and the Accounts Commission (AGS/2011/09)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act

Scottish Legal Aid Board Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/81)—
Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2010-2011 (SG/2011/82)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament 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

20 September 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 2(4) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1993

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 46 of the Environment Act 1995 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

21 September 2011

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2011 (SPSO/2011/08)

Volume 1
Case 201002636: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division
Case 201003274: The City of Edinburgh Council
Case 200904711: Scottish Borders Council

Volume 2
Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
laid before the Scottish Parliament under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

22 September 2011

Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report 2010/11 (CCYP/2011/03)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 10 (1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

Passengers’ View Scotland Annual Report 2010-11 (SG/2011/183)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 12(3) of the Public Transport Users’ Committee for Scotland Order 2006 (SSI 2006/250)


laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

26 September 2011

Her Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland Annual Report 2010/11 (SG/2011/159)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 33(4) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

29 September 2011


laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
The Queen’s Printer for Scotland: Report covering the period 1 January 2010 to March 2011 (SG/2011/80)
laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

30 September 2011
Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2010-2011 (SG/2011/172)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

3 October 2011
Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/194)—
Borders Health Board Annual Accounts 2010/11 (SG/2011/195)—
Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2010/11 (SG/2011/196)—
Fife Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/197)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 October 2011
HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland annual report 2010-2011 (SG/2011/152)
laid before the Scottish Parliament bat the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Grampian Health Board Annual Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/198)—
Highland Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/200)—
Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/201)—
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/199)—
The Scottish Government consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/112)—
A report by the Auditor General for Scotland under Section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 : the 2010/11 audit of the Scottish Government consolidated accounts (SG/2011/207)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

5 October 2011
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Annual Report 2010-2011 (SPSO/2011/AR)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 17(1) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002
NHS Orkney Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/203)—
Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Annual Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/189)—
Shetland NHS Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/204)—
Tayside Health Board annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/205)—
Western Isles Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/206)—
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  laid before the Scottish Parliament under rule 102(2)(b) of the Scottish Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Act 2009
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 62 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

  6 October 2011
The National Archives of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/179)—
NHS National Services Scotland Director’s Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/210)—
NHS Quality Improvement Scotland Annual Accounts financial year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/213)—
Scottish Ambulance Service Annual Accounts and Notes for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/212)—
The State Hospitals Board for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/211)—
Student Awards Agency for Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/162)—
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  7 October 2011
NHS Health Scotland Annual Accounts for year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/214)
National Waiting Times Centre Board Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/216)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
12 October 2011
A review of telehealth in Scotland: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2011/10)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 October 2011
David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors’ report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/137)—
Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd Annual Report 2011 (SG/2011/140)—
Calmac Ferries Ltd Directors’ report and financial statements 2010-2011 (SG/2011/135)—
Cowal Ferries Limited Directors’ report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/138)—
Northlink Ferries Limited Directors’ report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/136)—
Rathlin Ferries Limited Directors’ report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/139)
laid under section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1984

14 October 2011
laid under section 24(3) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

laid under section 1(6) of the Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

17 October 2011
National Museums Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/222)—
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment)(Scotland) Act 2003
20 October 2011

Scottish Natural Heritage Draft Code of Practice on Deer Management (SG 2011/225)

laid under section 5A(8)(a) of the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 (as inserted by section 27(1) of the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011

Note: The Scottish Natural Heritage Draft Code of Practice on Deer Management (SG 2011/225) was withdrawn on 28 October 2011

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Report and Accounts/Aithisg Bhliadhnaí agus Cunntasan 2010-11 (SG/2011/224)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scotland's Budget Documents: the 2011-12 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2012 (SG/2011/209)—The Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/186)

laid before the Scottish Parliament by a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

24 October 2011


laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Pharmacy Order 2010

26 October 2011


laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 136 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994


laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

28 October 2011


laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The Scottish Civil Estate: Efficiency and Sustainability 2010/11 (SG/2011/180)

laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009
The 2010/11 Audit of Disclosure Scotland: A Report by the Auditor General for Scotland under section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (SG/2011/193)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 46 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

  laid before the Scottish Parliament under article 12(7) of the Quality Meat Scotland Order 2008 (SSI 2008/77) and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
  31 October 2011

Historic Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/188)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 19 of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Funding Council Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/230)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
  1 November 2011

Private Rented Housing Panel Annual Report 2010 (SG/2011/218)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 29(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006

NHS Education for Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/234)
  Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/235)
  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000
  2 November 2011

  laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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The role of community planning partnerships in economic development: a main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission (AGS/2011/11)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

4 November 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Summary Statement – The Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SG/2011/240)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 9(14) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005

10 November 2011
Registers of Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/236)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The 2010-2011 Audit of Registers of Scotland: a report by the Auditor General for Scotland under section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (SG/2011/236)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

11 November 2011
VisitScotland Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/229)
laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 6(6) of the Development of Tourism Act 1969 and 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

14 November 2011
laid before the Scottish Parliament under paragraph 21 of schedule 7 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007

16 November 2011
laid under paragraph 10(1) of schedule 1 to the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2011
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Annual Report and Consolidated and Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/245) laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2011 (SPSO/2011/10)—
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Cases 201003473: Highland NHS Board
Case 201003775: Lothian NHS Board - Royal Edinburgh and Associated Services Division
Case 201005204: The City of Edinburgh Council

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Case 201002867: Tayside NHS Board
Case 201003216: Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board

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22 November 2011
National Galleries of Scotland Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/248) laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

25 November 2011
Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Annual Report 2010-2011 (SG/2011/252)

28 November 2011
Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/241) 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

5 December 2011
Scottish Police Services Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2010–11 including Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA) and Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA) (SG/2011/253) laid under sections 7(5) and 15(3) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006
laid under Articles 44(2) and 46(7) of the Health Professions Order 2001 (as amended by the Health Care and Associated Professions (Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists) Order 2009)

7 December 2011
sportscotland Group Annual report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011 (SG/2011/250)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under section 35 of the National Lottery etc. Act 1993

laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

9 December 2011
A Report by the Auditor General for Scotland under Section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000: the 2010/11 Audit of the National Library of Scotland (SG/2011/260)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

13 December 2011
laid under section 3(2) of the Law Commissions Act 1965

laid under section 62(3) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

14 December 2011
British Wool Marketing Board Report on the BWMB Agricultural Marketing Scheme 2010-11 (SG/2011/276)
laid under section 30 of the Agricultural Marketing Act 1958

The Fingerprint Enquiry Report (SG/2011/249)
laid under section 26 of the Inquiries Act 2005
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

15 December 2011
Electoral observation at United Kingdom elections (ELC/2011/1)
laid under Section 6G of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000

Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/264)—
Learning and Teaching Scotland Report and Financial Statements year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/265)—
Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements for period 2 July 2010 to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/278)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Learning and Teaching Scotland Annual Review 2010/11 (SG/2011/266)

16 December 2011
laid under section 61(6) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 1 July 2010 - 30 June 2011 (SG/2011/244)
laid under paragraph 16 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts Year ended 30 June 2011 (SG/2011/257)
laid under paragraph 15 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

19 December 2011
laid under section 34 of the National Lottery etc Act 1993

20 December 2011
Scottish Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/262)—
Scottish Water Interim Accounts for the six months to 30 September 2011
(SG/2011/282)
laid under section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002

21 December 2011
Fife & Forth Valley Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/267) —
Glasgow Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/268) —
Lanarkshire Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/269) —
Lothian & Borders Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/270) —
Northern Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/271) —
North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/272) —
South West Scotland Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/273) —
Tayside Community Justice Authority Annual Accounts 2010-11
(SG/2011/274) —
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
(Scotland) Act 2000

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2010/281) —
Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards Annual Report December
2011 (SG/2011/283) —
All laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government
and not under any laying power

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for
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Cases 201003835: A Medical Practice, Lanarkshire NHS Board
Case 201005321: A Dentist, Highland NHS Board
Case 201003198: The Robert Gordon University
Case 201003783: Tayside NHS Board
Case 201004359: Grampian NHS Board
Case 201005047: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
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Services Ombudsman Act 2002
22 December 2011
Scottish Consolidated Fund Receipts & Payments Account 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/254)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under section 291 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002

The Scottish Court Service Annual Report and Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2011/285)
laid under section 67(1)(c) of the Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008

9 January 2012
Informing the Future: The State of Freedom of Information in Scotland (SG/2012/2)
laid under section 46(3) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

10 January 2012
Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Accounts for 2010-11 (SG/2012/5)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

The Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2010-11 (SG/2012/1)
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

18 January 2012
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2012 (SPSO/2012/01)—
Volume 1 of 2
Case 201002075: A Medical Practice, Forth Valley NHS Board
Case 201003696: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division
Case 201003402: Fife NHS Board
Case 201100257: Grampian NHS Board
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laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002
20 January 2012
Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2012/6)

Scotland’s Budget Documents 2012-13: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document for the year ending 31 March 2013 (SG/2012/3)

25 January 2012
The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2012/8)
laid under paragraph 2(3) of schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

27 January 2012
Energy Act 2004: NDA Designation of the Dounreay Nuclear Establishment (Modification Direction No. 1) (SG/2012/9)
laid under section 3(8) of the Energy Act 2004

30 January 2012
The Housing Support Grant Order 2012-13 (SG/2012/10)
laid under section 191(9) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

31 January 2012
Explanatory Document: The Public Services Reform (Recovery of Expenses in respect of Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SG/2012/11)
laid under section 25(2)(b) of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2011-12 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2012 (SG/2012/4)

6 February 2012
Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local Authorities Functions 1 October 2009 (Enforcement Date) to 31 March 2011 (SG/2012/12)
laid under section 12(c) of the Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009

9 February 2012
laid under section 29 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

15 February 2012
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2012 (SPSO/2012/02)—
Volume 1 of 2
Case 201003976: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division
Case 201003214: A Medical Practice, Lothian NHS Board
Case 201004092: A Medical Practice, Lothian NHS Board
Case 201101334: Borders NHS Board
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20 February 2012
The Police Grant and Variation (Scotland) Order 2012: Report by the Scottish Ministers under section 32(6) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (SG/2012/16)
laid under section 32(9) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967

22 February 2012
Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics 2010-11 (SG/2012/17)—
The Scottish Information Commissioner’s Strategic Plan (SG/2012/19)—
laid under section 46A (1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Cardiology services: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2012/1)
laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

24 February 2012
Aberdeen College Financial Statements for the Year to 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/22)—
Angus College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/23)—
Anniesland College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/24)—
Ayr College Report of the Board of Management and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/25)—
Banff and Buchan College of Further Education Accounts for the Year Ended 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/26)—
Barony College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/27)—
Borders College Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/28)—
Cardonald College Glasgow Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/29)—
Carnegie College Annual Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2012/30)—
City of Glasgow College Annual Report 2010-11 (SG/2012/31)—
Clydebank College Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/32)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

29 February 2012
Scottish Law Commission Annual Report 2011 (SG/2012/15)
laid under section 3(3) of the Law Commission Act 1965
The Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012: Report by Scottish Ministers (SG/2012/34)
  laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Commissioning Social Care: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2012/2)
  laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  7 March 2012
The Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2009/2010 (SG/2012/33)
  laid under section 11 of the Fisheries Act 1981

  8 March 2012
BIG Lottery Fund : Young Start : Dormant Bank and Building Society Account Funding for Scotland (SG/2012/18)
  laid under paragraph 3(6) of schedule 3 to the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008.

  21 March 2012
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2012 (SPSO/2012/03)—
  Volume 1 of 2
  Case 201100385: A Medical Practice, Forth Valley NHS Board
  Case 201002157: Midlothian Council
  Case 201004897: Fife Council
  Case 201101474: Fife NHS Board
  Volume 2 of 2
  Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
  laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure.

Commonwealth Games 2014 progress report 2: Planning for the delivery of the XXth Games: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2012/3)
  laid under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

  22 March 2012
Coatbridge College Report of the Board of Management and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/40)—
Cumbernauld College Report and Financial Statements of the Board of Management year ended 31 July 2011(SG/2012/41)—
Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/42)—
Dundee College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/43)—
Edinburgh’s Telford College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/44)—
Elmwood College Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/45)—
Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/46)—
Inverness College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/47)—
Jewel and Esk College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/49)—
John Wheatley College Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/50)—
Kilmarnock College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/51)—
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

laid under section 11(7) of the Child Poverty Act 2010

26 March 2012
Construction Industry Training Board (CITB-ConstructionSkills) Annual Report and Accounts 2011 (SG/2012/55)
laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998

Second Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2012/38)
laid under section 73 the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

27 March 2012
Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2011 (SG/2012/37)
laid under paragraph 14 of Schedule 2 to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

28 March 2012
Commission for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Strategic Plan April 2012 to March 2016 (CES/2012/01)
laid under section 14(1) of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Act 2010

Standards Commission Scotland Strategic Plan 2012 / 2016 (SCfS/2012/01)
laid under paragraph 10A to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended by the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissions etc. Act 2010

The Law Commission and The Scottish Law Commission Consumer Redress for Misleading and Aggressive Practices (SG/2012/21)
30 March 2012
Scotland’s Commissioner for Children & Young People Strategic Plan 2012 - 2016 (CCYP/2012/01)
laid under section 14A (1) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

2011 Return of Expenditure Incurred, Prosecutions Taken and Incidences of Notifiable Disease in Imported Animals (SG/2012/35)
laid under Section 80 of the Animal Health Act 1981

Scottish Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan 2012-2016 (SHRC/2012/01)
laid under Section 7 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights Act 2006

2 April 2012
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 2012-2015 (SG/2012/54)
laid under Schedule 3 to the Energy Act 2004

3 April 2012
laid under section 3 of the Law Commissions Act 1965

4 April 2012
laid under section 4 of the Graduate Endowment Abolition (Scotland) Act 2008

11 April 2012
Langside College Glasgow Year End Accounts and the Report of the Board of Management for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/59)—
Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/60)—
Moray College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/61)—
Motherwell College Financial Statements Year ending 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/62)—
North Glasgow College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/63)—
Oatridge College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/64)—
Perth College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/65)—
Reid Kerr College Report and Financial Statements 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/66)—
South Lanarkshire College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 12 months ended 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/67)—
Stevenson College Edinburgh Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/68)—
Stow College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011
(SG/2012/69)—
West Lothian College Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011
(SG/2012/70)—
   laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
   (Scotland) Act 2000

16 April 2012
Scottish Parliament Statistics 2010-2011 (SP Paper 111)

20 April 2012
The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Strategic Plan 2012-2016
(SPSO/2012/SP)—
   laid under section 17A of the Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and
   Commissioners etc Act 2010

23 April 2012
The Adam Smith College Annual Accounts for the 12 months ended 31 July
2011 (SG/2012/74)—
The North Highland College Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/75)—
   laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability
   (Scotland) Act 2000

25 April 2012
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for April
2012 (SPSO/2012/04)—
   Volume 1 of 3
   Case 201004658: Lanarkshire NHS Board
   Case 201101255: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute
   Services Division
   Case 201004742: Highland NHS Board
   Volume 2 of 3
   Case 201100109: Fife NHS Board
   Case 201101426: Grampian NHS Board
   Case 200904100: The Golden Jubilee National Hospital
   Volume 3 of 3
   Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations
   laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public
   Services Ombudsman Act 2002

15th Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board Report for the period
April 2011 to March 2012 (SG/2012/76)

30 April 2012
Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011: Code of Conduct for Property Factors
(SG/2012/80)
   laid under section 14(3)(a) of the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011
Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (SG/2012/73)  
laid under section 29(10) of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

8 May 2012  
Scottish Law Commission Report on Prescription and Title to Moveable Property (SG/2012/77)—  
laid under section 3 of the Law Commissions Act 1965
The following reports were published on the dates shown—

15 June 2011
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 1st Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 5)

21 June 2011
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 2nd Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 8)

23 June 2011
Finance Committee, 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Finance (No.3) Bill (LCM(S4) 1.1 (SP Paper 6)

8 September 2011

14 September 2011

20 September 2011

22 September 2011

28 September 2011


30 September 2011
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 15)
6 October 2011  

Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): Report at Stage 2 on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 21)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 8th Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 22)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 9th Report 2011 (Session 4): Scottish Statutory Instruments laid in 2010 (SP Paper 23)

7 October 2011  
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Devolution (Time) Bill (LCM (S4) 3.1) (SP Paper 18)

14 October 2011  
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 2nd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 24)

28 October 2011  

31 October 2011  

1 November 2011  


4 November 2011  

9 November 2011  
Education and Culture Committee 1st Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 31)

Finance Committee, 2nd Report, 2011 (Session 4): The Budget (Scotland) Act 2011 Amendment Order 2011 (SP Paper 32)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 14th Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 34)

11 November 2011
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 35)

15 November 2011

16 November 2011
Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Bill (LCM(S4) 6.1) (SP Paper 37)


23 November 2011
Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill (LCM(S4) 4.1) (SP Paper 39)

25 November 2011
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 4th Report, 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 41)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 16th Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 42)

29 November 2011
Health and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Report on Inquiry into the Regulation of Care for Older People (SP Paper 40)


6 December 2011
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 18th Report 2011 (Session 4): Report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 45)

8 December 2011

9 December 2011

13 December 2011

15 December 2011


16 December 2011
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 5th Report, 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation and guidance subject to approval (SP Paper 50)

Education and Culture Committee, 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4): The draft National Gaelic Language Plan 2012-17 (SP Paper 52)


21 December 2011

22 December 2011
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 22nd Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 58)

11 January 2012
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 1st Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 60)
12 January 2012
Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): European Strategy (SP Paper 59)

Education and Culture Committee 1st Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 61)

18 January 2012
Health and Sport Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 62)

25 January 2012
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 2nd Report 2012 (Session 4): Budget (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 63)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 3rd Report 2012 (Session 4): Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 64)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 4th Report 2010 (Session 4): Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 65)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 5th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 66)

27 January 2012

Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 68)

3 February 2012
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Living Wage in Scotland (SP Paper 69)

8 February 2012
Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): An overview of Scotland's criminal justice system (SP Paper 70)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 6th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 71)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 7th Report 2012 (Session 4): Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 72)

10 February 2012
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 73)
Education and Culture Committee, 2nd Report 2012 (Session 2): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 74)


22 February 2012

Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SP Paper 78)

24 February 2012
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 3rd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Agricultural Holdings (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 79)

28 February 2012

1 March 2012
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 10th Report 2012 (Session 4): Public Bodies Consent Memorandum on the draft Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) Order 2012 (SP Paper 84)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 11th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 85)

6 March 2012
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 3rd Report, 2012 (Session 4), Stage 1 Report on the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 86)

7 March 2012
Health and Sport Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4), Stage 1 Report on the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 83)


8 March 2012

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 12th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 91)

13 March 2012
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2012 [Draft] and the Scottish Social Housing Charter (SP Paper 89)

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee 4th Report, 2012 (Session 4) Public Body Consent Motion – National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (SP paper SP 92)

14 March 2012
European and External Relations Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): The Scottish Parliament’s EU priorities for 2012 – (SP Paper 93)

15 March 2012

Finance Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Report on the Budget (Scotland) Act 2011 Amendment Order 2012 (SP Paper 95)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 13th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 96)

19 March 2012
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 5th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Report to the Justice Committee on the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 98)

20 March 2012

21 March 2012


22 March 2012
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 16th Report 2012 (Session 4): Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 102).
26 March 2012
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 4th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on Long Leases (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 103)
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 3rd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Broadband Infrastructure in Scotland (SP Paper 104)

28 March 2012
Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Evidence in the Civil Partnership and Divorce Actions (Scotland) Order 2012 (SP Paper 105)

Scotland Bill Committee 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4), Report on the Scottish Government’s Legislative Consent Memorandum (SP Paper 106)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 17th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 107)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 18th Report 2012 (Session 4): Public Bodies Consent Memorandums on the British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 and the Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012 (SP Paper 108)


29 March 2012
Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 110)

17 April 2012
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 19th Report 2012 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on Scotland Bill (SP Paper 112)

19 April 2012
Health and Sport Committee, 4th Report, 2012 (Session 4), Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 113)


25 April 2012
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Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.1 and Saving Provision) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/270 (C. 22)) (20 June 2011)
Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.1) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/328) (12 September 2011)
Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/21) (27 January 2012)
Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/42 (C.9)) (15 February 2012)
Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/278 (C. 24)) (23 June 2011)
Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates’ Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/16) (23 January 2012)
Spring Traps Approval (Scotland) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/393) (10 November 2011)
Town and Country Planning (Continuation in force of Local Plans) (Highland) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/90) (16 March 2012)
West Lothian (Electoral Arrangements) Councillor Numbers Order 2011 (SSI 2011/332) (15 September 2011)
Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/279 (C. 25) (23 June 2011)
Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 1) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/187) (29 June 2011)
Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.2) Order 2011 (SSI 2011/433) (8 December 2011)
Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No.2) Amendment Order 2011 (SSI 2011/437) (12 December 2011)
Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/116 (C. 11)) (19 April 2012)

4. Instrument subject to approval

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Dalgety Bay) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/135) (9 May 2012)

5. Instruments subject to consultation

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Local Review Procedure) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/53) [draft] (28 March 2012)

Public Services Reform (Planning) (Pre-application consultation) (Scotland) Order 2012 and proposed Explanatory Document (SG 2012/52) [draft] (28 March 2012)

6. Legislative Consent Memoranda

Devolution (Time) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM (S4) 3.1) (John Swinney) (20 September 2011)
Finance (No. 4) Bill (UK Parliament legislation) (LCM(S4) 9.1) (Fiona Hyslop) (25 April 2012)
Finance (No.3) Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S4) 1.1) (Richard Lochhead) (13 June 2011)
Financial Services Bill (UK Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S4) 7.1) (John Swinney) (9 February 2012)
7. Public Body Consent Memoranda

Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Abolition) Order 2012 (Stewart Stevenson) (PBCM(S4)2.1) (Draft) (8 March 2012)
British Waterways Board (Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 (PBCM(S4)3.1) (Draft) (Keith Brown) (15 March 2012)
Inland Waterways Advisory Council (Abolition) Order 2012 (PBCM(S4)4.1) (Draft) (Keith Brown) (15 March 2012)
Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) Order 2012 (PBCM(S4) 1.1) (Draft) (Michael Russell) (17 February 2012)

8. Documents subject to parliamentary procedure

Scottish Social Housing Charter (SG/2012/20) (22 February 2012)
Succession Planning and Reappointments – Material Non Compliance with the Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland (CPA/2012/01) (22 March 2012)

9. Document subject to the affirmative procedure

Scottish Natural Heritage Code of Practice on Deer Management (SG 2011/242) (20 October 2011)

10. Documents subject to consultation

Consultation on the Draft Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011 (laid before the Parliament on 29 June 2011 for consultation, with a view to the instrument subsequently being laid for approval by resolution)
Public Services Reform (Charges for Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 and draft Explanatory Document (SG 2011/237) [draft] (1 November 2011)
11. Documents not subject to parliamentary procedure

2010-2011 Audit of Registers of Scotland: a report by the Auditor General for Scotland under section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (SG/2011/236) (10 November 2011)
2011 Return of Expenditure Incurred, Prosecutions Taken and Incidences of Notifiable Disease in Imported Animals (SG/2012/35) (30 March 2012)
Aberdeen College Financial Statements for the Year to 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/22) (24 February 2012)
Adam Smith College Annual Accounts for the 12 months ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/74) (23 April 2012)
Alcohol etc. (Scotland) Act 2010: guidance for licensing boards (SG/2011/170) (22 August 2011)
Angus College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/23) (24 February 2012)
Anniesland College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/24) (24 February 2012)
Annual report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to Scottish Ministers for 2010-2011 (SG/2011/99) (18 July 2011)

Audit Scotland Annual Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2011 and Independent Auditor’s Report Thereon (22 June 2011)

Auditor General for Scotland under Section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000: the 2010/11 audit of the Scottish Government consolidated accounts (SG/2011/207) (4 October 2011)


Auditor General for Scotland under Section 22(3) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000: the 2010/11 Audit of the National Library of Scotland (SG/2011/260) (9 December 2011)


Ayrshire and Arran Health Board Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/194) (3 October 2011)

Banff and Buchan College of Further Education Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/26) (24 February 2012)


BIG Lottery Fund : Young Start : Dormant Bank and Building Society Account Funding for Scotland (SG/2012/18) (6 March 2012)


CalMac Ferries Ltd Directors’ report and financial statements 2010-2011 (SG/2011/135) (13 October 2011)

Cardiology services: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2012/1) (22 February 2012)


Carnegie College Annual Accounts 2010-11 (SG/2012/30) (24 February 2012)

Case 201003775: Lothian NHS Board - Royal Edinburgh and Associated Services Division; Case 201005204: The City of Edinburgh Council;
Volume 2 of 3; Case 201004743: Fife NHS Board; Case 201002867: Tayside NHS Board; Case 201003216: Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board; Volume 3 of 3; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations; (16 November 2011)

Case 201101334: Borders NHS Board; Volume 2 of 2; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations (15 February 2012)

City of Glasgow College Annual Report 2010-11 (SG/2012/31) (24 February 2012)


Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: statement accompanying the draft order to set annual targets for years in the period 2023-2027 (SG/2011/176) (5 September 2011)


Commission for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland Strategic Plan April 2012 to March 2016 (CES/2012/01) (28 March 2012)

Commissioning Social Care: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2012/2) (29 February 2012)

Commonwealth Games 2014 progress report 2: Planning for the delivery of the XXth Games: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2012/3) (21 March 2012)


Consultation on the Draft Student Fees (Specification) (Scotland) Order 2011 (SG/2011/130) (29 June 2011)


Cumbernauld College Report and Financial Statements of the Board of Management year ended 31 July 2011(SG/2012/41) (22 March 2012)
David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors’ report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/137) (13 October 2011)


Disabled Persons’ Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 Annual Report on Local Authorities Functions 1 October 2009 (Enforcement Date) to 31 March 2011 (SG/2012/12) (6 February 2012)


Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 August 2010 to 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/42) (22 March 2012)


Dundee College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/43) (22 March 2012)

Edinburgh’s Telford College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/44) (22 March 2012)

Electoral observation at United Kingdom elections (ELC/2011/1) (15 December 2011)

Elmwood College Report and Financial Statements for year ending 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/45) (22 March 2012)


Explanatory Document: The Public Services Reform (Recovery of Expenses in respect of Inspection of Independent Further Education Colleges and English Language Schools) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SG/2012/11) (31 January 2012)


Fife Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/197) (3 October 2011)


Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2012/6) (20 January 2012)


Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/235) (1 November 2011)


Highland Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/200) (4 October 2011)


Highlands and Islands Enterprise Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/219) (26 October 2011)


Housing Support Grant Order 2012-13 (SG/2012/10) (30 January 2012)

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 2011 (SG/2011/102) (6 July 2011)


Inverness College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/47) (22 March 2012)


Jewel and Esk College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/49) (22 March 2012)

John Wheatley College Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/50) (22 March 2012)


Kilmarnock College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/51) (22 March 2012)


Lanarkshire Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/201) (4 October 2011)

Langside College Glasgow Year End Accounts and the Report of the Board of Management for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/59) (11 April 2012)


Learning and Teaching Scotland Annual Review 2010/11 (SG/2011/266) (15 December 2011)


Lews Castle College Annual Accounts Year to 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/60) (11 April 2012)

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Amendment Order 2012: Report by Scottish Ministers (SG/2012/34) (29 February 2012)

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012: Report by the Scottish Ministers (SG/2012/8) (25 January 2012)


Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland Annual Report 2011 (SG/2012/37) (27 March 2012)


Motherwell College Financial Statements Year ending 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/62) (11 April 2012)


National Galleries of Scotland Annual Reports for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/248) (22 November 2011)


NHS National Services Scotland Director’s Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/210) (6 October 2011)


NHS Superannuation Scheme (Scotland) Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/263) (20 December 2011)


North Highland College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/75) (23 April 2012)


Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 2012-2015 (SG/2012/54) (2 April 2012)
Oatridge College Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011(SG/2012/64) (11 April 2012)
Office of Communications Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/186) (20 October 2011)
Parole Board for Scotland Annual Report 2010-11 (SG/2012/1) (10 January 2012)
Perth College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/65) (11 April 2012)
Police Grant and Variation (Scotland) Order 2012: Report by the Scottish Ministers under section 32(6) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967 (SG/2012/16) (20 February 2012)
Queen’s and Lord Treasurer’s Remembrancer Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/132) (1 September 2011)
Queen’s Printer for Scotland: Report covering the period 1 January 2010 to March 2011 (SG/2011/80) (29 September 2011)
Rathlin Ferries Limited Directors’ report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/139) (13 October 2011)
Review of Community Health Partnerships: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland and the Accounts Commission (AGS/2011/5) (1 June 2011)
Scotland’s Budget Documents 2012-13: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document for the year ending 31 March 2013 (SG/2012/3) (20 January 2012)
Scotland’s Budget Documents: The 2011-12 Spring Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2012 (SG/2012/4) (31 January 2012)
Scotland’s Commissioner for Children & Young People Strategic Plan 2012 - 2016 (CCYP/2012/01) (30 March 2012)
Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People Annual Report 2010/11 (CCYP/2011/03) (22 September 2011)
Scotland’s Public Finance: Addressing the Challenges (AGS/2011/07) (24 August 2011)
Scotland’s Budget Documents: the 2011-12 Autumn Budget Revision to the Budget (Scotland) Act for the year ending 31 March 2012 (SG/2011/209) (20 October 2011)
Scottish Civil Estate: Efficiency and Sustainability 2010/11 (SG/2011/180) (28 October 2011)
Scottish Consolidated Fund Receipts & Payments Account 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/254) (22 December 2011)
Scottish Court Service Corporate Plan 2011-14 (SCS/2011/1) (12 May 2011)
Scottish Government consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/112) (4 October 2011)
Scottish Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan 2012-2016 (SHRC/2012/01) (30 March 2012)
Scottish Information Commissioner’s Strategic Plan (SG/2012/19) (22 February 2012)
Scottish Legal Aid Board Annual Report 2010-2011 (SG/2011/82) (14 September 2011)
Scottish Legal Aid Board Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/81) (14 September 2011)
Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 01 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (SG/2012/73) (30 April 2012)
Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Budget 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (SG/2011/95) (26 May 2011)
Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics 2010-11 (SG/2012/17) (22 February 2012)
Scottish Natural Heritage Draft Code of Practice on Deer Management (SG 2011/225) (20 October 2011) Note: The Scottish Natural Heritage Draft Code of Practice on Deer Management (SG 2011/225) was withdrawn on 28 October 2011
Scottish Police Services Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2010–11 including Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA) and Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA) (SG/2011/253) (5 December 2011)
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for May 2011 (SPSO/2011/04) Case 200903956: Greater Glasgow and Clyde
NHS Board; Case 200901107: Scottish Ambulance Service; Case 200904350: Forth Valley NHS Board; Case 201000108: Borders NHS Board; Case 201001180: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board; Cases 201000102 and 201001848: Borders NHS Board and Lothian NHS Board (18 May 2011)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for June 2011 (SPSO/2011/05) Volume 1; Case 201002521: Scottish Prison Service; Case 201000373: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board; Case 201002391: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division; Case 201002641: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board; Volume 2; Case 201001241: Highland NHS Board Case 200903349: The City of Edinburgh Council; Case 201001871: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board; Volume 3; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations (22 June 2011)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for July 2011 (SPSO/2011/06); Volume 1;Case 200904272: South Lanarkshire Council; Case 201002536: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board; Case 201001398: The City of Edinburgh Council; Case 201003193: A Medical Practice, Fife NHS Board; Case 200903102: The Council; Volume 2; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations (20 July 2011)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for August 2011 (SPSO/2011/07); Volume 1; Case 200800448: Lothian NHS Board; Case 201002030: Lothian NHS Board; Case 201001620: Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board; Volume 2; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations; laid before the Scottish Parliament under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002 (24 August 2011)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for September 2011 (SPSO/2011/08); Volume 1; Case 201002636: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division; Case 201003274: The City of Edinburgh Council; Case 200904711: Scottish Borders Council; Volume 2; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations; (21 September 2011)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for November 2011 (SPSO/2011/10); Volume 1 of 3; Cases 201003473: Highland NHS Board

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for December 2011 (SPSO/2011/11); Volume 1 of 2; Cases 201003835: A Medical Practice, Lanarkshire NHS Board; Case 201005321: A Dentist, Highland NHS Board; Case 201003198: The Robert Gordon University; Case 201003783: Tayside NHS Board; Case 201004359: Grampian NHS Board; Case 201005047: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board; Volume 2 of 2; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations; (21 December 2011)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for January 2012 (SPSO/2012/01); Volume 1 of 2; Case 201002075: A Medical Practice, Forth Valley NHS Board; Case 201003696: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division; Case 201003402: Fife NHS Board; Case 201100257: Grampian NHS Board;
Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for February 2012 (SPSO/2012/02); Volume 1 of 2; Case 201003976: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division; Case 201003214: A Medical Practice, Lothian NHS Board; Case 201004092: A Medical Practice, Lothian NHS Board

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2012 (SPSO/2012/03); Volume 1 of 2; Case 201100385: A Medical Practice, Forth Valley NHS Board; Case 201002157: Midlothian Council; Case 201004897: Fife Council; Case 201101474: Fife NHS Board; Volume 2 of 2; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations (21 March 2012)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for April 2012 (SPSO/2012/04); Volume 1 of 3; Case 201004658: Lanarkshire NHS Board; Case 201101255: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board - Acute Services Division; Case 201004742: Highland NHS Board; Volume 2 of 3; Case 201100109: Fife NHS Board Case 201101426: Grampian NHS Board; Case 200904100: The Golden Jubilee National Hospital; Volume 3 of 3; Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations (25 April 2012)

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Strategic Plan 2012-2016 (SPSO/2012/SP) (20 April 2012)


Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Accounts for 2010-11 (SG/2012/5) (10 January 2012)


Scottish Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2011/262) (20 December 2011)


Scottish Water Interim Accounts for the six months to 30 September 2011 (SG/2011/282) (20 December 2011)

Sea Fish Industry Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2009/2010 (SG/2012/33) (7 March 2012)

Second Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2012/38) (26 March 2012)

Section 70 Grant Payments in accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2010-11 (SG/2011/115) (1 July 2011)

Section 70 Grant Payments in accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2010-11 (SG/2011/143) (6 July 2011) Note: Section 70 Grant Payments in accordance with: Transport Scotland Act 2001 Section 70(4) Financial Year 2010-11 (SG/2011/115) which was laid before the Parliament on 1 July 2011, has been withdrawn.

Shetland NHS Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/204) (5 October 2011)


South Lanarkshire College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 12 months ended 31st July 2011 (SG/2012/67) (11 April 2012)


Standards Commission Scotland Strategic Plan 2012 / 2016 (SCfS/2012/01) (28 March 2012)


Stevenson College Edinburgh Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/68) (11 April 2012)

Stow College Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2011 (SG/2012/69) (11 April 2012)


Succession Planning and Reappointments – Material Non Compliance with the Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland (CPA/2012/01) (22 March 2012)


Tayside Health Board annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/205) (5 October 2011)

Telehealth in Scotland: A main report and key messages summary prepared for the Auditor General for Scotland (AGS/2011/10) (12 October 2011)


West Lothian College Annual Report and Accounts 2010-2011 (SG/2012/70) (11 April 2012)
Western Isles Health Board Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2011/206) (5 October 2011)

12. Committee Reports

Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Devolution (Time) Bill (LCM (S4) 3.1) (SP Paper 18) (7 October 2011)
Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee, 3rd Report, 2012 (Session 4), Stage 1 Report on the Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 86) (6 March 2012)
Education and Culture Committee 1st Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 31) (9 November 2011)
Education and Culture Committee 1st Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 61) (12 January 2012)
Education and Culture Committee, 2nd Report 2012 (Session 2): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 74) (10 February 2012)
Education and Culture Committee, 5th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Finance (No.4) Bill 2012 (LCM(S4) 9.1) (SP Paper 124) (10 May 2012)


Finance Committee, 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Finance (No.3) Bill (LCM(S4) 1.1 (SP Paper 6) (23 June 2011)


Health and Sport Committee, 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Report on Inquiry into the Regulation of Care for Older People (SP Paper 40) (29 November 2011)


Health and Sport Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4), Stage 1 Report on the Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 83) (7 March 2012)


Health and Sport Committee, 4th Report, 2012 (Session 4), Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 113) (19 April 2012)

Health and Sport Committee, 5th Report, 2012 (Session 4), Inquiry into integration of health and social care (SP Paper 121) (4 May 2012)

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Housing Support Grant (Scotland) Order 2012 [Draft] and the Scottish Social Housing Charter (SP Paper 89) (13 March 2012)
Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures Bill (LCM(S4) 6.1) (SP Paper 37) (16 November 2011)
Justice Committee, 3rd Report, 2011 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill (LCM(S4) 4.1) (SP Paper 39) (23 November 2011)
Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Advice and Assistance (Assistance by Way of Representation) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SP Paper 78) (22 February 2012)
Justice Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Evidence in the Civil Partnership and Divorce Actions (Scotland) Order 2012 (SP Paper 105) (28 March 2012)
Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Living Wage in Scotland (SP Paper 69) (3 February 2012)
Public Audit Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): An overview of Scotland's criminal justice system (SP Paper 70) (8 February 2012)
Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 1st Report, 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 15) (30 September 2011)


Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 5th Report, 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation and guidance subject to approval (SP Paper 50) (16 November 2011)


Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 2nd Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 73) (10 February 2012)


Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee, 6th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate legislation (SP Paper 119) (27 April 2012)


Subordinate Legislation Committee, 4th Report 2010 (Session 4): Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 65) (25 January 2012)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 14th Report 2011 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 34) (9 November 2011)
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 18th Report 2011 (Session 4): Report on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 45) (6 November 2011)
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 1st Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 60) (11 January 2012)
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 2nd Report 2012 (Session 4): Budget (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 63) (25 January 2012)
Subordinate Legislation Committee, 3rd Report 2012 (Session 4): Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 64) (25 January 2012)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 6th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 71) (8 February 2012)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 7th Report 2012 (Session 4): Criminal Cases (Punishment and Review) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 72) (8 February 2012)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 10th Report 2012 (Session 4): Public Bodies Consent Memorandum on the draft Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts) Order 2012 (SP Paper 84) (1 March 2012)


Subordinate Legislation Committee, 14th Report 2012 (Session 4): Public Bodies Consent Memorandum on the Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (Abolition) Order 2012 [draft] (SP Paper 100) (21 March 2012)


Subordinate Legislation Committee, 16th Report 2012 (Session 4): Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 102) (22 March 2012)


Subordinate Legislation Committee, 19th Report 2012 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on Scotland Bill (SP Paper 112) (17 April 2012)


Subordinate Legislation Committee, 22nd Report 2012 (Session 4): Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 118) (25 April 2012)