PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2013 AT 9.00 AM

Attending: Tricia Marwick (chair), Elaine Smith, John Scott, Joe FitzPatrick, Paul Martin, John Lamont, Alison McInnes, John Finnie.

Observing: Bill Kidd, James Kelly.

Officials present: David McGill, Stephen Imrie, Nicola Dove, Billy McLaren, Gail Grant, Sarah Robertson.

1. Item 1a: Minutes of last meeting — The minutes of 19 March 2013 were agreed.

2. Item 1b: Matters arising — There were no matters arising.

3. Future Business Programme — The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament a business programme for the weeks commencing 15 and 22 April 2013. The Bureau noted the arrangements for the debate on Tuesday 26 March in the name of Rob Gibson MSP on behalf of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee.

It was noted that Members’ Business on Tuesday 16 April would be motion S4M-S4M-05710 David Torrance on Congratulating Save Wemyss Ancient Caves Society; on Wednesday 17 April would be motion S4M-05609 Kezia Dugdale on One Billion Rising; and on Thursday 18 April would be motion S4M-05696 Nigel Don on Scotland’s Butchers Lead the Way with Quality Produce.

4. Procedural motions: approval of SSIs — The Bureau agreed to recommend to the Parliament by motion that the following instruments be approved—

   Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Supplementary, Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions) Order 2013 [draft];

   Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2013 [draft];

   Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Investigations Procedure, Serious Incidents and Specified Weapons) Regulations 2013 [draft];

   National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013 [draft]; and

   Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013 [draft].

5. Legislation: Scottish Independence Referendum Bill: referral of Bill at Stage 1 — The Bureau agreed to refer the Bill to the Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee for consideration at Stage 1.
6. **Publication Scheme** — It was agreed that all papers considered at the meeting should be published.

7. **Date of next meeting** — The next meeting of the Bureau would be held at 9.00am on Tuesday 16 April.

Stephen Imrie
Clerk to the Parliamentary Bureau
26 March 2013