



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 1 October 2015

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. First Minister's Questions: Questions were answered by the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Taking Action to Protect Asylum Seekers and Refugees Across Europe: The Parliament debated S4M-14081 in the name of James Dornan—That the Parliament recognises the work of charities and organisations across Scotland, including the Greater Pollok Integration Network and Glasgow the Caring City based in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency that have supported asylum seekers and refugees in Glasgow for many years; notes the continuing forced displacement and refugee crisis with people seeking asylum or refuge from places including Syria, Libya and Eritrea arriving daily in Europe; appreciates that the numbers of people reaching Europe is dwarfed by people seeking refuge in neighbouring countries including Jordan; notes the deaths of at least 70 asylum seekers in the back of a truck close to the Austrian border; notes the comments of the Austrian interior minister, Johanna Mikl-Leitner, who said that “the tragedy again underlined the urgent need for common EU policies to protect migrants and to combat people traffickers”; considers the European response to date to have been lacklustre and the position of the UK Government to continue to stand on the sidelines to be senseless and untenable; believes it imperative that countries across Europe come together and put in place a European strategy to deal with the crisis both with people coming via the Mediterranean and those waiting in Calais; notes recent comments by Angela Merkel

and Francois Hollande looking to discuss such a strategy at the next meeting of the European Commission in October 2015, and further notes calls on the UK Government to join them in opting-in to the EU resettlement programme and taking other positive steps to assist across the continent and to stop playing politics with the lives of so many people seeking refuge from unimaginable hardship in their home countries.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-14424—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (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 20 minutes
Groups 7 to 9: 1 hour 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

12 (For 49, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
3 (For 27, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
6 (For 40, Against 70, Abstentions 0)
13 (For 33, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
14 (For 37, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
15 (For 33, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
16 (For 47, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
17 (For 44, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
18 (For 42, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
19 (For 41, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
20 (For 42, Against 64, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 11, 21 and 22.

6. Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-14421—That the Parliament agrees that the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
1 October 2015

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2015 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Private and Public Water Supplies (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 (SSI 2015/346)
laid under section 101(2) of the Water (Scotland) Act 1980 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 1 October 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

HM Fire Service Inspectorate Managing Automatic Fire Signals (SG/2015/125)
laid under section 43C(5) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

The Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 (SG/2015/136)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

2014/15 audit of the Scottish Government Consolidated Accounts (SG/2015/141)
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

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