The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Father Jeremy Bath, Parish Priest of SS John Cantius & Nicholas Catholic Church, Broxburn led Time for Reflection.

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

3. **Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Public Health (Maureen Watt) moved S4M-15003—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill.

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

4. **Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-14200—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Health (Tobacco, Nicotine etc. and Care) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

   The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 3 and 4 as noted above.
6. St Andrew's Day: The Parliament debated S4M-14714 in the name of Michael Russell—That the Parliament believes that it has long held the view that St Andrew’s Day should be celebrated as a full national holiday; notes the view that Scotland’s national day should be used to send an inclusive message to the country, its neighbours and the world about the people and prospects of the ancient nation while giving an opportunity to showcase its modern achievements and take forward economic opportunities, and hopes that the day will also help draw attention to the contribution of Scots in many different countries across the globe and in many different fields of endeavour while expressing the desire for unity and celebration among the diversity of faiths, cultures and ethnic origins that it believes is the reality of the nation today.

The meeting closed at 5.28 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
1 December 2015
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Legislative Consent Memorandum

The following memorandum was lodged on 01 December 2015—

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Legislative Consent Memorandum UK Armed Forces Bill (UK Parliament legislation) LCM(S4)39.1

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 30 November 2015 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

   laid under Paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Private Security Industry Act 2001