



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 5, No. 63 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 17 December 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. Syrian Air Strikes: The Parliament debated S4M-15046 in the name of John Wilson—That the Parliament considers that bombing densely populated areas in Syria, such as the city of Raqqa, will be ineffective in combatting the threat posed by Daesh and will inevitably lead to substantial numbers of civilian casualties; believes that an increase in Western military action in the Middle East will increase the likelihood of radicalisation both at home and abroad; considers that the UK can best offer support to the region through the use of diplomatic services and humanitarian aid, particularly in support of people fleeing the conflict; recognises that bombing will not bring about a peaceful resolution to the horrific situation in Syria; notes the strong feelings expressed across Scotland including in the Central Scotland region on this subject; praises the Don't Bomb Syria protests held in Glasgow, Edinburgh and elsewhere across the country in the week beginning 30 November 2015; welcomes that the vast majority of Scottish MPs voted against the UK Government's motion, and condemns the decision taken by the UK Parliament to launch air strikes in Syria.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15184—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (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:

Group 1: 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:
The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division):

- 1 (For 11, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 14, Against 95, Abstentions 0).

6. Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill: Jim Hume moved S4M-15146—That the Parliament agrees that the Smoking Prohibition (Children in Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

7. Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill: Stewart Stevenson, on behalf of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, moved S4M-15201—That the Parliament agrees that the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament (Amendment) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT)

8. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2.4, Decision Time be brought forward to 4.15 pm. The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 4.16 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
17 December 2015

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2015 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Welfare Funds (Scotland) Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under sections 3(4) and 4(5) of the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015

Dog Fouling (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Order 2016 [draft]
laid under section 15(3)(b) of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003

Advice and Assistance and Civil Legal Aid (Financial Conditions and Contributions) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft]
laid under section 37(2) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 December 2015 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Housing (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 5 and Consequential Provision) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/430 (C.58))
laid under section 101(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2014

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Specification of Persons) Amendment Order 2015 (SSI 2015/431)
laid under section 10(9)(a) of the Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Boards and Integration Joint Monitoring Committees) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/432)
laid under section 69(5) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 December 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/428 (C.56))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Management of Offenders etc. (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 8)
Order 2015 (SSI 2015/429 (C.57))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 17 December 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland Annual Report 2014/2015
(SG/2015/120)
laid under Section 82(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act
2012

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report and Accounts
2014-15 (SG/2015/131)—
Police Investigations & Review Commissioner Annual Report 2014-15
(SG/2015/223)—
laid under Section 43(5) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal
Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Young Start Annual Report 2014/15 (SG/2015/251)
laid under Schedule 3, Part 3, Paragraph 9 of the Dormant Bank and
Building Society Accounts Act 2008

Statement of the Scottish Ministers Summarising Written Observations on and
Modifications to the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of Vulnerable Groups
(Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2015 (SG/2015/260)
laid under section 14(4) of the Convention Rights (Compliance)
(Scotland) Act 2001

Six-Year Report on Progress with Marine Plans in Scotland (for period 2009-
2015) (SG/2015/261)
laid under Section 61 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Note: The Consultation Statement for the Police Act 1997 and the Protection of
Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 Remedial Order 2015 (SG 2015/255) was
laid before the Scottish Parliament on 11 December 2015 and has been withdrawn
and re-laid.

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