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. Charlie Hebdo: The Parliament debated S4M-15065 in the name of Christian Allard—That the Parliament reflects on the events that took place in Paris on 7 January 2015 at the Charlie Hebdo offices; remembers the journalists, the police officer and others who fell victim to the attack; recognises the tragedy as an attack on the right of free speech; remembers the coming together of French communities in France, across the world and Scotland in Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh, and considers that the people in Scotland joined them and that all MSPs stood shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with the people of France in their time of need at First Minister’s Questions.

4. Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15221—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Elections (Dates) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).
5. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15220—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Lobbying (Scotland) Bill.

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

6. **Lobbying (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15213—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Lobbying (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).

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

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
7 January 2016
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 8 January 2016—

Justice Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Community Justice Scotland as Specified Authority) Order 2016 (SP Paper 871)