



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 14 January 2016

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. Protecting Children from Harmful Content Online: The Parliament debated S4M-15111 in the name of Stewart Maxwell—That the Parliament is concerned about children and vulnerable people accessing potentially harmful content online, including in the West Scotland region; welcomes the announcement that the UK music industry, Vevo and YouTube have agreed that the pilot to age-rate music videos by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) should now be made permanent for videos produced by artists signed to major UK labels and that independent labels will also take part in this voluntary initiative; notes that, according to BBFC-commissioned research, 78% of parents value age ratings on online music videos and 75% would like online channels to link those ratings to parental controls; notes calls for US and other non-UK record labels to voluntarily submit online music videos for classification by the BBFC and also for more online platforms to carry prominent age ratings and content advice for music videos classified by the BBFC and link those age ratings to parental controls; welcomes the decision of Scotland's four mobile networks, EE, O2, Three and Vodafone, to place mobile content that would be age-rated 18 or R18 by the BBFC behind access controls and internet filters to restrict access to that content by people under 18, and further notes calls for

similar protections to be put in place for public WiFi and home broadband to ensure consistency of approach in protecting children from harmful content online.

4. Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance) moved S4M-15304—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 84, Against 20, Abstentions 0).

5. Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-15303—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill.

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

6. Scottish Fiscal Commission Bill: Financial Resolution: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-14626—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Scottish Fiscal Commission 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. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15324—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 19 January 2016—

after

followed by Final Stage Debate: National Galleries of Scotland Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Welfare Reform and Work Bill – UK Legislation

The motion was agreed to.

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

The meeting closed at 5.02 pm

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
14 January 2016

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 14 January 2016 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2016
[draft]
laid under section 133(2)(b) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 14 January 2016 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2016
(SSI 2016/12)
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967

Fireworks (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/18)
laid under section 16(3) of the Fireworks Act 2003

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 14 January 2016 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Serious Crime Act 2015 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision)
(Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/11 (C.1))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional
Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/13 (C.2))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Water Resources (Scotland) Act 2013 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2016
(SSI 2016/14 (C.3))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform
(Scotland) Act 2010

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 14 January 2016—

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 1st Report, 2016 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 880)

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