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. **New Global Goals, Leave No One Behind**: The Parliament debated S4M-15261 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament believes that 2015 was a critical year for people and for the planet, the year that countries around the globe committed to adopting what it considers an ambitious new development agenda that builds on the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); understands that the 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) constitute a promise to leave no one behind and place a deadline on global commitments, including goals to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality and tackle climate change by the year 2030; congratulates the worldwide campaign, Action/2015, on what it sees as its continued advocacy of the importance of SDGs, its success in securing ambitious SDGs and calling on politicians to commit to them; commends Heather Cameron, an Action/2015 ambassador from Dunbar Grammar School, on her campaign to promote commitment to and understanding of Scotland’s role in meeting the SDGs; recognises that young people can be important ambassadors for the achievement of the goals in Scotland, and recognises that the Parliament, businesses, schools and communities can all work together to achieve them.
4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15562—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Carers (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 5: 45 minutes  
Groups 6 to 9: 1 hour 40 minutes  
Groups 10 to 14: 2 hours 15 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Carers (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 33, 34, 39, 40, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 45 and 20.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

28 (For 48, Against 60, Abstentions 0)  
29 (For 56, Against 60, Abstentions 0)  
30 (For 56, Against 60, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of Parliament, withdrawn: 21, 22, 32, 35, 37, 43 and 44.

The following amendments were not moved: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 36, 38, 41, 42, 46 and 47.

6. Carers (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health (Jamie Hepburn) moved S4M-15561—That the Parliament agrees that the Carers (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

7. Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill: Richard Simpson moved S4M-14673—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 36, Against 59, Abstentions 12).

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 4 February 2016 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Gender Recognition (Marriage and Civil Partnership Registration) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/66)  
laid under section 24(5A) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Gender Recognition (Marriage and Civil Partnership Registration) (Modification) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/67)  
laid under section 25(5) of the Gender Recognition Act 2004

Seed (Licensing and Enforcement etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/68)  
laid under sections 16(1), (1A), (2), (3), 24(5) and 36 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Seed (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/69)  
laid under sections 16(1), (1A), (3)(i) and (5)(a) and 36 of the Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964

Building (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/70)  
laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2003

Building (Energy Performance of Buildings) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/71)  
laid under schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/72)  
laid under section 21(7) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Metal Dealers and Itinerant Metal Dealers) (Verification of Name and Address) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/73)  
laid under section 33C(7) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/74)  
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972 and section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Police Pensions (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/75)
laid under section 1(6) of the Police Pensions Act 1976

Charities Accounts (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/76)
laid under section 103(2) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Firefighters’ Compensation and Pension Schemes (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/77)
laid under section 60(5) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004

Firefighters’ Pension Scheme (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/78)
laid under section 24(2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013

Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/79)
laid under section 35 of the Fire Services Act 1947

National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Amendment (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/80)
laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/81)
laid under section 113(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Education (Fees, Awards and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/82)
laid under section 133 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and section 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983

Plant Health (Scotland) Amendment Order 2016 (SSI 2016/83)
laid under section 6(1) of the Plant Health Act 1967

Country of Origin of Certain Meats (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/84)
laid under section 48(3) of the Food Safety Act 1990 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Healthcare Improvement Scotland (Delegation of Functions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/86)
laid under section 105(2) of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978

National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/87)
laid under section 63(3) of the National Assistance Act 1948

Wester Ross Marine Conservation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/88)
laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010
Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016/89) laid under section 245C of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Loch Sunart to the Sound of Jura Marine Conservation Order 2016 (SSI 2016/90) laid under section 165(4) of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 4 February 2016 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/85 (C.10)) laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 4 February 2016 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—


Committee Reports

The following report was published on 5 February 2016—

Health and Sport Committee, 5th report 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 905)