The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Business Motion**: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-15939—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill—

(a) debate on the groups of amendments specified below shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion no later than the time limits indicated;

(b) time limits shall exclude any period 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 morning session being called or the first division following the lunch break being called) or otherwise not in progress:

**Morning session (time limits calculated from the beginning of stage 3 proceedings)**

Groups 1 and 2: 30 minutes  
Groups 3 and 4: 1 hour 10 minutes  
Group 5 and 6: 2 hours 10 minutes

**Afternoon session (time limits calculated from time following the lunch break at which Group 7 begins)**

Groups 7, 8 and 9: 45 minutes  
Groups 10, 11 and 12: 1 hour 25 minutes  
Groups 13 and 14: 1 hour 45 minutes
Groups 15, 16 and 17: 2 hours 10 minutes  
Groups 18, 19 and 20: 2 hours 55 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Scotland Bill - UK Legislation: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution and Economy (John Swinney) moved S4M-15941—That the Parliament notes the agreement on a fiscal framework for the Scotland Bill published by the Scottish and UK governments on 25 February 2016, and agrees that the Scotland Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 28 May 2015, as amended, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

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

3. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

4. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

5. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Parliament continued consideration of the Bill at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 2, 26, 27, 28, 29, 3, 4, 30, 5, 6, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 132, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 and 99.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

8  (For 95, Against 20, Abstentions 0)  
10 (For 97, Against 19, Abstentions 0)  
11 (For 95, Against 19, Abstentions 0)  
73 (For 81, Against 34, Abstentions 0)  
116 (For 102, Against 14, Abstentions 0)  
86 (For 86, Against 30, Abstentions 0)  
140 (For 101, Against 14, Abstentions 0)  
1  (For 101, Against 15, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

100 (For 33, Against 83, Abstentions 0)  
101 (For 21, Against 94, Abstentions 0)  
102 (For 23, Against 93, Abstentions 0)  
34B (For 38, Against 76, Abstentions 0)  
34C (For 38, Against 76, Abstentions 0)  
34D (For 38, Against 74, Abstentions 0)  
34E (For 38, Against 75, Abstentions 0)  
34F (For 38, Against 75, Abstentions 0)  
34G (For 38, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
The following amendments were moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn: 7, 72, 115 and 117.

The following amendments were not moved: 23, 24, 34H, 34I, 34J, 37A, 104, 106, 9, 111, 112, 113, 128, 130, 131, 133, 134 and 135.

6. Land Reform (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment (Richard Lochhead) moved S4M-15925—That the Parliament agrees that the Land Reform (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 102, Against 14, Abstentions 0).

7. Approval of SSIs: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved

S4M-15931—That the Parliament agrees that the Budget (Scotland) Act 2015 Amendment Regulations 2016 [draft] be approved.

S4M-15932—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Qualifying Material) Order 2016 be approved.

S4M-15933—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Landfill Tax (Standard Rate and Lower Rate) Order 2016 be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 2, 6 and 7 as noted above.

9. Schools Autism Awareness Week: The Parliament debated S4M-15289 in the name of Mark McDonald—That the Parliament welcomes the National Autistic Society (NAS) Scotland’s first Schools Autism Awareness Week, which is scheduled to run from 14 to 18 March 2016; understands that the aim of the week is to encourage schools across the country to help pupils understand autism by planning fun and imaginative lessons, activities and assemblies; notes that NAS Scotland has developed resources to support the schools that are taking part; believes that there is a great potential for the week to improve the lives of autistic people by helping children and young people better understand the condition, and hopes that a greater
awareness of it in schools will equip a new generation with the knowledge to accept and empathise with autistic people.

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm.

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

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 17 March 2016—


Health and Sport Committee, 9th report 2016 (Session 4): Annual Report 2015-16 (SP paper 951)

Health and Sport Committee, 10th report 2016 (Session 4): Legacy Report 2015-16 (SP paper 952)


Education and Culture Committee, 6th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Legacy Paper (SP Paper 962)


Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 10th Report, 2016 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 965)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 16 March 2016 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Borders College Report and Financial Statements for 16 months ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/39)—
City of Glasgow College Annual Report 2014-2015 (SG/2016/35)—
Dumfries and Galloway College Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2014 to 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/38)—
Fife College Annual Accounts 2014-15 (SG/2016/34)—
South Lanarkshire College Report and Financial Statements for the 16 month period ended 31 July 2015 (SG/2016/37)—
   laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000