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Thursday 20 March 2014

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 (Alex Salmond).

3. Anniversary of the 1984-85 Miners' Strike: The Parliament debated S4M-08941 in the name of Iain Gray—That the Parliament notes that March 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of the start of the 1984-85 miners' strike; further notes the strike's devastating impact on coalfield communities throughout Scotland and the UK, including those in the Lothians; commends the many thousands of people in Scotland who showed solidarity with the striking miners in their local communities and across the UK; understands with regret that nearly 30 years after the strike ended, there are still men who were wrongly arrested or convicted during the dispute who have never received justice, and welcomes plans to commemorate the strike's anniversary in East Lothian and in other communities around the UK.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-09409—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (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 4: 35 minutes
Groups 5 to 9: 1 hour 5 minutes
Groups 10 to 14: 1 hour 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 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, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 1 (For 35, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 2 (For 36, Against 74, Abstentions 0)

6. Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Bill – Stage3: The Minister for Energy, Enterprise and Tourism (Fergus Ewing) moved S4M-09365—That the Parliament agrees that the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

7. Motion without Notice: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick), on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved without notice that the Parliament agrees, under Rule 11.2.4 of Standing Orders that Decision Time be brought forward to 4.40 pm. The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 4.40 pm.

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Clerk of the Parliament
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