The meeting opened at 1.30 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr Stewart Gillan, Minister, St Michael’s Parish Church, Linlithgow led Time for Reflection.

2. **Ministerial Statement:** The First Minister (Alex Salmond) made a statement and answered questions on the Referendum Consultation.

3. **Budget (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-01773—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Budget (Scotland) Bill.

   The motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 40, Abstentions 14).

4. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01810—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

   Wednesday 1 February 2012

   2.30 pm  Time for Reflection
   followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions
   followed by  Ministerial Statement: Higher Education and Further Education Governance Reports
   followed by  Scottish Government Debate: The Year of Creative Scotland 2012
   followed by  Appointment of the Scottish Information Commissioner
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 2 February 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
  Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
2.55 pm Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 8 February 2012
2.30 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Budget (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motion
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 9 February 2012
9.15 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Scottish Government Business
11.40 am General Question Time
12.00 pm First Minister's Question Time
2.15 pm Themed Question Time
  Justice and the Law Officers; Rural Affairs and the Environment
2.55 pm Scottish Government Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members’ Business

The motion was agreed to.

5. Approval of SSI: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01811—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Social Services Inspections) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Approval of SSI: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01812—That the Parliament agrees that the Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (Excepted Services) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Establishment of Committee: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01813—That the Parliament shall establish a committee of the Parliament as follows:

Name of Committee: Welfare Reform Committee

Remit: To keep under review the passage of the UK Welfare Reform Bill and monitor its implementation as it affects welfare provision in Scotland and to consider relevant Scottish legislation and other consequential arrangements.

Duration: For the remainder of the current session of the Parliament.

Number of members: 7

Convenership: The Convener will be a member of the Scottish Labour Party and the Deputy Convener will be a member of the Scottish National Party.

Membership: Jamie Hepburn, Margaret Burgess, Annabelle Ewing, Kevin Stewart, Michael McMahon, Drew Smith, Alex Johnstone.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

8. Designation of Lead Committee: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01814—That the Parliament agrees that the Justice Committee be designated as the lead committee and that the Local Government and Regeneration Committee be designated as a secondary committee in consideration of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1.

The motion was agreed to (DT).
9. Office of the Clerk: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-01815—That the Parliament agrees that between 1 February 2012 and 31 January 2013, the Office of the Clerk will be open on all days except: Saturdays and Sundays, 6 and 9 April, 7 May, 1, 4 and 5 June, 30 November, 24 (pm), 25 and 26 December, and 1 and 2 January.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 as noted above.

11. Holocaust Memorial Day: The Parliament debated S4M-01700 in the name of Stewart Maxwell—That the Parliament notes that 27 January 2012 marks Holocaust Memorial Day, the 67th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and an opportunity for schools, colleges, faith groups and communities across Scotland to remember the six million men, women and children murdered by the Nazi regime in occupied Europe; further notes that the theme of Holocaust Memorial Day 2012 is Speak Up, Speak Out; values the Holocaust Educational Trust’s Lessons from Auschwitz Project, which gives two post-16 students from every school and college in Scotland the opportunity to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau; applauds Katie McKenna and Dominic Bradley, two former students of St Ninian’s High School in East Dunbartonshire, who took part in the project and who will deliver the Parliament’s Time for Reflection message on 18 January 2012; celebrates the Holocaust survivors who have enriched Scotland as a nation, and re-commits to ensuring that racism, sectarianism and bigotry are never allowed to go unchallenged in Scotland.

12. Motion without Notice: Stewart Maxwell moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.01 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
25 January 2012
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 19 January 2012

Budget (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision, for financial year 2012/13, for the use of resources by the Scottish Administration and certain bodies whose expenditure is payable out of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, for the maximum amounts of borrowing by certain statutory bodies and for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund; to make provision, for financial year 2013/14, for authorising the payment of sums out of the Fund on a temporary basis; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 9) (Budget Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney
Supported by: Alex Salmond, Bruce Crawford

Accompanying documents (SP Bill 9–AD) were printed to accompany the Bill

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 25 January 2012 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2012
laid under paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as modified by paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 to the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2012 and is subject to the negative procedure

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/11)
laid under section 163(2) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 23 January 2012 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure

The Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates’ Local Government Election Expenses) (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/16)
laid under sections 30 and 33 of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010
Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 20 January 2012 and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

- Final Outturn Report for the Scottish Administration for the year ended 31 March 2011 (SG/2012/6)
- Scotland’s Budget Documents 2012-13: Budget (Scotland) Bill Supporting Document for the year ending 31 March 2013 (SG/2012/3)

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 25 January 2012 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure


Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 25 January 2012—

- Subordinate Legislation Committee, 2nd Report 2012 (Session 4): Budget (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 63)
- Subordinate Legislation Committee, 3rd Report 2012 (Session 4): Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 64)
- Subordinate Legislation Committee, 4th Report 2010 (Session 4): Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 65)
- Subordinate Legislation Committee, 5th Report 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 66)