Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Brian Oxburgh, Minister, Tayport Parish Church led Time for Reflection.

2. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02903—That the Parliament agrees that, during Stage 3 of the National Library of 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: 30 minutes.

   The motion was agreed to.

3. **National Parenting Strategy for Scotland:** The Minister for Children and Young People (Aileen Campbell) moved S4M-02888—That the Parliament supports the Scottish Government’s aspiration to making Scotland the best place in the world for children to grow up; acknowledges that the vast majority of parents in Scotland already provide excellent support for their children; recognises the vital role that parents and carers play, not only in improving outcomes for children and young people in their care, but also in creating stronger communities and a more positive future for all; agrees that all parents need support at times and that parents and
carers bringing up children in difficult circumstances may need additional support; welcomes the development of a national parenting strategy as a way of driving forward the shared ambition for improving outcomes for children and young people across Scotland; supports the approach taken to gathering the views of a diverse range of 1,500 parents whose voices are not normally heard and using this as a foundation for the national parenting strategy; thanks the many organisations that have hosted discussion groups with parents on the Scottish Government’s behalf, and welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to continued working in partnership with parents and a wide range of partner agencies to develop the detail of the work.

Neil Bibby moved amendment S4M-02888.3 to motion S4M-02888—

Leave out from “development” to end and insert—

“input from many organisations; believes that kinship care should be an essential part of a National Parenting Strategy, and calls on the Scottish Government to bring forward Scotland-wide implementation of the promise made by the First Minister on 27 September 2007 to provide £10 million for kinship care allowances.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 38, Against 80, Abstentions 0).

Nanette Milne moved amendment S4M-02888.1 to motion S4M-02888—

Insert at end—

“; recognises that, as well as parents and carers, schools also have an important role to play in helping young people to appreciate the responsibilities that come with parenthood; pays tribute to the teachers who are trained in providing additional support requirements and who do so much to ensure that the most vulnerable young people are identified at the earliest age; notes with concern the recent evidence that indicates declining numbers of these teachers, and calls on the Scottish Government to address this concern as a matter of urgency.”

After debate, the amendment was disagreed to ((DT) by division: For 55, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

The motion was then agreed to (DT).

4. National Library of Scotland Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to without division: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

4 (For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
5 (For 52, Against 62, Abstentions 0)

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rule 9.8.4A(a).
5. **National Library of Scotland Bill - Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop) moved S4M-02878—That the Parliament agrees that the National Library of Scotland Bill be passed.

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

6. **Business Motion:** Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02901—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

*Wednesday 23 May 2012*

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Stage 1 Debate: Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*  Business Motions

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

*Thursday 24 May 2012*

9.15 am  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Scottish Government Debate: Why Languages Matter, Improving Young People’s Opportunities

11.40 am  General Question Time

12.00 pm  First Minister’s Question Time

2.00 pm  Themed Question Time

Infrastructure and Capital Investment; Culture and External Affairs

2.40 pm  Stage 3 Proceedings: Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm  Decision Time

*followed by*  Members’ Business

*Wednesday 30 May 2012*

2.30 pm  Time for Reflection

*followed by*  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by*  Scottish Government Business

*followed by*  Business Motions
The motion was agreed to.

7. Approval of SSI: Paul Martin, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-02902—That the Parliament agrees that the Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

9. A Road to Health: The Parliament debated S4M-01763 in the name of Alex Fergusson—That the Parliament commends the Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Forum for its participation in the Parliament's Third Community Partnerships Project and the report on its public consultation entitled Road to Health, which has identified a number of issues relating to the transport of older people to and from hospital and clinical appointments; notes that the forum’s conclusions highlight a belief that there is a need for NHS boards and local authorities to work together to maximise the effectiveness of transport for older patients and their carers attending hospital appointments and day care centres, and that adequate transport provision in remote and rural areas is vital for the health and wellbeing of older citizens; further notes the findings of the report that different regions of Scotland have different approaches to this issue, and believes that there is a need to develop a national strategy with best practice guidelines for the adequate provision of such transport to address the issues highlighted in Road to Health as soon as is practicable.
The meeting closed at 5.32 pm.

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 May 2012 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (Treatment of Office or Body as Specified Authority) Order 2012 [draft]
laid under section 18(4) of the Public Appointments and Public Bodies etc. (Scotland) Act 2003

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 16 May 2012 and are subject to the affirmative procedure—

Mental Health (Safety and Security) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 326(4) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010 (Ancillary Provision) Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 148(2)(a) of the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010

Licensed Legal Services (Specification of Regulated Professions) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft]
laid under section 146(3)(a)(vii) of the Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 14 May 2012 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (East Ayrshire Council) Designation Order 2012 (SSI 2012/137)
laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (East Ayrshire Council Parking Area) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/138)
laid under section 134(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (East Ayrshire Council) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/139)
laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991
Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (South Ayrshire Council) Designation Order 2012 (SSI 2012/140)
   laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991

Parking Attendants (Wearing of Uniforms) (South Ayrshire Council Parking Area) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/141)
   laid under section 134(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Road Traffic (Parking Adjudicators) (South Ayrshire Council) Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/142)
   laid under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991

Rural Payments (Appeals) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/143)
   laid under paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

**Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 11 May 2012 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

   Act of Sederunt (Actions for removing from heritable property) 2012 (SSI 2012/136)
   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 14 May and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

   laid under section 62 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

**Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 10 May 2012—

   Equal Opportunities Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 123)

   Education and Culture Committee, 5th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the Finance (No.4) Bill 2012 (LCM(S4)9.1) (SP Paper 124)
The following reports were published on 16 May 2012—

Welfare Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2012 (Session 4): Stage 1 Report on the Welfare Reform (Further Provision) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 125)


Subordinate Legislation Committee, 25th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP Paper 127)