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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 6 September 2012

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. River City: The Parliament debated S4M-03168 in the name of Annabel Goldie— That the Parliament notes that BBC Scotland's flagship drama, *River City*, will celebrate its 10th anniversary in September 2012; further notes that the programme, which is filmed in Dumbarton, attracts an average of 500,000 viewers a week and is regarded as an iconic contributor to Scottish drama and entertainment; praises the calibre and commitment of the actors and commends the scriptwriters for entertaining and topical storylines; considers that the programme has an important dimension as a social medium in tackling challenging social and current issues, and congratulates all those involved in the production of *River City* on creating a Scottish soap that has captured the hearts of so many Scottish viewers who tune in weekly to follow the eventful chronicle of life in Shieldinch.

4. Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 1: The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-03924—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 96, Against 15, Abstentions 0).

5. Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill - Financial Resolution: The Minister for Local Government and Planning (Derek Mackay) moved S4M-03534—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act; and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Appointment of Junior Scottish Ministers—The First Minister (Alex Salmond) moved S4M-04011—That the Parliament agrees that Joe FitzPatrick, Humza Yousaf, Margaret Burgess and Paul Wheelhouse be appointed as junior Scottish Ministers.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.37 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
6 September 2012

Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Subordinate Legislation

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 6 September 2012 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Registration Appeal Court) 2012 (SSI 2012/245)
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 6 September and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Consumer Focus Scotland: Water Annual Review 2011-2012 (SG/2012/163)
laid under section 7A of the Consumers, Estate Agents and Redress Act 2007

Committee Reports

The following report is being published on 7 September 2012—

Finance Committee, Report on the legislative consent memorandum on the
Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill (LCM(S4) 14.1) (SP Paper 181)

The following report was published on 7 September 2012—

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 41st Report 2012 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 182)

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