



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 31 October 2012

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

**1. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-04618—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (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 and 2: 30 minutes

Groups 3 and 4: 1 hour 5 minutes

Groups 5 and 6: 1 hour 30 minutes

Groups 7 and 8: 1 hour 50 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 16 was agreed to (by division: For 82, Against 33, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 8 (For 17, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 17, Against 94, Abstentions 0)
- 10 (For 50, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 17, Against 96, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
- 5 (For 52, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 13 (For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 14, Against 99, Abstentions 0)
- 15 (For 14, Against 101, Abstentions 0)
- 6 (For 34, Against 69, Abstentions 12)
- 7 (For 33, Against 69, Abstentions 14)
- 17 (For 15, Against 101, Abstentions 0)
- 18 (For 14, Against 102, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 14, Against 100, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 2 was moved, and with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

Amendment 12 was not moved.

**4. Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Minister for Housing and Welfare (Margaret Burgess) moved S4M-04598—That the Parliament agrees that the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc.) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 66, Against 20, Abstentions 32).

**5. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-04613—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 6 November 2012

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Permanence and Adoption

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 7 November 2012

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Rural Affairs and the Environment;  
Justice and the Law Officers

*followed by* Scottish Government Debate: Scotland's Relationship with Malawi

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 8 November 2012

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Government Debate: Road to Recovery, Drugs Strategy

*followed by* Legislative Consent Motion: UK Prisons (Interference with Wireless Telegraphy) Bill – UK Legislation

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 13 November 2012

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Wednesday 14 November 2012

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions  
Health and Wellbeing

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Business Motions

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

Thursday 15 November 2012

11.40 am Parliamentary Bureau Motions

11.40 am General Questions

12.00 pm First Minister's Questions

12.30 pm Members' Business

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body Questions

*followed by* Scottish Government Business

*followed by* Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

**6. Approval of SSI:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-04614—That the Parliament agrees that the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Incidental Provisions) Order 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**7. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 6 as noted above.

**8. The Vivarium Trust and Co-housing for Older People:** The Parliament debated S4M-03413 in the name of Roderick Campbell—That the Parliament welcomes the efforts by the Vivarium Trust to publicise the benefits of co-housing in North East Fife and across the country; supports efforts to establish a trial project in order to highlight what it considers to be the benefits associated with co-housing for older people, including security and mutual support among peers, autonomy, people retaining control over their own circumstances, companionship instead of isolation, a sense of belonging, community and commitment and affordability through shared costs, and understands that, since its inception in Denmark, these positive attributes have been widely associated with co-housing.

The meeting closed at 6.04 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
31 October 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 31 October 2012 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012 [draft]  
laid under section 16(5) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

**Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 31 October 2012 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Adults with Incapacity (Public Guardian's Fees) (Scotland) Amendment  
Regulations 2012 (SSI 2012/289)  
laid under section 86 of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000

Court of Session etc. Fees Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/290)  
laid under section 2(1) of the Courts of Law Fees (Scotland) Act 1895

High Court of Justiciary Fees Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/291)  
laid under section 2(1) of the Courts of Law Fees (Scotland) Act 1895

Justice of the Peace Court Fees (Scotland) Order 2012 (SSI 2012/292)  
laid under section 2(1) of the Courts of Law Fees (Scotland) Act 1895

Sheriff Court Fees Amendment Order 2012 (SSI 2012/293)  
laid under section 2(1) of the Courts of Law Fees (Scotland) Act 1895

**Other Documents**

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 31 October and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

The Scottish Civil Estate Efficiency and Sustainability 2011/12 (SG/2012/206)  
laid under section 76 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Standards Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2011/12 (SCfS/2012/02)  
laid under paragraph 10F to Schedule 1 of the Ethical Standards in  
Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Natural Heritage Annual Reports and Accounts Aithisg Bhliadhnail  
agus Cunntasan 2011/12 (SG/2012/225)

laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability  
(Scotland) Act 2000

### **Committee Reports**

The following reports were published on 31 October 2012—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 6th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Public Bodies Act orders – Standing Order rule changes (SP Paper 198)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 47th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 199)

Justice Committee, 13th Report, 2012 (Session 4): Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Prisons (Interference with Wireless Telegraphy) Bill (LCM(S4) 15.1) (SP Paper 200)



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