



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 19 December 2012

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05255—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business—

Wednesday 19 December 2012

after

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
 Health and Wellbeing

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Autumn Budget Statement

after

followed by Financial Resolution: Water Resources (Scotland) Bill

insert

followed by Legislative Consent Motion: Marine Navigation (No.2) Bill – UK Legislation

Thursday 20 December 2012

delete

2.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.30 pm Finance Committee Debate: Draft Budget 2013-14

and insert

2.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.15 pm Ministerial Statement: Waiting Times Audit Report

followed by Finance Committee Debate: Draft Budget 2013-14

The motion was agreed to.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Health and Wellbeing were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) made a statement and answered questions on the Autumn Budget Statement.

4. Water Resources (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-05229—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Water Resources (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to.

5. Water Resources (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-04853—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Water Resources (Scotland) Bill, agrees to 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.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. Marine Navigation (No. 2) Bill - UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-05259—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Marine Navigation (No. 2) Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 20 June 2012, relating to the Harbours Act 1964 and the Pilotage Act 1987, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05239—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 8 January 2013

2.00 pm Time for Reflection
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
followed by Topical Questions (if selected)
followed by Finance Committee Debate: Employability
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 9 January 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Infrastructure, Investment and Cities;
Culture and External Affairs
followed by Scottish Government Debate: Oil and Gas, The Success and Opportunities
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 10 January 2013

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: Action to Support Youth Employment
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 15 January 2013

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 16 January 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 17 January 2013

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 Business
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

8. Approval of SI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05240—That the Parliament agrees that the Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) (No.2) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

9. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05241—That the Parliament agrees that the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (Scottish Land Court) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05242—That the Parliament agrees that the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 as noted above.

12. Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters' Marine Energy Constraints: The Parliament debated S4M-05150 in the name of Rob Gibson—That the Parliament notes with alarm the recent report from Scottish Renewables suggesting that the costs of grid connection and transmission for the delivery of electricity produced from marine renewables in the Marine Energy Park area, which comprises of sites in the Pentland Firth and Orkney waters, are set to soar; understands that this follows new charges from Ofgem that will result in a transmission regime that will increase costs by 91%; notes that the estimates of the projected annual connection charges for the Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters area have increased from £56 million in 2011 to £107 million by 2020; understands that this contrasts with an annual subsidy of some £2 million that would have been available had these been commissioned in the waters off south-west England; believes that clean green energy brings massive potential for renewables and that the sector is already delivering jobs and investment in the Pentland Firth area, and expresses strong concern that, because of a UK regulatory system that it considers unfit for purpose, there is continued discrimination against the marine renewables sector in Scotland that could hinder the sector's development.

The meeting closed at 5.46 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
19 December 2012

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 December 2012 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2012 (SI 2012/3073)
laid under Section 115 of, and Schedule 7, paragraph 1 to, the
Scotland Act 1998

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 19 December and are not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Investigation Reports
and Report of Discontinued Investigations (SPSO/2012/12)-
Case 201102521: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Case 201103604: Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board
Case 201002095: University of Stirling
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public
Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Architecture+Design Scotland Annual Report 2011/12 (SG/2012/36)
laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the
Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

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