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Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 16 January 2013

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-05377—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Freedom of Information (Amendment) (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 3: 45 minutes
Groups 4 to 7: 1 hour 20 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

2. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Education and Lifelong Learning were answered by the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers.

3. Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 3 and 13.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 10 (For 63, Against 52, Abstentions 0)
- 11 (For 75, Against 40, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 7 (For 40, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
- 9 (For 40, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- 8 (For 39, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 50, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 39, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
- 14 (For 41, Against 74, Abstentions 0)
- 12 (For 49, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 2 was pre-empted.

Amendment 5 was not moved.

4. Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-05362—That the Parliament agrees that the Freedom of Information (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05368—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 22 January 2013

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 1 Debate: Budget (Scotland) Bill 2013-14

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 23 January 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Tackling Fuel Poverty

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Review of Cross-Party Groups

followed by Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee Debate: Review of Section 7 of the Code of Conduct

followed by Public Body Consent Motion: The Public Bodies (Abolition of British Shipbuilders) Order 2013

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 24 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: Scotland's Mental Health Strategy

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 29 January 2013

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 30 January 2013

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 Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 31 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.

6. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-05369—That the Parliament agrees that the Knife Dealers (Licence Conditions) (Scotland) 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. Sustainable Biomass: The Parliament debated S4M-04966 in the name of Rhoda Grant—That the Parliament welcomes the Scottish Government's stated intention that sustainable biomass should be recognised as a limited resource and that it should be used at an appropriate scale and primarily for heat and high-efficiency combined heat and power; notes that the EU renewable energy directive calls for a minimum efficiency rating of 70% for industrial applications; also notes concerns in the wood processing industry throughout Scotland and particularly in the Highlands and Islands regarding wood supply and understands that wood products provide a carbon store; looks forward to the outcome of and would welcome a widespread response to the Scottish Government's supplementary consultation on

the Renewables Obligations Banding Review, for which the deadline for views on the proposals on biomass sustainability criteria is 11 January 2013.

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
16 January 2013

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 January 2013 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Transfer of Children to Scotland – Effect of Orders made in England and Wales or Northern Ireland) Regulations 2013 [draft]

laid under section 190(2)(c) of the Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 January 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Assistance to Registered Social Landlords and Other Persons) (Grants) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/7)

laid under section 109(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001

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