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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 27 March 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Portfolio Questions: Questions on Infrastructure, Investment and Cities and on Culture and External Affairs were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

2. Emergency Question: An emergency question on emergency legislation to mitigate the impact of the so-called bedroom tax was answered by the Deputy First Minister (Government strategy and the Constitution) and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved S4M-06059—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 64, Against 54, Abstentions 3).

4. Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved S4M-06018—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Post-16 Education (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).

5. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-6077—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 16 April 2013

2.00 pm Time for Reflection

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions (if selected)

followed by Scottish Government Debate: Universal Services

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Wednesday 17 April 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Education and Lifelong Learning

followed by Scottish Green Party and Independent Group Business

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business

Thursday 18 April 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 Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee Debate: Public Sector Procurement

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 23 April 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 24 April 2013

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm Portfolio Questions
Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth
followed by Scottish Government Business
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time
followed by Members' Business

Thursday 25 April 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-6078—That the Parliament agrees that the National Bus Travel Concession Scheme for Older and Disabled Persons (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

S4M-6080—That the Parliament agrees that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

S4M-6081—That the Parliament agrees that the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Investigations Procedure, Serious Incidents and Specified Weapons) Regulations 2013 [draft] be approved.

S4M-6083—That the Parliament agrees that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Supplementary, Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

S4M-6085—That the Parliament agrees that the Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to (DT).

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 6 as noted above.

8. Bicentenary Celebrations of Dr David Livingstone's Birth: The Parliament debated S4M-05547 in the name of James Kelly—That the Parliament commemorates the life and legacy of Dr David Livingstone, considered Blantyre's most famous son and Scotland's greatest explorer and missionary; understands that, at the age of 10, Dr Livingstone began working in the Blantyre Cotton Mill as a piecer and, despite working a 14-hour day, he persevered with his studies and, after qualifying as a doctor, became a missionary and explorer in Africa, where he played a key role in ending slavery, especially in Malawi, which continues to have strong links to Scotland; applauds Dr Livingstone's contributions in Africa generally and Malawi specifically and considers that, during his 30 years in Africa, he contributed enormously in the fields of education, healthcare, trade and commerce; notes that the bicentenary celebrations in Blantyre are being supported by funding from the National Trust for Scotland, Scottish Government, South Lanarkshire Council and the Scotland–Malawi Partnership, which promotes links between the two countries; believes that the 200th anniversary of Dr Livingstone will give people the opportunity to learn of the explorer's early home life in Blantyre and encourage further interest in his achievements and explorations; considers that Scotland enjoys important links with Malawi and reaffirms its commitment to the cooperation agreement between the countries that was signed in 2005 by Lord McConnell and President Mutharika, which pledges engagement on "civic governance and society, sustainable economic development, health and education", and looks forward to what it hopes will be a series of successful events in honour of a man whom it believes to be one of Scotland's greatest figures and whose legacy continues to have a positive impact on the people of Malawi.

9. Motion without Notice: James Kelly moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
27 March 2013

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

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

National Health Service Superannuation Scheme etc. (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/109)
laid under section 12(6) of the Superannuation Act 1972

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 23 November 2012 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

The First Annual Report on the Operation of Section 66 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 (SG/2012/240)
laid under section 66(1) of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 21 March 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

National Records of Scotland – Statistical Bulletin – 2011 Census: First Results on Population and Household Estimates for Scotland – Release 1B (SG/2013/26)
laid under section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920.

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 26 March 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Business Plan 2013-2016 (SG/2013/28)
laid under Schedule 3 to the Energy Act 2004.

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 27 March 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium of Case Reports for March 2013 (SPSO/2013/03) —

Case 201200733: Western Isles NHS Board
Case 201103415: Aberdeenshire Council
Case 201104213: Tayside NHS Board
Case 201201006: Tayside NHS Board
laid under Sections 15(1) and 15(1A) of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002

Committee Reports

The following reports are being published on 28 March 2013—

Welfare Reform Committee, 1st Report, 2013 (Session 4): The Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/65) (SP Paper 297)

Justice Committee, 5th Report, 2013 (Session 4): Inquiry into purposeful activity in prisons (SP Paper 299)

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