



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 28 March 2013

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

**1. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-06125—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Thursday 28 March 2013—

delete

2.30 pm            Stage 3 Proceedings: High Hedges (Scotland) Bill

and insert

2.30 pm            Ministerial Statement: De-crofting by Owner Occupier Crofters

*followed by*      Stage 3 Proceedings: High Hedges (Scotland) Bill

The motion was agreed to.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-06124—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the High Hedges (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: 35 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

**3. General Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

**4. First Minister's Questions:** Questions were answered by the First Minister (Alex Salmond).

**5. Bowel Cancer, Don't Take a Chance, Take the Test:** The Parliament debated S4M-05656 in the name of Sandra White—That the Parliament welcomes the launch of the campaign to encourage people between the ages of 50 and 74 to participate in bowel screening; understands that bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in Scotland with early detection resulting in nine out of 10 people surviving the cancer; further understands that Glasgow has the highest rate of deaths from bowel cancer in Scotland; welcomes what it sees as the success of other campaigns such as the breast cancer campaign, part of the Scottish Government's £30 million detect cancer early drive, which aims to increase the early detection of cancer by 25%, and hopes that the bowel screening campaign will be as successful in raising awareness and early detection of bowel cancer.

**6. Ministerial Statement:** The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Paul Wheelhouse) made a statement and answered questions on De-crofting by Owner Occupier Crofters.

**7. High Hedges (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 5 was agreed to (without division).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 2 (For 42, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 44, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 4 (For 43, Against 63, Abstentions 0).

**8. High Hedges (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** Mark McDonald moved S4M-06038—That the Parliament agrees that the High Hedges (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**9. Decision Time:** The Parliament took a decision on item 8 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
28 March 2013

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

**New Bills introduced on 27 March 2013**

**Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to enable provision to be made for the purpose of promoting regulatory consistency; to enable provision to be made, and to make provision, as respects regulatory activities, and offences, relating to the environment; to make provision about regulatory functions relating to marine licensing, planning and street traders' licences; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 26) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Supported by: Fergus Ewing, Paul Wheelhouse

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 26-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 26-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

**Subordinate Legislation**

**Negative instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No 2) (Fees of Shorthand Writers) 2013 (SSI 2013/111)  
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

**Laid only instruments**

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2013 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Shorthand Writers in the Sheriff Court) (Amendment) 2013 (SSI 2013/112)  
laid under section 28(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

**Other Documents**

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Third Annual Report on the Operation of Section 72 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009: SG/2013/6 —

laid under section 73 the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

Strategic Police Plan (SPA/2013/1) —

laid under section 34(7)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 28 March 2013 and is subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Police Scotland Annual Force Plan 2013/14 (PSOS/2013/01) —

laid under section 34(7)(b) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

### **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 28 March 2013—

National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc.) Bill Committee, 1st Report, 2013 (Session 4): Preliminary Stage Report on the National Trust for Scotland (Governance etc.) Bill (SP Paper 298)



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