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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 25 April 2013

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

The meeting opened at 11.40 am.

1. General Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.

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

3. Workers' Memorial Day 2013: The Parliament debated S4M-05930 in the name of John Pentland—That the Parliament welcomes International Workers' Memorial Day on 28 April 2013, an annual day of global action to defend and promote health and safety rights and to “Remember the dead; Fight for the living”; applauds the numerous events being organised to remember those who have died in or been made ill by the workplace; supports the proposal for a steelworkers memorial to be erected at Ravenscraig; understands that, in the UK, over 20,000 people die prematurely every year as a result of injuries or accidents caused by their work and that, worldwide, there are two million people, more than are killed in wars; notes what it considers the important role of trade unions, with research suggesting that, without union involvement, workplace injury and illness increases significantly; understands that many trade unionists were included in the Consulting Association blacklist because they had expressed health and safety concerns; expresses deep concern over so-called low-risk workplaces, which will no longer receive unannounced inspections despite reportedly accounting for almost half of workplace deaths, and hopes that this annual day will continue to grow in stature and observance and thereby further the cause of workers' rights and safety.

4. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved motion S4M-06294—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill.

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

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
25 April 2013

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 25 April 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

First Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 (SG/2013/45)
laid under sections 33(1)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012.

Scottish Government First Annual Report on the Implementation and Operation of Part 3 (Financial Provisions) of the Scotland Act 2012 (SG/2013/44)
laid under sections 33(2)(c) of the Scotland Act 2012.

Anniesland College Report & Accounts 31st July 2012 (SG/2013/50)

Banff and Buchan College of Further Education Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2012 (SG/2013/51).

Barony College Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the period 1 August 2011 to 30 September 2012 (SG/2013/52).

Carnegie College Annual Accounts 2011-12 (SG/2013/53).

City of Glasgow College Annual Report and Financial Statements 2011-12 (SG/2013/54).
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 25 April 2013—

Public Audit Committee, 2nd Report, 2013 (Session 4): Interim framework for auditing the Scottish rate of income tax (SP Paper 310)

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