



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Vol. 3, No. 19 Session 4

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 25 June 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Matthew Bicket, Minister, Carnoustie Panbride Church led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07138—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 25 June 2013 and Thursday 27 June 2013—

Tuesday 25 June 2013

delete

2.00 pm Time for Reflection – Reverend Matthew Bicket, Minister, Carnoustie Panbride Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

6.00 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – S4M-06245 Dave Thompson: Review of Specialist Heart Failure Nurse Services

and insert

2.00 pm Time for Reflection – Reverend Matthew Bicket, Minister, Carnoustie Panbride Church

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

followed by Member's Oath/Affirmation – Mark McDonald

followed by Topical Questions

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Crofting (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill

followed by Financial Resolution: Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill

followed by Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.40 pm Decision Time

followed by Members' Business – S4M-06245 Dave Thompson: Review of Specialist Heart Failure Nurse Services

Thursday 27 June 2013

delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

4.30 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07130—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (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, 2, 3 and 4: 20 minutes,
Groups 5 and 6: 50 minutes,

Groups 7 and 8: 1 hour and 20 minutes,
Groups 9, 10 and 11 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Oaths and Affirmations: Mark McDonald made his solemn affirmation before the Clerk.

5. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Ministers.

6. Crofting (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Environment and Climate Change (Paul Wheelhouse) moved S4M-07106—That the Parliament agrees that the Crofting (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

7. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 and 68.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

9 (For 50, Against 66, Abstentions 0)
69 (For 40, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
70 (For 14, Against 102, Abstentions 0)
71 (For 51, Against 65, Abstentions 0)
26 (For 49, Against 67, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were not moved: 72, 73 and 74.

The Deputy Presiding Officer extended the time-limits under Rule 9.8.4A(c).

8. Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-07107—That the Parliament agrees that the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

9. Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution: The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-06730—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill, agrees to any expenditure of a kind referred to in paragraph 3(b) of Rule 9.12 of the Parliament's Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

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

11. Review of Specialist Heart Failure Nurse Services: The Parliament debated S4M-06245 in the name of Dave Thompson—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the Review of Specialist Heart Failure Nurse Services by the Scottish Heart Failure Nurse Forum supported by Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland and the British Heart Foundation Scotland; understands that heart failure is a life-limiting condition for which there is no cure, that, unlike other cardiac conditions, its prevalence is rising and that it is estimated to affect up to 100,000 people in Scotland; considers that specialist heart failure nursing services reduce unnecessary hospitalisation for people with heart failure by around 35%, resulting in savings of around £1,826 per patient to the NHS; understands that NHS Highland meets the minimum Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) guidelines ratio of 1:100,000 specialist nurses per head of population and provides specialist support to nearly 300 patients per year, but, given that NHS Highland covers 41% of NHS Scotland's geographical area, travel times inevitably reduce the capacity of the service; considers that these pressures mean that there is limited capacity to deliver education and share skills and expertise with community staff to ensure that heart failure patients receive the support that they need; is concerned that, despite the strength of the evidence base, only four out of 14 NHS boards meet the minimum ratio of specialist heart failure nurses to population level laid out in SIGN guidelines from 2007, that the overall number of whole-time-equivalent posts in Scotland has fallen since 2008 despite the rising prevalence and that one board has no specialist heart failure nursing service in place at all, and notes calls for all NHS boards to ensure that, as a minimum, they meet the SIGN guidelines on whole-time-equivalent posts for what it sees as these crucial services.

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
24 June 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 25 June 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Vulnerable Witnesses (Giving evidence in relation to the determination of Children's Hearing grounds: Authentication of Prior Statements) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/215)
laid under section 22A(12) of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004

Laid only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 24 June 2013 and is not subject to any Parliamentary procedure—

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 11 and Saving Provision) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/214 (C.15))
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 24 June 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Annual Report & Accounts 2012/2013 (SG/2013/95)
laid under sections 14(8) and 26(11) of the Energy Act 2004

Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Annual Report and Accounts 2012/13 (SG/2013/84)
laid under article 13 of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board Order 2008

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

HM Courts & Tribunals Service Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13 (SG/2013/85)
laid under section 88 of the Scotland Act 1998

Scottish Commission for Human Rights Annual Report 2012/2013
(SHRC/2013/01)

laid under section 15 (1) of the Scottish Commission for Human Rights
Act 2006

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 June 2013—

European and External Relations Committee, 4th Report, 2013 (Session 4):
Report on the Scottish Government's Country Plan for China and International
Framework (SP Paper 363)

The following reports were published on 25 June 2013—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 39th report 2013 (Session 4):
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 372)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 40th report 2013 (Session 4):
Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 373)

The following reports are being published on 26 June 2013—

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 6th Report,
2013 (Session 4): the Draft Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to
Public Bodies in Scotland (SP Paper 371)

Local Government and Regeneration Committee, 9th Report, 2013 (Session
4): Report on Public Services Reform in Scotland: Strand 3 – Developing New
Ways of Delivering Services (SP Paper 370)

Health and Sport Committee, 7th report 2013 (Session 4): Subordinate
Legislation (SP Paper 374)

Produced and published in Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body by APS Group Scotland

All documents are available on
the Scottish Parliament website at:

www.scottish.parliament.uk

For details of documents available to
order in hard copy format, please contact:
APS Scottish Parliament Publications on 0131 629 9941.

For information on the Scottish Parliament contact
Public Information on:

Telephone: 0131 348 5000
Textphone: 0800 092 7100
Email: sp.info@scottish.parliament.uk

ISBN 978-1-78351-497-7

© Parliamentary copyright. Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

Information on the Scottish Parliament's copyright policy can be found on the website -
www.scottish.parliament.uk or by contacting Public Information.