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Meeting of the Parliament

Wednesday 26 June 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-07154—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Post-16 Education (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 6:	1 hour 35 minutes,
Groups 7 to 9:	2 hours,
Groups 10 to 12:	2 hours 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. Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, 31, 34, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52,

54, 110, 62, 64, 67, 68, 75, 77, 78, 80, 84, 86, 87, 88, 92, 93, 116, 117, 118, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 119 and 120.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 35 (For 81, Against 35, Abstentions 0)
- 53 (For 101, Against 12, Abstentions 0)
- 65 (For 60, Against 53, Abstentions 0)
- 66 (For 61, Against 53, Abstentions 0)
- 69 (For 99, Against 22, Abstentions 0)
- 70 (For 61, Against 53, Abstentions 0)
- 79 (For 101, Against 12, Abstentions 0)
- 85 (For 63, Against 17, Abstentions 32)
- 89 (For 63, Against 48, Abstentions 0)
- 90 (For 62, Against 49, Abstentions 0)
- 91 (For 63, Against 48, Abstentions 0)
- 99 (For 60, Against 49, Abstentions 0).

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

- 5 (For 36, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 100 (For 36, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 3 (For 36, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 16 (For 36, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 101 (For 37, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 102 (For 37, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
- 103 (For 37, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 32, Against 80, Abstentions 0)
- 26 (For 35, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 27 (For 52, Against 64, Abstentions 0)
- 28 (For 53, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 30 (For 35, Against 81, Abstentions 0)
- 32 (For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 33 (For 54, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 36 (For 54, Against 62, Abstentions 0)
- 37 (For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 38 (For 53, Against 63, Abstentions 0)
- 105 (For 41, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
- 106 (For 37, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
- 107 (For 36, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
- 108 (For 37, Against 77, Abstentions 0)
- 109 (For 37, Against 76, Abstentions 0)
- 60 (For 35, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
- 61 (For 35, Against 79, Abstentions 0)
- 63 (For 53, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
- 112 (For 53, Against 59, Abstentions 0)
- 1 (For 35, Against 78, Abstentions 0)
- 71 (For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 2)
- 72 (For 51, Against 61, Abstentions 2)
- 73 (For 51, Against 60, Abstentions 0)

74 (For 53, Against 61, Abstentions 0)
76 (For 35, Against 75, Abstentions 0)
4 (For 40, Against 73, Abstentions 0)
81 (For 50, Against 60, Abstentions 2)
115 (For 52, Against 60, Abstentions 0)
2 (For 32, Against 79, Abstentions 0).

Amendment 44 was moved and, with the agreement of the Parliament, withdrawn.

The following amendments were pre-empted: 55, 56, 57, 58 and 59.

The following amendments were not moved: 82 and 83.

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

4. Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Michael Russell) moved S4M-07108—That the Parliament agrees that the Post-16 Education (Scotland) Bill be passed.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

5. Motion without Notice: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau moved without notice that, under Rule 11.2, Decision Time begin at 6.25 pm.

The motion was agreed to.

6. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07139—That the Parliament agrees the following programme of business—

Tuesday 3 September 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 4 September 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 5 September 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 Business Motions

followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions

5.00 pm Decision Time

Tuesday 10 September 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 11 September 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 12 September 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 Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07140—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Bankruptcy and Debt Advice (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 20 December 2013.

The motion was agreed to.

8. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07141—That the Parliament agrees that consideration of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill at stage 1 be completed by 6 December 2013.

The motion was agreed to.

9. Designation of Lead Committee: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07144—That the Parliament agrees that the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill be referred at stage 2 to the Justice Committee in terms of sections 1 to 25 and 28 to 31 and to the Health and Sport Committee in terms of sections 26 and 27.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

10. Approval of SSI: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07145—That the Parliament agrees that the Public Services Reform (Functions

of the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service) (Scotland) Order 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

11. Parliamentary Recess Dates: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-07156—That the Parliament agrees the following parliamentary recess dates under Rule 2.3.1: 8 to 16 February 2014 (inclusive), 5 to 20 April 2014 (inclusive), 28 June to 3 August 2014 (inclusive), 23 August to 21 September 2014 (inclusive), 11 to 26 October 2014 (inclusive) and 20 December 2014 to 4 January 2015 (inclusive).

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 65, Against 51, Abstentions 0).

12. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 4, 9, 10 and 11 as noted above.

13. ASH Scotland's 40th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S4M-06389 in the name of Duncan McNeil—That the Parliament notes that 2013 is the 40th anniversary of the founding of ASH Scotland; notes that the health charity works with a wide range of partners in pursuit of “a healthier Scotland, free from the harm and inequality caused by tobacco”; understands that, during this time, the smoking rate among adults in Scotland has halved to 23.3%; believes that this has brought huge benefits, with one million people having greatly reduced risk of contracting cancer, heart disease, stroke and other conditions; believes that preventing children from taking up smoking, protecting people from second-hand smoke and supporting smokers who want to quit is crucial to further improving health in Greenock and Inverclyde and across the country, and looks forward to a time when the only people who smoke are the small number of adults who actively choose to do so.

The meeting closed at 6.59 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
26 June 2013

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

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 26 June 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2012/13: SG/2013/120
laid under section 57(8) of the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 and
section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act
2000

Scottish Commissioner for Children and Young People Ninth Annual Report,
2012/2013 (CCYP/2013/01)
laid under section 10 of the Commissioner for Young People (Scotland)
Act 2003

Committee Reports

The following Report is being published on 27 June 2013—

Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, 6th Report, 2013 (Session
4): Report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on High Speed Rail
(Preparation) Bill (SP Paper 375)

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