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Meeting of the Parliament

Thursday 14 November 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. 100 Years of Conservation, Research and Education at Edinburgh Zoo: The Parliament debated S4M-07752 in the name of Colin Keir—That the Parliament commemorates the centenary of Edinburgh Zoo, which was opened by Thomas Gillespie, founder of The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) in July 1913 and which remains the only zoological park in the UK to have a Royal Charter; notes what it considers the varied programme of events planned to commemorate the centenary year, including exhibitions, lectures and interactive events for children and adults; considers that the legacy of Thomas Gillespie has been continued into the 21st century, with Edinburgh Zoo a world-recognised centre of conservation for threatened domestic and international species, undertaking projects such as the Scottish Beaver Trial, the Pantanal Conservation and Research Initiative, the Cairngorm Wildcat Project Nyungwe Ecology Project, African Wild Dog Conservation, Water Vole Conservation, the Budongo Conservation Field Station and the Henderson Island Restoration Project; commends the in-the-field research and what is considered the highly significant international conservation work that the RZSS undertakes, most notably, the China/UK Giant Panda Project, a world-first research project to reintroduce giant pandas into the wild; considers that Edinburgh Zoo has a particular focus on education and has, as such, garnered an international

reputation for excellence in the study of animals and their environments both in captivity and in the wild, with teams of experts working at the vanguard of scientific research to further investigate applied conservation genetics, population management, veterinary science, animal behaviour, ecology and nutrition, and understands that the design of the animal enclosures, which were originally based on the idea of the open zoo at Hamburg designed by Carl Hagenbeck, are constantly evolving in line with the continually expanding knowledge of physical and psychological animal welfare.

4. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-08297—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Scottish Independence Referendum 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 4: 40 minutes

Groups 5 to 7: 1 hour and 30 minutes

Groups 8 and 9: 1 hour 45 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

5. Scottish Independence Referendum 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, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 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.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

56 (For 49, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

57 (For 51, Against 64, Abstentions 0)

Amendment 58 was not moved.

6. Scottish Independence Referendum Bill: The Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-08239—That the Parliament agrees that the Scottish Independence Referendum Bill be passed.

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

7. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-08299—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 19 November 2013—

delete

Tuesday 19 November 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

The motion was agreed to.

8. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 6 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.01 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
14 November 2013

Appendix

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

New Bills introduced or reprinted on 13 November 2013

Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make it lawful, in certain circumstances, to assist another to commit suicide; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 40) (Member's Bill)

Introduced by: Margo MacDonald

Supported by: Patrick Harvie

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 40-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 40-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 14 November 2013 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Water Environment (River Basin Management Planning: Further Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/323)

laid under section 36(4) and (5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 and paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 2 to the European Communities Act 1972

Water Environment (Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Designation) (Scotland) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/324)

laid under section 36(4) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

Water Environment (Shellfish Water Protected Areas: Environmental Objectives etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/325)

laid under section 36(4) and (5) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 14 November 2013 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Pollution Prevention and Control (Designation of Energy Efficiency Directive) (Scotland) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/321)

laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Long Leases (Scotland) Act 2012 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2013
(SSI 2013/322 (C.25))
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 14 November 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

2011 Census: Key Results on Education and Labour Market in Scotland
(SG/2013/240)
laid under section 4(1) of the Census Act 1920.

Maps relating to the Water Environment (Shellfish Water Protected Areas:
Designation) (Scotland) Order 2013 (SG/2013/248)
laid under section 5A(6) of the Water Environment and Water Services
(Scotland) Act 2003

Legislative Consent Memorandums

The following memorandum was lodged on 12 November 2013—

Alex Neil MSP: Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Care Bill (UK
Parliament Legislation) (LCM(S4)26.1)

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