



# The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 17 December 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm

**1. Time for Reflection:** Reverend Howard Hudson, Minister, Bridgeton, St. Francis-in-the-East Church of Scotland led Time for Reflection.

**2. Business Motion:** Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-08627—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Tuesday 17 December 2013—

(a) after

*followed by* Topical Questions (if selected)

insert

*followed by* Ministerial Statement: Publication of review into safety and quality in NHS Lanarkshire

(b) delete

5.00 pm Decision Time

*followed by* Members' Business

and insert

5.30 pm            Decision Time

*followed by*      Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

**3. Business Motion:** Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved S4M-08621—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Bill, debate on amendment 1 shall, subject to Rule 9.8.4A, be brought to a conclusion no later than 15 minutes after the stage begins (excluding any periods when other business is under consideration or when a meeting of the Parliament is suspended or otherwise not in progress).

The motion was agreed to.

**4. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary.

**5. Ministerial Statement:** The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing (Alex Neil) made a statement and answered questions on the publication of a review into safety and quality of NHS Lanarkshire.

**6. Landfill Tax (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

Amendment 1 was disagreed to (by division: For 45, Against 65, Abstentions 0)

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

**7. Landfill Tax (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3:** The Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth (John Swinney) moved S4M-08609—That the Parliament agrees that the Landfill Tax (Scotland) Bill be passed.

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

**8. Violence Against Women:** The Minister for Commonwealth Games and Sport (Shona Robison) moved S4M-08612—That the Parliament reaffirms its commitment to ending violence against women; welcomes the development of Scotland's Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women, the first of its kind in Scotland; notes that the strategy will encompass the spectrum of violence defined as gender-based violence, and commends the valuable contribution that voluntary and third sector organisations have made to the shaping of Scotland's approach to violence against women.

Jackie Baillie moved amendment S4M-08612.2 to motion S4M-08612—

Insert at end—

“against a backdrop of an increase in the total recorded number of domestic abuse incidents.”

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

The motion, as amended, was then agreed to (DT).

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament reaffirms its commitment to ending violence against women; welcomes the development of Scotland's Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women, the first of its kind in Scotland; notes that the strategy will encompass the spectrum of violence defined as gender-based violence, and commends the valuable contribution that voluntary and third sector organisations have made to the shaping of Scotland's approach to violence against women against a backdrop of an increase in the total recorded number of domestic abuse incidents.

**9. Reappointment of the Convener and a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland:** Liam McArthur, on behalf of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, moved S4M-08603—That the Parliament agrees to the reappointment of Ian Gordon as the Convener and Jan Polley as a Member of the Standards Commission for Scotland under Schedule 7 of the Scottish Parliamentary Commission and Commissioners etc. Act 2010.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

**10. Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 7, 8 and 9 as noted above.

**11. Moray Library Closures:** The Parliament debated S4M-08484 in the name of Stewart Stevenson—That the Parliament condemns Moray Council's decision to remove a mobile library from service and close the libraries in Findochty, Hopeman, Portknockie and Rothes; believes that the decision to close four of its 15 libraries could have an adverse impact on families with young children and both older and disabled people; believes that libraries play a valuable role in communities and that the proposed closures would have a detrimental impact on education and learning and restrict access in rural communities to information technology services; further believes that this is particularly concerning as, it understands, the UK Government is increasingly making access to many services online only; notes that the Scottish Library and Information Council has commissioned a review of the Public Library Quality Improvement Matrix, which examines the quality of such services, and recognises the work of the Save our Libraries Moray campaign and others, which aims to bring together the communities affected by the council's decision.

The meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

**P E Grice**  
Clerk of the Parliament  
17 December 2013

## **Appendix**

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

### **New Bills introduced or reprinted on 12 December 2013**

**Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Bill**—A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to establish Revenue Scotland; to establish Scottish tax tribunals; to put in place a general anti-avoidance rule; to make provision about the collection and management of devolved taxes; and for connected purposes. (SP Bill 43) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: John Swinney

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 43-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 43-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

### **Subordinate Legislation**

#### **Negative instruments**

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2013 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Environmental Protection (Restriction on Use of Lead Shot) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/349)  
laid under section 161(1) and (2) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990

Town and Country Planning (Prescribed Date) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/350)  
laid under section 275 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 16 December 2013 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/351)  
laid under section 16(4) of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

## Other Documents

The following documents was laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary for Scotland Review of incident and crime recording (SG/2013/241)  
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012.

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Architecture+Design Scotland Annual Report 2012-2013 (SG/2013/255)  
laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Accounts for 2012/13 (SG/2013/288)  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Road Works Commissioner Annual Report on the 2012/13 Audit (SG/2013/289)  
laid under section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Scottish Social Services Council Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2012 - 31 March 2013 (SG/2013/287)  
laid under paragraph 10(1) of schedule 2 to the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 17 December 2013 and are not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Report 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013 (SG/2013/253)  
laid under paragraph 16 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007.

Scottish Legal Complaints Commission Annual Accounts Year ended 30 June 2013 (SG/2013/285)  
laid under paragraph 15 of schedule 1 to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007 & Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

## **Committee Reports**

The following report was published on 16 December 2013—

City of Edinburgh Council (Leith Links and Surplus Fire Fund) Bill Committee,  
1st Report, 2013 (Session 4): Preliminary Stage Report (SP Paper 442)

The following reports were published on 17 December 2013—

Health and Sport Committee, 12th report 2013 (Session 4): Subordinate  
Legislation (SP paper 440)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 65th report 2013 (Session 4):  
Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 444)

The following report is being published on 18 December 2013—

Health and Sport Committee, 13th report 2013 (Session 4): Legislative  
Consent Motion on the Care Bill (SP paper 445)



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