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. The Effectiveness of Existing Dog Control Laws: The Parliament debated S4M-08221 in the name of Paul Martin—That the Parliament notes calls to review the effectiveness of existing dog control laws following what it considers a large number of dog attacks throughout Scotland, including in Glasgow; notes calls for compulsory microchipping of dogs to aid identification of dangerous dogs and encourage responsible dog ownership; considers that the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 was a positive step forward in dealing with dangerous dogs and irresponsible owners but considers that more work needs to be done to prevent dog attacks, and notes calls for greater emphasis to be placed on assessing owners and the environment in which dogs are kept.

4. Motion without Notice: Paul Martin moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

5. City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill: Siobhan McMahon, on behalf of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill Committee, moved S4M-08530—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the City of Edinburgh Council (Portobello Park) Bill and that the bill should proceed as a private bill.
After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT).


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

7. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 5 and 6 as noted above. The meeting closed at 5.02 pm.

P E Grice  
Clerk of the Parliament  
9 January 2014
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 9 January 2014 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (SSI 2014/1)
laid under section 125(4) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Sea Fish (Prohibited Methods of Fishing) (Firth of Clyde) Order 2014
(SSI 2014/2)
laid under section 20(5) of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967