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 (Nicola Sturgeon).

3. **DG Food and Drink:** The Parliament debated S4M-12801 in the name of Joan McAlpine—That the Parliament understands the importance of food and drink to the Scottish economy; believes that the Year of Food and Drink 2015 is a chance to spotlight, celebrate and promote Scotland’s natural produce; considers that food and drink are an important part of Scottish cultural identity and heritage and are key strengths in promoting Scotland as a holiday destination; recognises as an example of best practice the collaborative activities between food businesses, organisations and the public sector across Dumfries and Galloway to raise awareness of the economic importance of food and drink production in the region; congratulates DG Food and Drink and Dumfries and Galloway Council on developing and launching Scotland’s Artisan Food Trail, a new tourism trail to encourage food tourism during the Year of Food and Drink and beyond; congratulates the food and drink industry in Dumfries and Galloway for embracing the opportunities presented by the Year of Food and Drink, and looks forward to seeing Dumfries and Galloway increasingly recognised across Scotland and beyond as a food tourism destination.
4. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice moved S4M-12994—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to (DT) by division: For 60, Against 0, Abstentions 12).

5. **Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill: Financial Resolution:** The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-12488—That the Parliament, for the purposes of any Act of the Scottish Parliament resulting from the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill, agrees to—

(a) any expenditure of a kind referred to in Rule 9.12.3(b) of the Parliament’s Standing Orders arising in consequence of the Act, and

(b) any charge or payment in relation to which Rule 9.12.4 of the Standing Orders applies arising in consequence of the Act.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

6. **Decision Time:** The Parliament took decisions on items 4 and 5 as noted above.

The meeting closed at 5.03 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
23 April 2015
Laid only instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 23 April 2015 and are not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Ordinary Cause Rules Amendment) (Proving the Tenor and Reduction) 2015 (SSI 2015/176)
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 (Commencement No. 12) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/177 (C.28))
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/179 (C.29))
   laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Committee Reports

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