The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Dr Amanullah De Sondy, Senior Lecturer in Contemporary Islam, Study of Religions Department, University College Cork led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13603—That the Parliament agrees to the following revisions to the programme of business for—

(a) Tuesday 23 June 2015

delete

followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill
followed by Business Motions
followed by Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm Decision Time

and insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: The Future of Onshore Wind as part of Scotland’s Balanced Energy Mix
followed by Stage 3 Proceedings: Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill
followed by  Devolution (Further Powers) Committee: Report on the Memorandum of Understanding on the BBC

followed by  Business Motions

followed by  Parliamentary Bureau Motions

4.30 pm  Decision Time

(b) Wednesday 24 June 2015

delete

5.00 pm  Decision Time

and insert

6.40 pm  Decision Time

The motion was agreed to.

3. Business Motion: Joe FitzPatrick, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S4M-13601—That the Parliament agrees that, during stage 3 of the Prisoners (Control of Release) (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 and 2:  40 minutes.

The motion was agreed to.

4. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.


6. Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Bill was considered at Stage 3.

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

1  (For 30, Against 69, Abstentions 14)
2  (For 14, Against 97, Abstentions 0).

7. Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill - Stage 3: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Michael Matheson) moved S4M-13597—That the Parliament agrees that the Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill be passed.
After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 67, Against 0, Abstentions 46).


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

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

10. Congratulations to Kinghorn Lifeboat Station on its 50th Anniversary: The Parliament debated S4M-12759 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament congratulates Kinghorn Lifeboat Station on its 50th anniversary; understands that the Kinghorn station covers an area from Elie to North Berwick and all the way to the Forth bridges; understands that, since its establishment in 1965, the station has provided crucial services and launched over 1,000 times to save lives at sea and along the coastline; recognises that, in order to raise money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI), Kinghorn Lifeboat Station regularly organises fundraisers, which include an annual Halloween-themed event with spooky walks and refreshments as well as the Kinghorn Loony Dook to welcome the New Year; further recognises that, in 2015, 80 people took part in the dook, raising a total of £620; welcomes the close links between the lifeboat station and the community, which it believes contributes to the great success of these events; understands that, because of this cooperation, a golden theme in celebration of the anniversary and the lifeboat station’s long-standing services on the Firth of Forth has been included in many events organised by community groups, such as the Children’s Gala Parade, Kinghorn in Bloom and the Kinghorn Historical Society, and wishes everyone involved the best of luck for these events as well as all future endeavours.

The meeting closed at 5.04 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
23 June 2015
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

New Bills introduced on 22 June 2015

Land Reform (Scotland) Bill— A Bill for an Act of the Scottish Parliament to make provision for a land rights and responsibilities statement; to establish the Scottish Land Commission, provide for its functions and the functions of the Land Commissioners and the Tenant Farming Commissioner; to make provision about access to, and provision of, information about owners and controllers of land; to make provision about engaging communities in decisions relating to land; to enable certain persons to buy land to further sustainable development; to make provision for non-domestic rates to be levied on shootings and deer forests; to make provision about the change of use of common good land; to make provision about the management of deer on land; to make provision about access rights to land; to amend the law on agricultural holdings to provide for a new form of agricultural tenancy, to remove the requirement to register before tenants of certain holdings can exercise a right to buy, to provide a new power of sale where a landlord is in breach of certain obligations, to provide about rent reviews, to expand the list of the persons to whom holdings can be assigned or bequeathed and to whom holdings can be transferred on intestacy and to make provision about landlords’ objections to such successor tenants, to provide for a 2 year amnesty period in relation to certain improvements carried out by tenants, and to provide for notice of certain improvements proposed by landlords; and for connected purposes.. (SP Bill 76) (Government Bill)

Introduced by: Richard Lochhead
Supported by: Aileen McLeod

Explanatory Notes (and other accompanying documents) (SP Bill 76-EN) and a Policy Memorandum (SP Bill 76-PM) were printed to accompany the Bill.

Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 19 June 2015 and is subject to the negative procedure—

Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Integration Joint Board Establishment) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2015 (SSI 2015/266)
laid under section 69 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 22 June 2015 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—
Scottish Parliament (Disqualification) Order 2015 [draft]
laid under section 115(1) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 7 to,
the Scotland Act 1998

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 22 June 2015 and are
not subject to any parliamentary procedure

Local Policing+ Inspection of the approach to missing person investigations in
Aberdeen City Division (HMICS/2015/07)
laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act
2012

Scottish Water Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15 SG/2015/91
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

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 23 June 2015 and is not
subject to any parliamentary procedure—

The Electoral Commission report on the regulation of campaigners at the
independence referendum held on 18 September 2014 (ELC/2015/02)
laid under schedule 5, paragraph 14 and schedule 6, paragraph 29 of
the Scottish Independence Referendum Act 2013

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 23 June 2015—

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 42nd report 2015 (Session
4): Prisoners (Control of Release) (Scotland) Bill as amended at Stage 2 (SP
Paper 765)

Health and Sport Committee, 8th report 2015 (Session 4): Subordinate
Legislation (SP Paper 769)