



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 52, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 27 November 2018

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Ms Angela Morgan, former Chief Executive, Includem, led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.

3. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government (Aileen Campbell) made a statement and answered questions on the interim findings of the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights on UK poverty.

4. Hear Me Too: 16 days of activism to end violence against women and girls: The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-14904—That the Parliament welcomes the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence and 2018's theme to "End Gender-based Violence in the World of Work"; commends the many activists and organisations, both in Scotland and across the world, that are providing frontline support for survivors, raising awareness of this important issue and working tirelessly to challenge the underlying attitudes and inequalities that perpetuate violence against women and girls; reaffirms its support for Equally Safe, Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate all forms of violence against women and girls; reflects on the advancements made and welcomes the publication of the first progress report for Equally Safe; continues its work to eliminate sexual harassment; notes that this is a societal issue and calls on communities everywhere to stand shoulder to shoulder in sending a clear message that violence against women and girls is never acceptable, and urges everyone in Scotland to continue to challenge harassment and abuse, hold perpetrators to

account for their behaviour and work together to build a Scotland where everyone can live equally safe.

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

5. Committee Announcement: Edward Mountain, on behalf of the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, made an announcement on the Committee's inquiry into salmon farming in Scotland.

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 4 as noted above.

7. Investigation into Bullying Claims at NHS Highland: The Parliament debated S5M-14643 in the name of Edward Mountain—That the Parliament condemns bullying in any shape or form; welcomes the independent external investigation to examine the claims of bullying in the workplace at NHS Highland, which was announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on 2 November 2018, and notes the calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that the matter is resolved fully and promptly.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
27 November 2018

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

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 23 November 2018 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 (Tolerable Standard) (Extension of Criteria) Order 2019 [draft]
laid under section 86(2A) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 26 November 2018 —

Health and Sport Committee, 11th Report 2018 (Session 5): Stage 1 report on the Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill (SP Paper 429)

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 6th Report, 2018 (Session 5): Getting Rights Right: Human Rights and the Scottish Parliament, 26th November 2018 (SP Paper 431)

The following reports will be published on 27 November 2018

Education and Skills Committee, 6th Report, 2018 (Session 5): Young People's Pathways: a progress report on Developing the Young Workforce (SP Paper 433)

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 9th Report 2018 (Session 5): Salmon farming in Scotland (SP Paper 432).

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 23 November 2018 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure-

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Annual Report and Accounts For the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/247 laid under Section 42A (1) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner – Commissioner's Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/200 laid under Section 43(5) of the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006

Police Investigations & Review Commissioner – Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/201 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 27 November 2018 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure-

Community Justice Scotland Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18 SG/2018/145 laid under Section 11(4) of the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

The 2017/18 audit of Community Justice Scotland SG/2018/238 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/209 laid under Section 18(2) of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

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