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Tuesday 4 December 2018

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Reverend Richard Rowe, Royal Navy, Chaplain to HMS Prince of Wales, led Time for Reflection.

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

3. Report on Petition PE1463: Effective Thyroid and Adrenal Testing, Diagnosis and Treatment: Johann Lamont, on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee, moved S5M-14984—That the Parliament notes the conclusions in the Public Petitions Committee's 1st Report, 2018 (Session 5), *Report on Petition PE1463: Effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment* (SP Paper 301).

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

4. A Strategy for our Veterans – taking it forward in Scotland: The Minister for Parliamentary Business and Veterans (Graeme Dey) moved S5M-15016—That the Parliament welcomes the work undertaken by the partners across all four UK nations in developing the Veterans Strategy; recognises that the Scottish Government is now coordinating a consultation process to look at how the strategy will be taken forward in Scotland, which will include discussions with key stakeholders and veterans themselves to identify future priorities and areas for improvement; notes that this consultation will build on and complement the work of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner, and agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership to ensure that veterans and their families in Scotland are recognised as

assets to communities and receive the best possible access to support and opportunities.

Maurice Corry moved amendment S5M-15016.2—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15016 in the name of Graeme Dey (A Strategy for our Veterans – taking it forward in Scotland), insert at end “, and recognises the value of co-operation, not only between the different governments of the UK, but also between different sectors and government portfolios.”

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

Mark Griffin moved amendment S5M-15016.3—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15016 in the name of Graeme Dey (A Strategy for our Veterans – taking it forward in Scotland), insert at end “; recognises the importance of specialist physical and mental health services to veterans with enduring injuries and conditions, and calls on the Scottish Government to protect and resource these services for current and future generations.”

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

Mike Rumbles moved amendment S5M-15016.1—

As an amendment to motion S5M-15016 in the name of Graeme Dey (A Strategy for our Veterans – taking it forward in Scotland), insert at end “, including a first point of contact for all veterans within all NHS board areas of Scotland.”

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

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

Accordingly, the Parliament resolved—That the Parliament welcomes the work undertaken by the partners across all four UK nations in developing the Veterans Strategy; recognises that the Scottish Government is now coordinating a consultation process to look at how the strategy will be taken forward in Scotland, which will include discussions with key stakeholders and veterans themselves to identify future priorities and areas for improvement; notes that this consultation will build on and complement the work of the Scottish Veterans Commissioner; agrees that the Scottish Government should continue to work in partnership to ensure that veterans and their families in Scotland are recognised as assets to communities and receive the best possible access to support and opportunities, including a first point of contact for all veterans within all NHS board areas of Scotland; recognises the value of co-operation, not only between the different governments of the UK, but also between different sectors and government portfolios; recognises the importance of specialist physical and mental health services to veterans with enduring injuries and conditions, and calls on the Scottish Government to protect and resource these services for current and future generations.

5. Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) moved S5M-15017—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant provisions of the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill, introduced in the House of Commons on 6 June 2018, relating to anti-terrorism traffic regulation orders, the retention of biometric material and legal aid, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive competence of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 100, Against 7, Abstentions 0).

6. Decision Time: The Parliament took decisions on items 3, 4 and 5 as noted above.

7. Report on Autistic Children’s Experiences of School: The Parliament debated S5M-14097 in the name of Daniel Johnson—That the Parliament acknowledges what it sees as the important insights in the report, *Not included, not engaged, not involved*; understands that the paper, which has been co-authored by Children in Scotland, the National Autistic Society Scotland and Scottish Autism, focuses on experiences of the education system that have been faced by autistic children and their families; expresses concern that 13% of parents of autistic children who responded to the survey said their child had been formally excluded in the last two years, 28% said that their child had been placed on a part-time timetable, and 34% of parents said that their child had been sent home without formal exclusion, which the report terms “unlawful exclusion”; acknowledges the view that education should be inclusive and that children in the Edinburgh Southern constituency and across Scotland who have additional support needs should be adequately resourced and supported, so that they can be fully included, and notes the calls for the Scottish Government to review the report and to implement the nine action points that it sets out.

8. Motion Without Notice: Daniel Johnson moved without notice that, under Rule 8.14.3, the debate be extended by up to 30 minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
4 December 2018

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

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 3 December 2018—

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 10th Report 2018 (Session 5)
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Rural Economy and Connectivity
Committee on 28 November 2018 (SP Paper 434)

For further information on accessing committee reports, please contact the relevant clerk or webpage (see end of Bulletin for contact details or access general committee webpage)

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 3 December 2018 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

HMICS Progress Review of Provision of Forensic Medical Services to Victims of Sexual Crime HMICS/2018/08 laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 4 December 2018 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

General Pharmaceutical Council Strategic Plan 2017-20: year three SG/2018/261 laid under Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 of the Pharmacy Order 2010

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