



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 3, No. 61, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 18 December 2018

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Mr Robin Downie, Former Moderator of the Youth Assembly of the Church of Scotland, led Time for Reflection.

2. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-15189—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 19 December 2018—

delete

1.15 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.15 pm Members' Business

and insert

1.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.00 pm Members' Business

The motion was agreed to.

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

4. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Michael Matheson) made a statement and answered questions on Preparations for EU Exit.

5. Ministerial Statement: The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Humza Yousaf) made a statement and answered questions on the Conduct of Reviews and Inquiries.

6. Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill: The Minister for Community Safety (Ash Denham) moved S5M-15169—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Damages (Investment Returns and Periodical Payments) (Scotland) Bill.

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

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

8. Fife Alcohol Support Service, Supporting Fifers for 40 Years: The Parliament debated S5M-14126 in the name of David Torrance—That the Parliament commends Fife Alcohol Support Service (FASS) on its 40th year of helping people overcome issues with alcohol; understands, that since it was founded, 200 counsellors have supported over 23,000 Fifers and their families to help them deal with addiction; notes that this counselling is provided in health centres, surgeries and community venues across the Kingdom; acknowledges the merger of the Fife Community Drug Service with FASS in 2015 to help provide outreach support and help for vulnerable people affected by both alcohol and substance misuse problems, including specialist help for recreational drug users and people who misuse prescribed medication; praises FASS's Curnie Clubs, which tackle isolation and loneliness through work with dedicated project workers who identify need and barriers to change and help people engage in community-based social activities that help them to find their way back into community life; recognises what it sees as the relationship between isolation and loneliness and their association with physical and mental health issues and drug and alcohol problems; commends FASS on its invaluable work with some of the most vulnerable in Fife, and wishes it all the best.

The meeting closed at 5.36 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
18 December 2018

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

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2018 and is subject to the provisional affirmative procedure—

Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Tax Rates and Tax Bands etc) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/372)
laid under section 68(4) of the Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) Act 2013 for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament within 28 days beginning with the day on which the Order was made

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2018 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Multilingual Standard Forms (Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/373)
laid under section 56(4) of the Finance Act 1973

Multilingual Standard Forms (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2018 (SSI 2018/374)
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 14 December 2018 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Redemption of Heritable Securities (Excluded Securities) (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/376)
laid under section 11(3F) of the Land Tenure Reform (Scotland) Act 1974

Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) (No. 2) Order 2018 (SI 2018/1344)
laid under section 115(1) and schedule 7 of the Scotland Act 1998

Committee Reports

The following report will be published tomorrow, Wednesday 19 December 2018—

Health and Sport Committee, 12th Report, 2018 (Session 5): Legislative Consent Memorandum – Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill (SP Paper 442)

Other Documents

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 13 December 2018 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Carbon Assessment of the 2019-20 Budget SG/2018/275 laid under Section 94 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

HMICS Thematic Review of Police Scotland's approach to the development and operational delivery of the Annual Police Plan (2018-19) HMICS/2018/07 laid under section 79(3) of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland: Investigation Report 'Restraint and Seclusion in Scotland's Schools' CCYP/2018/3 laid under section 11(4) of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 14 December 2018 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Qualifications Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2017-18: SG/2018/255

laid under Section 11(3) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1996 and Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018: SG/2018/233 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

sportscotland National Lottery Distribution Fund Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018: SG/2018/234 laid under Section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

TS Prestwick Holdco Ltd Annual Report and Financial Statements 31 March 2018 SG/2018/258 laid at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power

CalMac Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/224 laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

David MacBrayne HR (UK) Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/225 laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Northlink Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/254 laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Argyll Ferries Limited Directors' Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/226 laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

The following documents were laid before the Parliament on 17 December 2018 and are not subject to parliamentary procedure—

David MacBrayne Limited Group Annual Report & Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/223 laid under Section 8(1) of the Transport (Scotland) Act 1989

Scottish Government Report to Parliament: Economic Condition of Crofting 2015 – 2018 SG/2018/256 laid under Section 51 of the Crofting Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Review of the Arrangements for Investigating the Deaths of People Receiving Treatment for Mental Disorder SG/2018/210 laid under Section 37(4)(b) of the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015

Children and Young People’s Commissioner Scotland Annual Report and Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2018 SG/2018/276 laid under Paragraph 11(1) of schedule 1 to the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2003 and section 22(5) of the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 18 December 2018 and is not subject to parliamentary procedure—

Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland Annual Report 2017-18 SG/2018/264 laid under Section 79(8) of the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007

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