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Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 14 May 2013

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. Time for Reflection: Rabbi David Rose, Rabbi of the East of Scotland, executive member of Interfaith Scotland and Member of the Conference of Scotland's Religious Leaders led Time for Reflection.

2. Topical Questions: Questions were answered by a Minister.

3. Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Bill: The Deputy First Minister (Government strategy and the Constitution) and Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities (Nicola Sturgeon) moved S4M-06545—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Bill.

After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 97, Against 12, Abstentions 0).

4. Business Motion: The Minister for Parliamentary Business (Joe FitzPatrick) moved motion S4M-06561—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 15 May 2013—

delete

2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

2.00 pm Portfolio Questions

	Culture and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities
followed by	Stage 3 Proceedings: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill
followed by	Business Motions
followed by	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.00 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-05891 Aileen McLeod: History is Made at the Mull of Galloway
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2.00 pm	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
2.00 pm	Member's Oath/Affirmation – Christian Allard
<i>followed by</i>	Portfolio Questions Culture and External Affairs; Infrastructure, Investment and Cities
<i>followed by</i>	Stage 3 Proceedings: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Bill
<i>followed by</i>	Business Motions
<i>followed by</i>	Parliamentary Bureau Motions
5.15 pm	Decision Time
followed by	Members' Business – S4M-05891 Aileen McLeod: History is Made at the Mull of Galloway

The motion was agreed to.

5. Decision Time: The Parliament took a decision on item 3 as noted above.

6. Voices from the Frontline, Digital by Default: The Parliament debated S4M-05676 in the name of Christina McKelvie—That the Parliament notes the recent report from Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS), *Voices From the Frontline, Digital by Default*, which was published in response to the UK Government's digital strategy; notes CAS's concerns that moves toward services being applied online only could exclude those in society who are vulnerable and marginalised from receiving the benefits that they rely on to survive; understands that the digital strategy admits to not covering local government services or the NHS and does not consider ways to increase the digital capability of citizens; believes that a citizen's advice bureau in West Scotland has reported that a client, a 60-year-old ex-labourer with dyslexia with limited computer literacy or access to a computer, was penalised for failing to apply for jobs online, and notes calls for more work to be carried out to ensure that any moves toward online applications are implemented in an open manner that is fully mindful of the needs of those who do not have internet access or are less able to use it to apply for benefits or jobs.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
14 May 2013

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

Subordinate Legislation

Affirmative instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 15 May 2013 and is subject to the affirmative procedure—

Mobile Homes Act 1983 (Amendment of Schedule 1) (Scotland) Order 2013
[draft]
laid under section 2B(6) of the Mobile Homes Act 1983

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 13 May 2013 and are subject to the negative procedure—

Regulation of Care (Social Service Workers) (Scotland) Amendment Order
2013 (SSI 2013/141)
laid under section 78(1) of the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001

Welfare Reform (Consequential Amendments) (Scotland) (No. 3) Regulations
2013 (SSI 2013/142)
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 and
sections 1(3)(b) and 2(3)(b) of the Welfare Reform (Further Provision)
(Scotland) Act 2012

Building (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2013
(SSI 2013/143)
laid under section 54 of the Building (Scotland) Act 2004

Children's Legal Assistance (Fees) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland)
Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/144)
laid under section 37(1) of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

Other Documents

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 13 May 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Law Commission Report on the Consolidation of Bankruptcy
Legislation in Scotland (SG/2013/43)

laid before the Scottish Parliament at the request of a member of the Scottish Government and not under any laying power.

The following erratum slip was published on 13 May 2013—

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Compendium SPSO/2013/03 Volume 2 of 3 Annex: Report of Discontinued Investigations

The following document was laid before the Parliament on 14 May 2013 and is not subject to Parliamentary procedure—

Government Chemist Review 2012 (SG/2013/46)
laid under section 88(3) of the Scotland Act 1998.

Committee Reports

The following reports were published on 14 May 2013—

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 28th report 2013 (Session 4): Subordinate Legislation (SP Paper 320)

Subordinate Legislation Committee, 29th report 2013 (Session 4): Scottish Independence Referendum Bill (SP Paper 321)

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