



The Scottish Parliament Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Parliamentary Year 4, No. 4, Session 5

Meeting of the Parliament

Tuesday 21 May 2019

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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

- 1. Time for Reflection:** Professor Arthur Lyon Dahl PhD, President, International Environment Forum, led Time for Reflection.
- 2. Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by Cabinet Secretaries.
- 3. Portfolio Questions:** Questions on Government Business and Constitutional Relations, on Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, and on Education and Skills were answered by Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers.
- 4. It's Time to End the Stigma of the Menopause:** The Minister for Older People and Equalities (Christina McKelvie) moved S5M-17347—That the Parliament acknowledges that the menopause has for too long been a taboo subject; agrees that there can often be little understanding of the symptoms of the menopause in wider society; congratulates the STUC Women's Committee on its 2018 report, *Menopause and the Workplace*; commends the awareness raising work of Rachel Weiss, who established the Menopause Cafes and annual Menopause Festival, and the Scottish Women's Convention, which is gathering the experiences of women across Scotland who are saying in their own words that this should no longer be viewed by society as "a women's issue" and that there is a need to end the stigma of the menopause, and agrees that raising awareness of the menopause will help its impact be better understood and addressed.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

5. Business Motion: Graeme Dey, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17368—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 22 May 2019—

after

1.30 pm Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee Debate: Business Support Inquiry

insert

followed by Ministerial Statement: Mental Health – Quality and Safety of Services

The motion was agreed to.

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

7. International Museum Day: The Parliament debated S5M-16134 in the name of Colin Beattie—That the Parliament notes that International Museum Day will be marked on 18 May 2019 with the theme, Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition; understands that the objective of this day is to raise awareness of museums as important means of cultural exchange, enriching cultures and developing mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among people; recognises that the awareness day was first celebrated in 1977 and that, in 2018, more than 40,000 museums across 158 countries participated; considers that museums are trusted spaces, rooted in their communities in which visitors can come together to co-create, share, interact and celebrate the cultural diversity, history and shared places, and thanks all who work in the more than 400 museums in Scotland and the other museums worldwide on their continued efforts to conserve, communicate, research and exhibit people’s cultural heritage, both tangible and intangible.

The meeting closed at 5.41 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
21 May 2019

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

New Subordinate Legislation

Negative instruments

The following instruments were laid before the Parliament on 17 May 2019 and are subject to the negative procedure—

A90 Trunk Road (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) (Stonehaven to Blackdog) (Prohibitions and Restrictions) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/166
laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

A956 Trunk Road (Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route) (Cleanhill to Charleston) (Prohibitions and Restrictions) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/167
laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Motorways Traffic (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/168
laid under section 134 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Abertay University (Scotland) Order of Council 2019 SSI 2019/163
laid under section 60(1) of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

Marketing of Horticultural Produce and Bananas (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 SSI 2019/169
laid under paragraph 2(2) of schedule 2 of the European Communities Act 1972 and paragraph 1(3) of schedule 7 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018

Laid Only instruments

The following instrument was laid before the Parliament on 17 May 2019 and is not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Scottish Crown Estate Act 2019 (Commencement No. 1) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/170)
laid under section 30(2) of the Interpretation and Legislative Reform (Scotland) Act 2010.

Committee Reports

The Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee has published its Annual Report for 2018-2019 on 17 May.

It can be found at the following link:

[ECCLR Committee, 5th Report, 2019 \(Session 5\): Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee Annual Report 2018-2019 \(13MB pdf\)](#)

The following report was published on 20 May 2019–

Local Government and Communities Committee, 6th Report 2019 (Session 5),
Local Government and Communities Committee Annual Report 2018/2019 (SP
Paper 529)

The following reports were published on 21 May 2019

Equalities and Human Rights Committee, 2nd Report, 2019 (Session 5): Equalities and
Human Rights Committee Annual Report 2018-19 (SP Paper 530)

Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee, 3rd Report 2019 (Session
5) Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee: Annual Report 2018-19
(SP Paper 540)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 25th Report 2019 (Session 5)
Subordinate Legislation considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform
Committee on 21 May 2019 (SP Paper 537)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 26th Report 2019 (Session 5) Annual
Report 2018-19 (SP Paper 538)

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee, 27th Report 2019 (Session 5) Fuel
Poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Bill: as amended at Stage 2 (SP
Paper 539)

The following reports were published on 22 May 2019–

Justice Committee, 13th Report 2019 (Session 5), Justice Committee Annual Report
2018-2019 (SP Paper 534)

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, 12th Report, 2019
(Session 5): Standing Order rule changes (SP Paper 532)

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 21 May 2019 and is not
subject to parliamentary procedure-

**Scrutiny Report on Draft Regulations: The Carer's Assistance (Young Carer
Grants) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 SG/2019/79** laid under Section 97 (8)(a)(ii) of
the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018

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