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

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

1. **Time for Reflection:** Reverend Dr Fiona Douglas MBE, University Chaplain, University of Dundee, led Time for Reflection.

2. **Topical Questions:** Questions were answered by a Cabinet Secretary and a Minister.

3. **Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill:** John Finnie moved S5M-17342—That the Parliament agrees to the general principles of the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill.

   After debate, the motion was agreed to ((DT) by division: For 80, Against 29, Abstentions 2).

4. **Business Motion:** Maurice Golden, on behalf of the Parliamentary Bureau, moved S5M-17432—That the Parliament agrees to the following revision to the programme of business for Wednesday 29 May 2019—

   delete

   2.00 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

   2.00 pm Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

   and insert
1.30 pm Parliamentary Bureau Motions

1.30 pm Ministerial Statement: Next Steps on Scotland's Future

followed by Portfolio Questions: Health and Sport; Communities and Local Government

The motion was agreed to.

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

6. SAMH Report on Universal Credit and Mental Health: The Parliament debated S5M-17352 in the name of Mary Fee—That the Parliament welcomes the publication of the SAMH report, ‘It Was A Confusion’ Universal Credit and Mental Health: Recommendations for Change; notes that the report explores the experiences of people with mental health problems engaging with the universal credit system; believes that the system has created new barriers and added pressures for people with mental health problems; notes that the report contains eight recommendations for the UK Government, DWP and Scottish Government, with an overall message that no person on legacy benefits should be transferred to universal credit while it exists in its current form, and believes that the social security system should act as a safety net for all and support people in the West Scotland region, and across Scotland, and not make anyone poorer and more disadvantaged, regardless of circumstances.

The meeting closed at 5.39 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
28 May 2019
Appendix
(Note: this Appendix does not form part of the Minutes)

Committee Reports

The following report was published on 28 May 2019—

Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, 10th Report 2019 (Session 5) Subordinate Legislation (SP paper 543).